Mountain Lion

Puma concolor

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The following 2020 licenses, for the purpose of mountain lion hunting, chasing and/or resident hound training, are valid March 1, 2020 through the dates listed in these regulations and subject to quota closures. A hunter may purchase only one mountain lion license per year.

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  - Township, Range, and Section (TRS) are now required when a hunter calls in to report their harvest.
  - Check the 2020 Legal Description book for boundary changes.
  - Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, a hunter may have a representative present the hide and skull to a Montana FWP official for inspection. See mandatory reporting requirements for details.
  - Region 1 special licenses are now sex specific.
  - A new Nonresident Hound Handler license is required for a nonresident to hunt with dogs on their own using any Mountain Lion License (Special or General) in Montana. Hunters who are unsuccessful at obtaining a Nonresident Hound Handler license may NOT hunt with dogs on their own, but they may elect to hire a licensed guide or outfitter to hunt with dogs. See page 3 for additional details.

- **Reminders**
  - A General Mountain Lion License purchased after August 31 may not be used until five days after the license is issued. This license may be purchased at FWP offices, at License Providers or online.
  - Deadline to apply for Special Mountain Lion License drawing is July 24.
  - Even though the 2020 Mountain Lion season extends into the 2021 license year, the deadline to purchase 2020 licenses is February 28, 2021.

**Regulations Adopted by the Fish & Wildlife Commission**

Regulations for season dates, structures, and restrictions were adopted by the F&W Commission on February 13, 2020, under the authority granted in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2020, through April 14, 2021. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. Statutes and other information, including other agencies’ restrictions, are provided as a courtesy and do not fall under commission authority. Martha Williams, Director.

**Discrimination Prohibited – State and Federal laws**

Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or disability. Anyone believing he or she has been discriminated against (as described above) in any FWP program, activity, or facility may write to FWP Human Resources, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701 or the office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

**Obtain a License**

- In most of Region 1, resident mountain lion hunting during the Winter Season is by Special Mountain Lion License with nonresidents limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses available.
- In most of Region 2 mountain lion hunting during the early portion of the Winter Season (Dec. 1 – Jan. 31) is by Special Mountain Lion License with nonresidents limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses available. General Mountain Lion License holders may hunt during the Late Winter Season (Feb. 1 – Apr. 14) until quotas are filled or until the season is closed.
- In the Missoula Special Management Area within Region 2:
  - Resident mountain lion hunting only by General License under a harvest quota. Exception: Special Mountain Lion License holders may hunt mountain lion in the Missoula Special Management Area during the Archery Only and Fall mountain lion seasons.
  - Nonresident mountain lion hunting only by Special Mountain Lion License and limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the district quota.
- In Regions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, all hunting districts are quota-based with a General Mountain Lion License for residents and nonresidents.
- Unsuccessful applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License may purchase a Resident Hound Training License to only chase during the hunting season. Nonresident applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License will receive a letter with purchase details.
- If we do not sell all of our Special Mountain Lion Licenses through the drawing process they will be made available as Surplus Special Mountain Lion Licenses. Hunters without a Mountain Lion license and those unsuccessful at the original Special Mountain Lion License drawing are eligible to place their name on the surplus list for a chance at any surplus licenses.

**General Mountain Lion License**

- A General Mountain Lion License is available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, FWP license providers, online at fwp.mt.gov.
Special Mountain Lion License
- During the Winter Season, a Special Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district, even if the district is a Special Mountain Lion License district during the Winter Season.
- During the Winter Season, a General Mountain Lion License is valid in all hunting districts with an open harvest quota (excluding Special Mountain Lion License areas).
- During the Late Winter Season (Feb. 01 - Apr. 14) a General Mountain Lion License is valid in all hunting districts until quotas are filled or until the season is closed.

Special Mountain Lion License
- A limited number of Special Mountain Lion Licenses are available only through a special drawing. Apply by July 24.
- Applicants must possess a current year Conservation License and a Base Hunting License to apply for a Special Mountain Lion License.
- Bonus points will be offered for Special Mountain Lion License applications.
- Nonresidents are limited to no more than 10 percent of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses offered.
- A Special Mountain Lion License may be applied for:
  - online at fwp.mt.gov no later than 11:45 p.m. MDT on July 24, or
  - over-the-counter at any FWP Regional office, FWP area office, and/or the Helena Headquarters no later than 5 p.m. MDT July 24.
- Drawing results will be available during or after July 28.
- Successful Special Mountain Lion License applicants will be notified by mail and must purchase a mountain lion license no later than February 28, 2021.
- During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a Special Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district.
- During the Winter Season, a Special Mountain Lion License may be used only in a specific hunting district, portion of the hunting district, or a group of hunting districts for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid.

Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License
- In most Region 2 districts, mountain lion hunting during the early portion of the Winter Season (Dec. 1 – Jan. 31) will be only by Special Mountain Lion License with nonresidents limited to, but not guaranteed, 10 percent of the Special Mountain Lion Licenses available. Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License holders may hunt during the Late Winter Season (Feb. 1 – Apr. 14) until quotas are filled or until the season is closed.
- Unsuccessful applicants for a Special Mountain Lion License will be eligible to purchase only a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License, valid statewide in the Archery Only Season, in any open districts during the Fall Season Without Dogs, the Late Winter Season (Feb. 1 – Apr. 14) in Region 2 and in the Missoula Special Management Area.
- Unsuccessful resident applicants for Special Mountain Lion Licenses may purchase a Resident Hound Training License to only chase mountain lion and/or bobcat during the hound training season in any valid mountain lion hunting district statewide Dec. 2 – Apr. 14.

Resident Hound Training License (RHTL)
- Available to resident Conservation License holders.
- Entitles the license holder to use a dog or dogs to aid in chasing mountain lions and/or bobcats in all valid mountain lion hunting districts in the state, except HD 282, during the hound training season from Dec. 2 – Apr. 14 per MCA 87-2-521.
- A person may not kill a mountain lion or bobcat with only a RHTL. To kill a mountain lion, you must hold a mountain lion license. To kill a bobcat, you must hold a Trapping License purchased and validated for bobcat by November 30.
- A resident hunter with a valid mountain lion license is not required to have a Resident Hound Training License to chase mountain lion.

Super Tag Lottery for Mountain Lion
- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of $5 chances per species by June 30 to win a Montana hunting license for a mountain lion as well as antelope, bison, deer, elk, moose, sheep and goats.
- Each Super Tag allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district for that species.
- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP License Providers or via fwp.mt.gov.
- Proceeds from the sale of Super Tag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information, visit FWP’s website at fwp.mt.gov.

Nonresident Hound Handler License
- For nonresidents to use dogs for hunting mountain lions they must be on an outfitted trip with a licensed Montana outfitter/guide or have one of the Nonresident Hound Handler Licenses in addition to a Mountain Lion License. To apply for a Nonresident Hound Handler License the nonresident must already hold a Mountain Lion License. You must hold a Mountain Lion License valid in at least a portion of the hound handler area you are applying for. If unsuccessful in the hound handler drawing, we would refund the Hound Handler License fee of $500, but not the prerequisite Mountain Lion License fee of $320.
- Nonresident Hound Handler License Drawing. Applications for the Nonresident Hound Handler License will be available starting August 3. The deadline to apply for it will be September 4 and the drawing will be September 11. To be eligible for the drawing, hunters must have purchased one of the four types of Mountain Lion License.

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- be registered to vote in Montana if you’re registered to vote at all;
- not possess (or have applied for any) current resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
- file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
- Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person:
  > claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose; or
  > is an absentee property owner paying property tax on property in Montana.

To purchase an annual resident Conservation License you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver’s License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC), or a valid Tribal Identification Card (TIC).

• If your MDL or MIC was issued less than six months ago, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver’s license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.

Hunter Education (MCA 87-2-105)

Hunter Education Requirements
If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

Bowhunter Education Requirements
To purchase a Montana Bow and Arrow License, a hunter must:
• provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course,
or
• provide any prior year’s bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any other state or province.

Duplicate Certificates
Bowhunter or hunter education certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP’s website at: fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter

Youth Hunter
A resident or nonresident youth who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2021, may hunt any game species for which their license is valid, after August 15, 2020. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of purchase.

In order to carry or use a firearm for any reason, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the youth, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth’s parent or guardian, MCA 45-8-344.

Laws & Rules

-Statute denoted by MCA.
-Commission Rule denoted by CR.

Aircraft (MCA 87-6-208)
• It is unlawful for a person to shoot a game animal from an aircraft.
• It is unlawful for a person to use an aircraft for the purpose of concentrating, pursuing, driving, rallying, or stirring up any game animal.
• Aircraft may not be used to locate game animals for the purpose of:
  > hunting those animals during the same hunting day after a person has been airborne, or
  > providing information for another person for the purpose of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after being airborne.

Archery Equipment (MCA 87-6-401, CR)
• It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of game animals.
• The following criteria define Archery Equipment. It is unlawful to possess, while hunting game during any Archery Only Season and in Archery Equipment Only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria:

Hunting Bow: A hunting bow for game animals shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs.
- The bow must be a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive power solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).
- The bow must be hand-drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted pulling action of the shoteer. The bowstring must be moved from brace height to the full draw position by the muscle power of the shoteer’s body. The energy used to propel the arrow shall not be derived from any other source such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, or similar devices. These limitations shall not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams, so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous, and direct pulling effort by the shoteer.
- The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow, and the other hand draw the bowstring. The bowstring must be moved and/or held at all points in the draw cycle entirely by muscle power of the shoteer. Taut until release. The bowstring must be released as a direct and conscious action of the shoteer, either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a hand-held release aid.

Exception: Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.

> A bow is considered lawful if it is at least 28 inches in total length.
> The nominal percent of let-off for hunting bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent as advertised by the manufacturer.

Arrow: An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.
- A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.
- The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.
- Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges and be at least 7/8 inches at the widest point. Expandable broadheads are lawful as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inches at the widest point, and weigh no less than 70 grains.

The following are not considered a hunting bow or lawful archery equipment during the Archery Only Season or in an Archery Equipment Only area or hunting district:
- Crossbow.
- Any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shoteer’s muscle power.
- Any bow for which a portion of the bow’s riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow’s riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow’s brace height. This is not intended to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.
- Electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow or arrow.

Exception: Camera devices attached to bows for the sole purpose of filming is allowed.
- A bow sight or arrow that uses artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics. Exception: an arrow may have a lighted nock.

Artificial Light (MCA 87-6-401)
It is unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any game animal or game bird with the aid of projected artificial light. Use of rifle scopes that project an artificial light to illuminate the target or project infra-red light visible only with specialized optics to illuminate the target are unlawful for the taking of game animals.

Baiting (MCA 87-6-401, CR)
• It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare or set gun.
• Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt or so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

Bobcat and Lynx (MCA 87-2-601, CR)
Nonresidents may not take bobcats. Lynx are listed as a federally threatened species and there is no open season. It is a violation of both state and federal law to knowingly chase lynx with dogs.

Check Stations (MCA 87-6-218)
All hunters are required by law to stop at designated check stations on their way to and from hunting areas, even if they have no game to be checked.

Evidence of Sex (MCA 87-6-406)
A person who kills a game animal in this state shall retain evidence of sex of the animal with the carcass until it is processed. The provisions of this section do not apply
to a game animal harvested using a license with which either sex of the animal may be taken. Evidence of sex does not need to be naturally attached. Evidence of sex of a mountain lion does not need to be retained until a male or female quota or subquota is reached. Once any male or female quota or subquota is reached, evidence of sex must be retained with a mountain lion carcass until it is processed.

**Excess Harvest Resulting in an Unlawfully Taken Animal**

If you or a member of your hunting party shoots an animal that results in an unlawfully taken animal, you should notify an FWP game warden or 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-947-6668) immediately and follow their instructions.

> Hunters should field dress the animal but **DO NOT transport the animal until you've received instructions.**

**Firearms**

- Firearms, including rifles, handguns, shotguns with 0, 00, or slugs, and muzzleloaders; archery equipment; and crossbows are lawful for taking game animals. All other methods of take are prohibited.
- There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation or magazine/round capacity restrictions for the taking of game animals.
- Rifle scopes with illuminated reticles, built-in range finding capabilities, and "red dot" scopes are lawful for the taking of game animals.

**Furbearer Traps**

It is unlawful to disturb traps or trapped animals. Traps and trapped animals are the property of the trap owner. Hunters may not shoot trapped animals.

**Glandular Scents**

- Natural or artificial glandular scents may be used by licensed hunters to attract game animals by spraying or pouring the scent on the ground or other objects. **Exception:** Natural or artificial glandular scents may not be used to hunt black bears.
- Hunters may not create a scent station where the scent continues to be dispensed without the hunter’s direct action, such as an automatic device, which drips or otherwise continues to dispense scent.
- No scents other than glandular may be used for attracting game animals, but other scents may be used to mask human odor.

**Harvest Limit**

- A hunter may take one legal mountain lion per license year.

**Hunter Harassment**

It is unlawful to:

- Intentionally interfere with the lawful taking of a wild animal.
- Disturb an individual engaged in the lawful taking of a wild animal with intent to prevent the taking of the animal.

**Hunting Hours**

Authorized hunting hours for the taking of game animals begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset Tables listed on page 15.

**Hunter Orange Requirement**

**License and Permit Possession/Use**

It is unlawful to:

- Hunt or attempt to hunt for any game animal unless the person is carrying the required license or permit at the time.
- Refuse to produce a license or permit and the identification used in purchasing a license or permit for inspection to a game warden.
- Alter or change a license in any material manner.
- Loan or transfer any license to another person.
- Use a license issued to another person.
- Attach the person’s license to a game animal killed by another person.

Have physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location that the species to be hunted may inhabit. This prohibition does not apply to a person who is carrying or has physical control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or to any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person.

**Indian Reservations**

- The F&W Commission has by rule, closed all lands within the exterior boundaries of Montana's Indian Reservations to the hunting of game animals with the use of state licenses unless provided for in a cooperative agreement between the Tribal Government and the State of Montana.
- Currently, there are no cooperative agreements between the Tribal Governments in Montana and the general (firearm) seasons for deer, elk, antelope, moose, sheep, mountain goat, black bear, mountain lion must meet the hunter orange requirement while hunting.

**Inspection by Warden**

Game animals, game and nongame birds, fish, and furbearers taken must be shown to FWP Enforcement personnel for inspection when requested.

**Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC)**

Montana is a member of the IWVC. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing or trapping privileges. It is unlawful for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

**Kill Site Verification (ARM 12.6.1005)**

At the request of a Department Game Warden, it is required to return to the kill site of any game animal, game bird, wolf, or furbearer that has been hunted or trapped.

**Landowner Permission**

A resident or nonresident shall obtain permission of the landowner, the lessee, or their agents before taking or attempting to take game animals, migratory game birds, nongame wildlife, predatory animals, upland game birds, or wolves while hunting on private property.

- Even if the land is not posted, hunters must have permission from the land owner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property, regardless of whether the land is posted or not.
- Access to public land through private land requires permission of the private land owner, lessee, or their agent.
- Retrieval of all wildlife through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.

**License Validation/Tagging**

A hunter must cut out the proper month and day of the kill from the appropriate license and attach it to the animal before the carcass is removed from the site of the kill, or before the hunter leaves the site of the kill.

To properly validate a license (sometimes referred to as a tag):

- The triangles denoting the month and day the animal was killed must be completely cut out and removed.
- The properly validated license must remain with the meat (including cold storage) until consumed.

**Littering**

A holder of a Montana resident or nonresident hunting license or camping permit convicted of littering campgrounds, public or private lands, streams, or lakes, while hunting, fishing, or camping shall forfeit any current Montana hunting, fishing, or trapping license and the privilege to hunt, fish, camp, or trap in Montana for a period of one year.

**Marked or Radio-Collared Animals (CR)**

It is lawful to shoot game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers, but markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP Office.

**Motion-Tracking Devices**

It is unlawful for a person, while hunting, to possess any electronic motion-tracking device or mechanism that is designed to track the motion of a game animal and relay information on the animal’s movement to the hunter.
Motion tracking devices are defined by the F&W Commission as remote operated camera or video devices capable of transmitting real time information, pictures or videos; seismic devices; thermal imaging devices; and satellite and radio telemetry devices.

A radio-tracking collar attached to a dog that is used by a hunter engaged in lawful hunting activities is not considered an unlawful motion-tracking device.

**Motorized Vehicles (MCA 87-6-405)**

It is unlawful for anyone to:

- hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal from any self propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. To be lawful, a hunter must have two feet on the ground and his/her body outside of the vehicle. Holders of the Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle are the exception to this.
- use a motorized vehicle or aircraft to concentrate, drive, rally, stir-up, corral, or harass game animals.
- use a motor-driven vehicle on a road or trail on state land if that road or trail is posted as closed by the land management agency. This restriction applies only to state land and not to federal land. For more information related to state school trust lands see page 13.
- use a motor-driven vehicle other than on a road or trail designated for travel by a landowner unless permission has been given by that landowner.

**Off Road- Federal lands (CR)**

- operate, on federal public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval). All Federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana have been adopted by the F&W Commission. Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.

**Boats (MCA 87-6-207)**

- use a powerboat, sailboat, or any boat under sail or any floating device towed by a powerboat, sailboat, or any boat under sail for the purpose of killing, capturing, taking, pursuing, concentrating, driving, or stirring up any game animal.

**Mountain Lion Specific Regulations**

- Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens with spots may not be taken.
- If a lactating female is killed, the hunter must inform an FWP official as soon after the kill as possible.
- Mountain lion with body spots shall be killed.

**Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) (MCA 87-6-405)**

- Only OHVs (ATV, UTV, dirtbike) must be registered and display a current Off-Highway decal to be used for off-road recreation on public lands (trails, frozen lakes, reservoirs). To be used on roads (county, forest service, etc.), an OHV must have a license plate and street-lawful modifications. Register your OHV with the county treasurer.

**Simulated Wildlife (MCA 87-6-203)**

- It is unlawful to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals, wolves, and those birds not protected by state or federal law.

**Two-way Communication (ARM 12.6.1010)**

The use of two-way electronic communication is prohibited:

- While in the act of hunting game animals or wolves to aid in the taking or locating of live animals.
- While in the act of hunting mountain lion or bobcats with dogs, beginning when the dogs are placed or physically released on tracks or a scent trail.
- To avoid game check stations or FWP enforcement personnel.
- To facilitate unlawful hunting activity.

**Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)/Drone (MCA 87-6-230)**

- It is unlawful to ship, possess, transport, or take out of state unlawfully killed game animals.
- It is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act to transport an unlawfully taken game animal across state boundaries.
- If you are transporting lawfully taken wildlife (including parts and/or products of live or dead animals) between the United States and any foreign country, you must complete a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declaration form. For further information contact the USFWS wildlife inspector at 406-335-4350 or tws.gov.

**Waste of Game (MCA 87-6-205)**

Mountain lion is excluded from being considered “suitable for food.” A person that harvests a mountain lion may not abandon the head or hide in the field.

**Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons**

- **Archery Only Season Without Dogs** – September 5 - October 18, 2020.
  - Resident and nonresident hunters with either a General Mountain Lion License, a Special Mountain Lion License OR a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License may harvest any legal lion in any open district statewide during the Archery Only Season.
  - A Bow and Arrow license, plus the proper hunting license is required during mountain lion Archery Only Season or to archery hunt mountain lion in an Arch-Equip only area or hunting district.
• Use of dogs is prohibited during the Archery Only Season.
• The Archery Only Season for mountain lion will close:
  - With the end of the Archery Only Season or
  - Earlier upon reaching a number nearest to 20 percent of the total quota or number of Special Mountain Lion Licenses in the district or management unit, or
  - When one mountain lion is taken in those districts or management units with a total harvest quota of less than five mountain lions or less than five Special Mountain Lion Licenses.
• When a district or management unit closes during the Archery Only Season, the Fall Season Without Dogs in that district will not open.
• In General License areas, the Archery Only Season harvest will be deducted from the district or management unit quota and subquota.
• In Special Mountain Lion License areas, the Archery Only Season male or female harvest will be deducted from that district’s or management unit’s respective male or female mountain lion subquota or quota.

Fall Season Without Dogs – October 24 - November 29, 2020
• Resident and nonresident hunters with either a General Mountain Lion License, a Special Mountain Lion License OR a Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License may harvest any legal lion in any open district or management unit statewide during the Fall Season Without Dogs.
• Use of dogs is prohibited during the Fall Season.
• The Fall Mountain Lion Season will close:
  - With the end of the general deer/elk season or
  - Earlier upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20 percent of the total quota or number of Special Mountain Lion Licenses in the district or management unit, or
  - When one mountain lion is taken in those districts or management units with a total harvest quota of less than five mountain lions or less than five Special Mountain Lion Licenses.
• In general license areas, the combined Archery Only Season harvest and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest will be deducted from the district or management unit quota and subquota.
• In Special Mountain Lion License areas, the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs male and female mountain lion harvest will be deducted from the respective male or female mountain lion subquota or quota.

Winter Season – December 01, 2020 - April 14, 2021
• When the male or female subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district or management unit, the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district or management unit will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14.
• General Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion in any open General Mountain Lion License hunting district or management unit during the Winter Season.
• Special Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion only in the hunting district, portion of the district, or group of districts (management unit) for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid during the Winter Season.
• Nonresident lion hunters have further restrictions, see additional information under Nonresident Hound Handler License on page 3.

Late Winter Season – February 01, 2021 - April 14, 2021
• General Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion in any open Region 2 General Mountain Lion License hunting district or management unit during the Late Winter Season. License holders must check the quota status before hunting in a Late Winter Season. The season will not open if Special Mountain Lion License holders fill the quota by February 1.
• Region 2 hunting districts or management units with Special Mountain Lion Licenses are open to Limited Region 2 General Mountain Lion License holders for this late portion of the Winter Season until the harvest quota is reached.
• When the male or female subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district or management unit, the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14.
• Special Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion only in the hunting district, portion of the district, or group of districts (management unit) for which the Special Mountain Lion License is valid during the Winter Season or Late Winter Season.
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HD 102 | 2 | Any Lion License | - | Special License Only | 102-01(M) 102-02(F) | 5(M) 7(F) | 195-00 | 2
HD 103 | Note: Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area restricted to ArchEquip only. | 2 | Any Lion License | - | Special License Only | 103-01(M) 103-02(F) | 7(M) 5(F) | 194-00 | 2
HD 104 | 2 | Any Lion License | - | Special License Only | 104-01(M) 104-02(F) | 7(M) 5(F) | 194-00 | 2
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HD 130 | 2 | Any Lion License | - | Special License Only | 130-01(M) 130-02(F) | 5(M) 9(F) | 197-00 | 2
HD 140 | Any Lion License | 10 | General Lion License | - | - | 197-00 | 2
HD 141 | Any Lion License | 6 | General Lion License | - | - | 197-00 | 2
HD 150 | Archery Season Sep 5 - Sep 14 Winter Season Sep 15 - Apr 14 | 1 | Any Lion License | 7 | General Lion License | - | - | 197-00 | 2
HD 170 (Flathead Valley) | Unlimited | Any Lion License | Unlimited | General Lion License | - | - | 197-00 | 2

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### Region 2

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Non-Residents only Missoula Special Management Area (MSMA) Portions of HDs 201, 203, 204, 260, 283, & 292 | 5 | Any Lion License | 12 | 13 | Any General Lion License | - | - | - | 294-00 | 2
HD 200 & 201 excluding MSMA | 4 | Any Lion License | 7 | 13 | Special License Only | 200-00 | 20 | Any General Lion License | 294-00 | 2
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HD 210 | 1 | Any Lion License | 1 | 3 | Special License Only | 210-00 | 4 | Any General Lion License | 296-00 | 2
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HDs 212, 215, & 217 | 1 | Any Lion License | 1 | 6 | Special License Only | 212-00 | 7 | Any General Lion License | 296-00 | 2

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| HDs 400, 401, 403, 406, 415, & 441 | 1 Any Lion License | - 1 2 | General Lion License | 494-00 | 2 |
| HDs 404, 421, 444, & 450 | 1 Any Lion License | - 3 3 | General Lion License | 494-00 | 2 |
| HDs 405, 447, & 471 | 1 Any Lion License | - 3 5 | General Lion License | 495-00 | 2 |
| HDs 410, 417, 419, & 426 | 3 Any Lion License | - 8 5 | General Lion License | 495-00 | 2 |
| HDs 411 & 412 | 3 Any Lion License | - 8 5 | General Lion License | 495-00 | 2 |
| HDs 413 & 432 | 2 Any Lion License | - 5 5 | General Lion License | 495-00 | 2 |
| HDs 416, 446, 451, 452, & 454 | 3 Any Lion License | - 7 6 | General Lion License | 495-00 | 2 |
| HDs 418, 420, & 448 | 2 Any Lion License | - 4 4 | General Lion License | 495-00 | 2 |
| HDs 422, 423, 424, 425, & 442 | 3 Any Lion License | - 5 7 | General Lion License | 494-00 | 2 |
| HDs 445 & 455 | 3 Any Lion License | - 8 6 | General Lion License | 495-00 | 2 |

*Region 4: Any lion harvested in the Archery Only or Fall Season Without Dogs will be deducted from the quota (male or female). The Fall Season Without Dogs will close upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20 percent of a male or female quota. When the male or female quota is reached in a hunting district(s), the mountain lion season for that quota in that hunting district(s) will close upon 24-hours notice.

| HDs 500, 502, 530, 570, 575, & 590 | 5 Any Lion License | 23 | - | General Lion License | 594-00 | 2 |
| HD 510 | 1 Any Lion License | 4 2 | | General Lion License | 595-00 | 2 |
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| HD 560 | 2 Any Lion License | 8 4 | | General Lion License | 595-00 | 2 |
| HD 580 | 1 Any Lion License | 6 3 | | General Lion License | 594-00 | 2 |
| HD 690 | 2 Any Lion License | 8 2 | | General Lion License | 694-00 | 2 |
| Region 6 except HD 690 | 1 Any Lion License | 4 2 | | General Lion License | 695-00 | 2 |
| Region 7 | 9 Any Lion License | 45 | - | General Lion License | 794-00 | 2 |

*Regions 5, 6 & 7: Any lion harvested in the Archery Only or Fall Season Without Dogs will be deducted from the quota (male or female) and from the female subquota when applicable. The Fall Season Without Dogs will close upon the combined Archery Only Season and Fall Season Without Dogs harvest reaching a number nearest to 20 percent of a district total quota. When the male or female subquota or quota is reached in a hunting district(s), the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that hunting district(s) will close upon 24-hours notice.
Procedures to Follow After Harvesting a Mountain Lion

Mandatory Reporting Requirements

• Hunters must personally report their mountain lion kill within 12 hours by calling the mountain lion reporting line at 1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356. Hunters are required to provide: name, telephone number, ALS number, species, date of harvest, HD, specific location (township, range, and section, TRS), and sex when reporting a mountain lion harvest. Hunters could also report their harvest online at fwp.mt.gov through myfwp.

• Within ten (10) days of harvesting a mountain lion, the successful hunter must present the hide and skull to a Montana FWP official. The hide and skull must be presented in a condition that allows full inspection and tooth collection (i.e. unfrozen) for the purpose of:
  - inspection and registration of kill.
  - verification of sex.
  - removal of a tooth for aging purposes.
  - issuance and attachment of a hide tag.

The hide tag must thereafter remain attached to the hide until tanned.

Beginning October 1, 2020, a person licensed to hunt and authorized to possess a carcass of a game animal that requires mandatory department biological inspection may, after validating and attaching the license or tag in accordance with 87-6-411, transfer possession of all or part of that game animal to any person at any time after leaving the site of the kill, provided a statement of possession has been completed. The statement of possession must be on a form prescribed by the department and signed by the licensed person and the person or persons receiving possession, and must accompany the carcass or portion of carcass presented for inspection.

REMINDER: The hunter must still personally report their harvest by phone as required even if a transfer form is completed.

Harvest Reporting and Status/Closure Information

• To report a harvest, call 1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356.
• Harvest status/closure may be obtained:
  - by calling 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989 for statewide information or,
  - by checking the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov available 24-hours a day.
• The toll-free line and FWP website are updated daily by 1 p.m. MST.

Trichinella in Mountain Lions

Trichinella is a parasite of mammals and some birds. Immature parasites develop cysts in the muscle of the host animal and are transmitted to a new host when infected meat is eaten raw or undercooked. Wild animals rarely show signs of infection. Humans and domestic dogs or cats can become infected with Trichinella by consuming raw or undercooked meat from an infected animal. Symptoms of infection vary and may be severe. All bear and mountain lion meat should be treated as if it were infected. Freezing will not kill the organism; however, cooking at temperatures above 165 degrees Fahrenheit will kill the parasite. Many processing techniques (jerky and smoked meats) may not reach the proper temperature. FWP recommends that all mountain lion and bear meat be well cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees before consumption by humans or pets. FWP does not offer Trichinella testing. For further information, call the FWP lab at 406-994-6357.

Common Sense Precautions When Field-Dressing Game Animals

To minimize risk of disease or parasite transmission to humans, follow these proper ways to handle wild meat:

• Wear rubber (latex) gloves when field dressing game.
• Minimize contact with animal fluids, brain and spinal tissues.
• Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing or processing.
• Cook all meat until well done before consuming.

To minimize the risk of disease or parasite transmission to your domestic dog, prevent the consumption of game animal viscera.

Hunters with a Disability

If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact:

MonTECH at the University of Montana Rural Institute,
29 McGill Hall,
Missoula, MT 59812
(406) 243-5751
or 877-243-5511
montech.ruralinstitute.utm.edu

The Mountain Lion Identification Program is a voluntary training program available to anyone who is interested in mountain lion ecology and/or who wants to hunt mountain lions.

The course:
• presents information about mountain lion biology;
• explains how to determine the gender of a mountain lion; and
• Presents some of Montana’s laws and regulations pertaining to mountain lion hunting.

For more information, go to:

fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter/mountainLionID

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Hunters, it is your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply.

**Federal Land Access**

- National Parks Service: National Parks are closed to hunting. For other lands administered by the National Park Service, please contact the specific site managers for additional information.
- National Wildlife Refuges – More restrictive regulations, including species specific restrictions and closures, may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. Contact the specific refuge and/or visit [fws.gov/refuges](http://fws.gov/refuges) for additional information.
- U.S. Forest Service: Area specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the appropriate Regional Forest Service Office.
- Bureau of Land Management: Area specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the appropriate BLM Field Office.
- Other Federal lands: Area specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the local federal land management agency office.

Unlawful Posting of State or Federal Land (MCA 45-8-115) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly post land that is under the ownership or control of the state or federal government to restrict access or use of state or federal land.

**Fishing Access Sites**

Many of Montana’s Fishing Access Sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at [fwp.mt.gov/fish](http://fwp.mt.gov/fish) for site specific information, opportunities and restrictions.

**Indian Reservation Trust Lands**

Some reservations may offer game animal hunting opportunities with the use of tribal licenses to non-members. Please contact the appropriate Tribal Government. See “Contacts Outside FWP” on page 16 for contact information.

**Montana State Parks**

Some of Montana’s State Parks provide hunting opportunities; however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Park website at [stateparks.mt.gov](http://stateparks.mt.gov) for site specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

**Railroad Access**

Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

**State Game PArkS**

See Restricted Area Descriptions.

**State School Trust Lands**

- A Conservation License provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to lawfully accessible State School Trust lands.
- Overnight (Z-) camping is allowed within 200 feet of a lawful access point.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open.
- Firearms may not be discharged within one-quarter mile of inhabited dwellings or outbuildings on state trust lands without permission of the inhabitant.
- Game retrieval is by foot or horse only.
- No open fires are allowed except in designated campground fire pits.
- Additional information is available from FWP or contact DNRC at (406) 444-2074.

**State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)**

FWP’s Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the game animal hunting season. WMAs with big game winter range are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to noon on May 16 each year, as posted.

**Exception**: There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA specific information, please call the Regional office (see page 16 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website: [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov)

**Stream Access Law**

The Stream Access Law does not allow for the hunting of game animals between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers without landowner permission.

**Restricted Area Descriptions**

Restricted area legal descriptions include both Closed Areas and Weapons Restricted Areas. It is your responsibility to know that you are in a legal hunting area.

**HD 309 Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area**

Mountain lion hunting is restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only, EXCEPT on some private lands which are excluded from the weapons restrictions. See legal description in 2020 Deer • Elk • Antelope regulations. Map available at FWP-R3 HQ 406-994-4042, in Bozeman.

**Helena Valley Weapons Restriction Area**

That portion of Deer/Elk HD 388 west of the following boundary: From the intersection of US Highway 12-287 and Lake Helena Drive, then north on said drive to the south shore of the Causeway Arm, then north and east on said shore to Hauser Lake.

**Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area**

That portion of Lincoln County lying within the following boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Port Blvd. (the old Sumpson mill site entrance) on the south edge of Libby, then heading east on Port Blvd. to the Champion Haul Road, across Libby Creek on said road to National Forest Road 4813, then southerly on Road 4813 to National Forest Road 533, the Swede Mountain Road, then southerly along said road to the Farm-To-Market Road, then northerly along the Farm-to-Market Road to U.S. Highway 2, then northerly along U.S. Highway 2 to Port Blvd., the point of beginning.
Cat Identification

- Pad Width & Stride Length - potential indicators of sex

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- Note differences in tail length of mountain lion and black markings on tip of lynx and bobcat tails.
- Lynx ear tufts are longer than bobcat ear tufts.
- Mountain lion and lynx foot sizes are similar; bobcat is much smaller.
- Tracks are shown with shaded area representing impression of hair in the snow.
- Note track size and stride length differences between species.

Sex Determination of Mountain Lion

- Male adult and subadult lions have a conspicuous black spot, about one inch diameter, surrounding the opening to the penis sheath behind the hind legs and about four to five inches below the base of the tail.

**Male**

- Distance from black spot to base of tail is more than four inches.

**Female**

- Female adult and subadult lions may have black fur surrounding the vulva and located about three inches or less from the base of the tail.

- Distance from black spot to base of tail is less than three inches.

- Male adult and subadult lions have a conspicuous black spot, about one inch diameter, surrounding the opening to the penis sheath behind the hind legs and about four to five inches below the base of the tail.
These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of mountain lion begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. (Do not use times from other sources).

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### ZONE 4
INCLUDES: Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley and Wibaux counties

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| Region 1 | 490 N Meridian Rd  
| Kalsispell, MT 59901  
| 406-752-3501 |

| Region 2 | 3201 Spurgin Rd  
| Missoula, MT 59804  
| 406-542-5500 |

| Region 3 | 1400 South 19th Ave  
| Bozeman, MT 59718-5496  
| 406-577-7900 |

| Helena Area Res Office (HARO) | 930 Custer Ave W  
| PO Box 200701  
| Helena, MT 59620  
| 406-495-3260 |

| Butte Area Res Office (BARO) | 1820 Meadowlark Ln  
| Butte, MT 59701  
| 406-494-1953 |

| Region 4 | 4600 Giant Springs Rd  
| Great Falls, MT 59405  
| 406-454-5840 |

| Lewistown Area Res Office (LARO) | 333 Airport Road, Ste. 1  
| PO Box 938  
| Lewistown, MT 59457  
| 406-538-4658 |

| Region 5 | 2300 Lake Elmo Dr  
| Billings, MT 59105  
| 406-247-2940 |

| Region 6 | 1 Airport Rd  
| Glasgow, MT 59230  
| 406-228-3700 |

| Havre Area Res Office (HvARO) | 2185 Hwy 2 East  
| Havre, MT 59501  
| 406-265-6177 |

| Region 7 | 352 I-94 Business Loop  
| PO Box 1630  
| Miles City, MT 59301  
| 406-234-0900 |

| Contacts Outside Fish, Wildlife & Parks |

| Montana State Agencies | Agriculture 406-444-3144  
| Guides & Outfitters 406-841-2300  
| Livestock 406-444-7323  
| State Lands (DNRC) 406-444-2074  
| Tourism 406-841-2870 |

| Federal Agencies | US Department of Interior (USDI) 202-208-3100  
| USDI Fish & Wildlife Service 406-449-5225  
| USDA Forest Service 406-329-3511  
| USDI Bureau of Land Management 406-896-5000  
| National Weather Service 406-229-4840 (Missoula) |

| Land Maps | USDI Bureau of Land Management 406-896-5000  
| Topographical (USGS) 888-275-8747 |

| Tribal Governments | Blackfeet Reservation 406-338-7276  
| Crow Reservation 406-638-2179  
| Flathead Reservation 406-883-2886 ext 7200  
| Fort Belknap 406-353-2205  
| Fort Peck Reservation 406-768-5305  
| Northern Cheyenne Reservation 406-477-6526  
| Rocky Boy Reservation 406-395-4207 |

| Hunter Education 406-444-9948  
| Wildlife 406-444-2612  
| Enforcement 406-444-2452  
| Drawings 406-444-2950  
| Licenses 406-444-2535  
| Hearing Impaired (use Montana Relay)7-1-1 or 1-800-253-4091 |

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1420 East 6th Avenue, PO Box 200701,  
Helena, MT 59620-0701  
406-444-2535

| Mountain Lion Harvest Reporting Number | 24-hours/day - 7 days/week......1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453)  
| OR ...........................................................406-444-0356 |

| Mountain Lion Quota Status | 24 hours/day - 7 days/week......1-800-385-7826 OR 406-444-1989  
| OR ...........................................................406-444-1989 |

| Bobcat, Otter, Fisher, Swift Fox and Wolverine Quota Status | 24 hours/day - 7 days/week......1-800-711-8727 OR 406-444-9957 |

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