



## Mule Deer Citizens Advisory Council

### Application Packet

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is seeking 10-12 individuals to serve on a Mule Deer Citizens Advisory Council (MDCAC). Montana's Adaptive Harvest Management (AHM) for mule deer dates to 2001 when the first AHM management plan was implemented. AHM formalizes protocols for harvest management and mule deer monitoring and defines acceptable mule deer population sizes based on long-term-averages of count or harvest data. That 2001 plan was updated in 2021, in part because Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) was confirmed in free-ranging Montana deer populations. Increased detections of CWD, proposed harvest regulations addressing CWD, and recent low populations of mule deer across much of Montana have once again raised the public profile of mule deer and mule deer management. The MDCAC will identify expectations they have for a new mule deer plan. These might include expectations for process, management actions and goals, and results.

The MDCAC will represent a variety of stakeholders from around the state. Meetings will be facilitated to maintain productivity and to help the group reach its objective. The focus of the facilitation will also be to reach consensus among group members. The meetings will be public and will have time within each meeting agenda for public comment. The MDCG's recommendations will be presented to the Director for review and consideration of a new mule deer plan and next steps to get there.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Mule Deer Citizens Advisory Council. It is important that you review the application materials before applying. **Applications must be received no later than January 31, 2024.**

#### **Information for Applicants**

The FWP Director and staff will review applications with the Director making final appointments to the MDCAC. FWP has assembled the following information for you to consider before applying for the MDCAC.

#### ***Interested individuals:***

Must be able to travel and actively participate in two or more multi-day meetings between February and May 2024. The first meeting will be held in Helena. Subsequent meeting locations have not yet been determined. Mileage, lodging and meal costs associated with the meetings will be reimbursed by FWP.

**Participants must be committed to attending all meetings if possible.**

In the pursuit of an effective and diverse group that is both representative and respectful, no preference will be assigned any group or individual. Rather, individual nominations will be assessed for the perspective they represent and for their visible willingness and ability to comprehensively engage the discussion.

Individuals interested in participating in such a group should submit a written application using the form below to FWP by **January 31, 2024**. The FWP Director will make appointments shortly after the deadline.

**Questions**

Please call 406-444-3940 or email [FWPWLD@mt.gov](mailto:FWPWLD@mt.gov) if you have questions about the Mule Deer Citizens Advisory Council.

**Mule Deer Citizens Advisory Council**

**Application Form**

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**Mail or Email:**

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Mule Deer Citizens Advisory Council  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening or Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Residency Status (check one): Resident of Montana  Nonresident

**Please address each of the following questions. If you need additional space, feel free to use and attach additional paper.**

1. Please describe your interest in mule deer management in Montana. \_\_\_\_\_  
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