

FWP ACCESS PROGRAMS to PUBLIC LAND

| | Unlocking Public Lands (UPL) | Public Access Land Agreements (PALA) | Access Public Lands (APL) | HB637 Access Program | Block Management Access Corridor |
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| Type of Recreations Allowed | all required (as permitted on public lands) | hunt/fish focus, but incentivized for all (as permitted on public lands) | hunt primary intent | all recreations | hunt only |
| Contract Length | annual | annual up to 10 years | annual to perpetual | perpetual | annual up to 5 years |
| Public Access Open | 6 mos. & 1 day | fall only or year-round | dependent upon agreement | year-round | all commission established seasons |
| Public land lease required? | yes State parcel; no Federal | yes - if lease exists | no | yes or with leaseholder consent | no- leaseholder option to support or object to Commission |
| Inaccessible? (Legally v. Under-accessible) | legally inaccessible | under-accessible | under-accessible | inaccessible | under-accessible |
| Landowners can enroll in simultaneously | no | yes (except UPL) | yes | yes | yes |
| May be used to address corner-to-corner access? | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| Type of compensation | state income tax credit | payment (multiple agreements/landowner) and improvement reimbursement; hunter mgmt. | payment; hunter mgmt. | payment | license, hunter mgmt.; MT Outdoors; payment |
| Amount of compensation | \$750/ tax credit max 3 credits (\$3,000) | up to \$15,000/agreement + improvement costs up to \$1,000/agreement term/year | Negotiated or appraisal value | Appraisal value | up to \$25,000/landowner/year |
| Season-Length Restrictions | very minimal (e.g., fire danger) | yes | yes | yes | yes |
| Primary Funding Source | State of MT General Fund | FWP general license; hunter access earmark; outfitter pref point | Home to Hunt (87-2-526) | Outfitter pref point | hunter access earmark/PR |
| Authorizing Statute | 87-1-294 | 87-1-295 | 87-2-526 | 87-2-115 | 87-1-265 |
| Approval Authority | Department | Department with PLPW Recommendations | Department/FWC dependent on length of agreement | FWC | FWC |
| Total Number of Contracts/Projects (2025) | 4 | 70 | 6 | 0 | 0 |



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