

Block Management Program Important Dates in History

- 1985 Block Management Program Established
- 1993 House Joint Resolution 24- creates Governor appointed citizen council representing sportspersons, landowners and outfitters to work on Private Land and Public Wildlife issues (PL/PW)
- 1995 Legislature (HB195) provides tangible benefits to enhance the Block Management Program in opening lands; compensation set at \$10.00/HD; \$8,000 cap - formally establishes a review committee (PL/PW)
- 1996 Block Management Administrative Rules created to administer the program and better define benefits to landowners. Contracting begins for compensation and thus start of formal program.
- 1999 Legislature increases Block Management maximum \$8,000 cap increased to \$12,000
- 1999 Block Management undergoes 1st Legislative Audit Review
- 2001 Legislature creates 5% additional weed management incentive payment for cooperators
- 2005 Legislature allows Nonresident landowners to be eligible for payment AND the complimentary deer/elk big game combo license
- 2007 Legislature allows landowners to designate their complimentary license to an immediate family member with the cost of the license being deducted from payment
- 2009 Legislature allows all landowners eligible to designate immediate family member/ranch employee for complimentary license, with not cost deduction
- 2009 Department increases \$10/HD payment to \$11/HD, resulting in approximately \$460,000 more being paid to landowners, representing an average 9% increase per contract
- 2013 Block Management undergoes 2nd Legislative Audit Review
- 2017 Legislature increases maximum payment cap to \$15,000 and Department increases the hunter day payment from \$11 to \$13/HD resulting in approximately \$1.2 million more being paid to landowners, representing an average 17.3% increase per contract
- 2017 Legislature provides landowners the opportunity to provide veterans preferential access to BMAs taking reservations on Veteran's Day.
- 2019 (Effective March 1, 2022) Option to direct limited drawing refunds to block management program.
- 2019 Large portions of MCA 87-1-295 -297 re-written through the Legislature to clarify statutes.
- 2020 **25th Anniversary** of Block Management - since landowners started being compensated for impacts.
- 2021 Legislature increases maximum payment cap to \$25,000 and Department implements a larger aggregate incentive for landowners participating in an aggregate BMA.
- 2021 Legislature authorizes second preference point to be purchased if hunting with an outfitter directing a portion of funds collected to Block Management program.

