



2025 LANDOWNER PREFERENCE

REQUIRED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MCA 87-2-705 , 87-2-516 , 87-2-735

RETURN TO: FWP LICENSING – LOP PO BOX 200701 HELENA MT 59620-0701

or email to: fwppaps@mt.gov

THIS INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE BY THE DEADLINE DATES LISTED BELOW Montana FWP is NOT responsible for delays caused by the US Postal Service.

You must complete and pay for any permits and/or license applications online at OLS.FWP.MT.GOV or at an FWP Regional Office before submitting this form.

This document is only for the purpose of confirming applicant’s eligibility for Landowner Preference.

- If applying for special deer or elk permits this form must be received by 5:00 PM MST on April 1, 2025.
- For antelope, antelope B, deer B, and elk B licenses, it must be received by 5:00 PM MST on June 1, 2025.

Failure to provide required information will disqualify applicants from the Landowner Preference portion of the drawing and your application will be entered into the general drawing.

PART A: PERSON CLAIMING LANDOWNER PREFERENCE:

1) NAME: _____

2) DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) & ALS#: _____

3) MAILING ADDRESS: _____

4) RELATIONSHIP TO LANDOWNER: _____

(MCA 87-1-266 stipulates that only a full-time employee who works for the landowner year-round, or an immediate family member of the landowner, qualifies for preference designation. Immediate family members are defined as a parent, grandparent, child, or grandchild of the landowner by blood or marriage, a spouse, a legally adopted child, a sibling of the landowner or spouse, or a niece or nephew.)

5) EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

6) PERMIT(S) AND/OR LICENSE(S) YOU ARE APPLYING PREFERENCE TO:

ELK PERMIT

ANTELOPE

ELK B

ANTELOPE B

DEER PERMIT

DEER B



PART B: LANDOWNER INFORMATION:

1) Name in which the land is deeded (i.e. ranch name, corporate/partnership name, or individual on the deed). If this information does not match Montana Cadastral, your application for Landowner Preference may be rejected:

2) Contact name and title (owner, manager, or individual): _____

3) Phone number of contact person: _____

4) Email of contact person: _____

5) County: _____

6) Hunting district: _____

7) SIGNATURE OF LANDOWNER OR LANDOWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (if not applicant): _____

PART C:

If you were approved for Landowner Preference in 2024 and there have been no changes to the ownership details under consideration for Landowner Preference (including, but not limited to, sale or transfer of the land, changes to the recorded ownership name, acreage modifications, or other qualifying criteria), you may be eligible to reuse your 2024 supporting documents for your 2025 application.

Important Restrictions:

- *This option may only be utilized every other year to maintain compliance and ensure accuracy. If you opted to reuse 2023 documents for your Landowner Preference application in 2024, you are not eligible to reuse them in 2025 and must provide updated supporting documentation.*
- *Information provided in this attestation will be shared with the district warden for verification purposes. Providing false or misleading information may result in penalties, including disqualification from Landowner Preference and potential legal action.*

Eligibility Questions:

To determine if you qualify to reuse your 2024 Landowner Preference supporting documents for 2025, please answer the following questions:

- 1) Did you participate in the Landowner Preference program in 2024? **YES** **NO**
- 2) Are you applying for the same species and/or permit in 2025 as you did in 2024? **YES** **NO**
- 3) Have there been any changes to the ownership details, acreage, or other qualifying criteria since your 2024 application? **YES** **NO**

If you confirm that no changes have occurred and you meet the criteria above, you may attest below to reuse your 2024 Landowner Preference information for your 2025 application.

Signature

Date



IF YOU WERE NOT APPROVED FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE IN 2024, APPLICATIONS FOR LANDOWNER PREFERENCE MUST INCLUDE:

- **Copy of the property deed, contract to purchase or tax bill.**
- **Signatory Authority Documentation.** If the land in which you are claiming landowner preference is listed as a Corporation, Sole Proprietorship, Limited Liability Company, Partnership, Limited Partnership, Limited Liability Partnership, Trust or an Association, you **MUST** provide documentation that you have the legal authority to make this decision on behalf of the business. (i.e. Articles of Incorporation, Partnership Agreement, Certificate of Trust, etc.)

INFORMATION FOR ALL LANDOWNER PREFERENCE APPLICATIONS:

- Landowner preference is applied only to the applicant's **first-choice** hunting district.
- Businesses claiming landowner preference may delegate to an owner, partner, member of the owner or partner's immediate family (related by blood or marriage) or an employee who has state, federal, or FICA taxes withheld from their wages.
- You **may not** apply for landowner preference if you applied as a member of a party.
- If the license/permit is only valid for a portion of the hunting district, some of the land owned by the applicant must be within the boundaries of that portion.
- Lessees do not qualify as landowners.
- Landowner Preference applicants are limited to 15% of drawing - based quotas.
 - **For Deer Permits, Deer B Licenses & Antelope Licenses:** To qualify for landowner preference, you must own or be contracting to purchase at least 160 acres of land in the hunting district for which you are applying. Your property must be primarily used for agriculture.
 - **For Elk Permits and Elk B Licenses:** To qualify for landowner preference, you must own or be contracting to purchase at least 640 acres of contiguous land used by elk in the hunting district for which you applied. Contiguous land is land that is not interrupted by adjacent private, state, or public land.
 - **OR** If you own at least 160 acres of contiguous agricultural land utilized for production, and if elk game damage has been officially documented by the department within the previous two years, please contact your local FWP Regional office to assist you in completing this application.



TAX BILL INFORMATION:

If providing a tax bill it must include the **GEOCODE, LEGAL DESCRIPTION** and the name the land is listed in. All other information is not relevant to this application.

EXAMPLE:

Gallatin County Treasurer

311 West Main, Room 103
Bozeman, MT 59715

COUNTY TAX BILL 2021 REAL ESTATE

Phone: (406) 582-3033 Website: www.gallatin.mt.gov/treasurer

PARCEL # RHG48509 GEO CODE: 06069815201050000

TAX DISTRICT: 0366-09: 41 Anderson-HF-GP

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

LEGAL DESC: GREENHILLS RANCH SUB, S15, T03 S, R05 E, BLOCK 1, Lot 2, ACRES 1.001, PLAT J-356-A PLUS OPEN SPACE A, B1, B2-1, & B3 - B5

MILL LEVY: 591.680

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PROPERTY TYPE	MARKET VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE
REAL ESTATE	258,223	3,486.00
BUILD & IMP	1,055,377	14,248.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY	0	0.00
TOTAL	1,313,600	17,734.00

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