



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

HUNTING ACCESS AGREEMENT

I. AREA INFORMATION

This is an agreement made on **July 1, 2021** between Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks (Department) and the **Owner or designated owner representative** (Cooperator) of lands being enrolled in a contractual public elk hunting access agreement under the provisions of 87-2-513 MCA.

Landowner/Cooperator: John R. Swanz

Ranch/Farm Name: _____

Mailing Address HC 60 Box 335, Judith Gap MT 59453-9704 Phone (406) 473-2201

Total Acreage Contained within Hunt Area Boundaries: 14,447

Private 14,447 State School Trust 0 BLM 0 USFS 0 Other 0

Attach map showing exact location of boundaries for all land enrolled under this access agreement.

Department Contact: Ashley Taylor
(Please Print)

II. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

1. Department will issue the following either-sex elk permits for use only on land enrolled in the John Swanz Ranch Public Elk Hunting Access Agreement:

- a) Two 411-20 either-sex elk permit to **XX ALS#** and XX only valid on the John Swanz Ranch.
- b) four 411-20 either-sex elk permits to hunters randomly selected from the list of successful applicants for 411-20 either-sex elk permits. These public permit holders can still hunt anywhere the 411-20 either-sex elk permit is valid.
- c) two 411-20 either-sex elk permit to hunters chosen by the landowner from the list of successful applicants for 411-20 either-sex elk permits. These public permit holders can still hunt anywhere the 411-20 either-sex elk permit is valid.

FWP Commission Approval: _____

Date Approved: _____

2. Hunting will occur on enrolled property under the following terms:

A. Approximately 14,447 total acres of private land will be enrolled, consisting of two separate ranch units: North Unit comprised of 5,880 acres, and South Unit comprised of 8,567 acres.

B. Enrolled property will be open to free public elk hunting with firearms from October 23, 2021 through November 28, 2021.

C. Permission may be obtained by contacting one of the following: John Swanz (406-473-2201), Jason Swanz (406-473-2462) or Jamie Gilbert (406-374-2205).

D. Hunting use terms include:

1) The six hunters who receive 411-20 permits valid in hunting districts 411, 511 and 530, and are selected for this program, may hunt for either-sex elk on any day they call and request permission. John Swanz will attempt to monitor elk use, and if elk are present, will offer to assist any of the six hunters with 411-20 permits in harvesting an elk. It will be the hunter's responsibility to contact John to arrange for access. John will not be responsible for contacting any hunter to report the presence or absence of elk.

2) From 3-5 hunters per day, possessing an elk license and/or permit valid for Hunting Districts 411 and/or 511 for the period covered by this agreement, will be allowed to hunt for antlerless elk.

3) There are no restrictions on the number of days that John, Jason, or Jamie can hunt the enrolled property.

E. Travel restrictions include:

a) South Unit: Hunters will be required to walk from designated roads.

b) North Unit: Hunters will be required to walk from designated roads.

F. Hunter use data will be collected from the permission slips and phone calls made by hunters obtaining permission to hunt. Hunters will be asked to report any elk harvested. Hunter/landowner/department satisfaction data will be acquired after the season through Department surveys of landowners and hunters involved with this contractual public elk hunting access agreement.

In signing this agreement, the parties acknowledge that all the terms and conditions of Part I. Area Information and Part II. Terms of Agreement are incorporated in and are part of the agreement and binding on the parties.

BY: _____
(Cooperator) (Date)

BY: _____
(Regional Supervisor) (Date)