



2022 ELK HUNTING ACCESS (EHA) AGREEMENT APPLICATION

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

Email to: fwppaps@mt.gov

Once this application is completed and signed by the landowner, please mail or email this and any additional required documentation to the addresses above.

All information below is required and must be emailed or postmarked BY 5:00 PM ON JUNE 1, 2022.

To be eligible, you must 1) own occupied elk habitat that the department determines large enough to accommodate successful public hunting and 2) provide a free access opportunity for the public hunters identified in the terms of this proposed agreement.

This access shall take place during authorized hunting season(s) for the applicable licenses/permits possessed by the public hunters. This does not preclude the landowner from implementing hunter management practices such as limiting the number of hunters at any given time.

Completing this form does not guarantee your application will be approved by the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

PART A: DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AND PUBLIC HUNTER OPPORTUNITY

- 1) NAME in which the land is recorded (i.e. ranch name, corporate/partnership name, or individual on the deed): Big Spring Ranch (East Fork Holdings, [Big Spring Ranch Unit](#))
- 2) COUNTY: Fergus
- 3) TOWNSHIP, RANGE, SECTION: See attached map.
- 4) HUNTING DISTRICT(S): 411
- 5) NUMBER OF ACRES TO BE ENROLLED: Approximately 20,000
- 6) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HUNTING DAYS FOR EACH PUBLIC HUNTER (if applicable): 5
- 7) PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY HUNTER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR PUBLIC HUNTERS UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS PROPOSED AGREEMENT (for example, staff accompaniment requirements, advanced notice, land restrictions, etc.).
See attached draft agreement.

- 8) PUBLIC HUNTER CONTACT PERSON: Ranch Manager/To be determined
 - a. PHONE NUMBER: _____
 - b. EMAIL: _____



PART B: LANDOWNER LICENSE INFORMATION

1) NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE AN APPLICABLE ELK LICENSE AND/OR PERMIT IN EXCHANGE FOR FREE PUBLIC ACCESS UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS (FOR LANDOWNER AND/OR LANDOWNER DESIGNEE): 1

2) DOES THE LANDOWNER/APPLICANT WISH TO SELECT UP TO ONE-THIRD OF THE PUBLIC HUNTERS REQUIRED FOR THESE AGREEMENTS? Circle one: (**Y** / N).

a. LICENSE AND PERMIT TYPE (IF APPLICABLE) FOR PUBLIC HUNTER(S) SELECTED BY LANDOWNER:

i. (LICENSE) General Elk

ii. (PERMIT) 411-20

3) IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROCESS THE LANDOWNER/APPLICANT WILL USE TO SELECT UP TO ONE-THIRD OF THE PUBLIC HUNTERS (first time hunters, veterans, through a list provided by FWP, etc).

[See attached draft agreement.](#)

4) LICENSE AND PERMIT TYPE (IF APPLICABLE) FOR PUBLIC HUNTER(S) ALLOWED FREE OF CHARGE ON ENROLLED PROPERTY THAT ARE SELECTED BY DEPARTMENT:

a. (LICENSE) Elk B 411-00

b. (PERMIT) N/A

5) Although not required by law for eligibility, if the landowner/applicant proposes to offer additional free public hunting opportunities not associated with any requests for landowner licenses or permits, please describe the additional opportunity here. If not identified here, but ultimately provided over the course of the seasons, please include information about the additional free public access provided in any post season hunter contact list submitted to the department.

[Big Spring Ranch is currently contemplating what its public access program is going to be for 2022. No decisions have been made at this time.](#)



LIST THE LANDOWNER AND/OR LANDOWNER DESIGNEE(S) BELOW WHO WISH TO RECEIVE AN APPLICABLE ELK LICENSE AND/OR PERMIT. IF MORE THAN TWO INDIVIDUALS WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT PLEASE INCLUDE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS PAGE.

- 1) NAME: _____ *To be determined (desire to donate it to a non-profit supporting military families)*
- 2) DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) & ALS#: _____
- 3) MAILING ADDRESS: _____
- 4) RELATIONSHIP TO LANDOWNER:
- a. SELF
 - b. IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER
 - c. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE
- 5) EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
- 6) LICENSE AND PERMIT TYPE REQUESTED (IF APPLICABLE):
- a. (LICENSE) _____ General Elk
 - b. (PERMIT) _____ 411-20

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- a. (LICENSE) _____
 - b. (PERMIT) _____



PART C: REQUIRED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR EHA AGREEMENTS MUST INCLUDE:

- **Copy of the property deed, property tax bill, or contract to purchase. If this information does not match Montana Cadastral, your application will be rejected.**
- **Signatory authority documentation.** If the land in which you are proposing for this agreement application 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.)
- **Two maps showing the area available for free public hunting, one large scale map showing proximity to a nearby town or other familiar landmark and one small scale map that outlines the property and indicates the areas that will be available for the selected public hunters.**

PART D: INFORMATION FOR FREE PUBLIC HUNTING ACCESS APPLICATIONS

- **A designee may be an immediate family member or an authorized full-time employee of the landowner.**
- **The landowner reserves the right in writing to deny access for cause, including but not limited to intoxication, violation of landowner conditions for use of the property, or previous misconduct on a landowner's property.**
- **For every landowner or landowner designee that is issued a license and/or permit, three public hunters already holding a license/permit identified in the terms of the agreement will be selected for free access opportunities on the property. FWP will pick, at minimum, two of the three public hunters. Depending on the hunting district regulations and the terms of the agreement, these hunters will be chosen at random from a list of successful elk permit holders, Elk B License holders, or from a public sign-up list.**
- **The landowner may select up to one-third of the public hunters from a list of qualifying individuals provided to the landowner by FWP. If the landowner does not wish to select a public hunter FWP will select instead.**
- **Licenses and/or permits issued as a result of this agreement application are valid only on the private property identified in this application. They are nontransferable and may not be sold or bartered.**



- The landowner may not charge the public hunters selected as a result of this agreement application a fee for hunting access.
- If you are interested in donating your issued license to a disabled veteran, please review the **DONATE LICENSE PROGRAMS** section and Donation of Hunting License to Military Veterans application at:
<https://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/licensingbasics>
- For additional EHA agreement program information see:
<https://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/landownerprograms/public-elk-access-agreements>

PART E: FUTURE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND LANDOWNER SIGNATURE

- If the application is approved by the commission, I agree to submit a list (with contact information) for all hunters offered an opportunity to hunt, under this agreement by March 1 of the next license year. This list of hunters is required for any application to be considered for the next license year.
- I attest that the information provided in this application packet is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF LANDOWNER OR LANDOWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

PRINTED NAME OF LANDOWNER OR LANDOWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

Name: Mark R. Taylor **Date:** 5/31/2022

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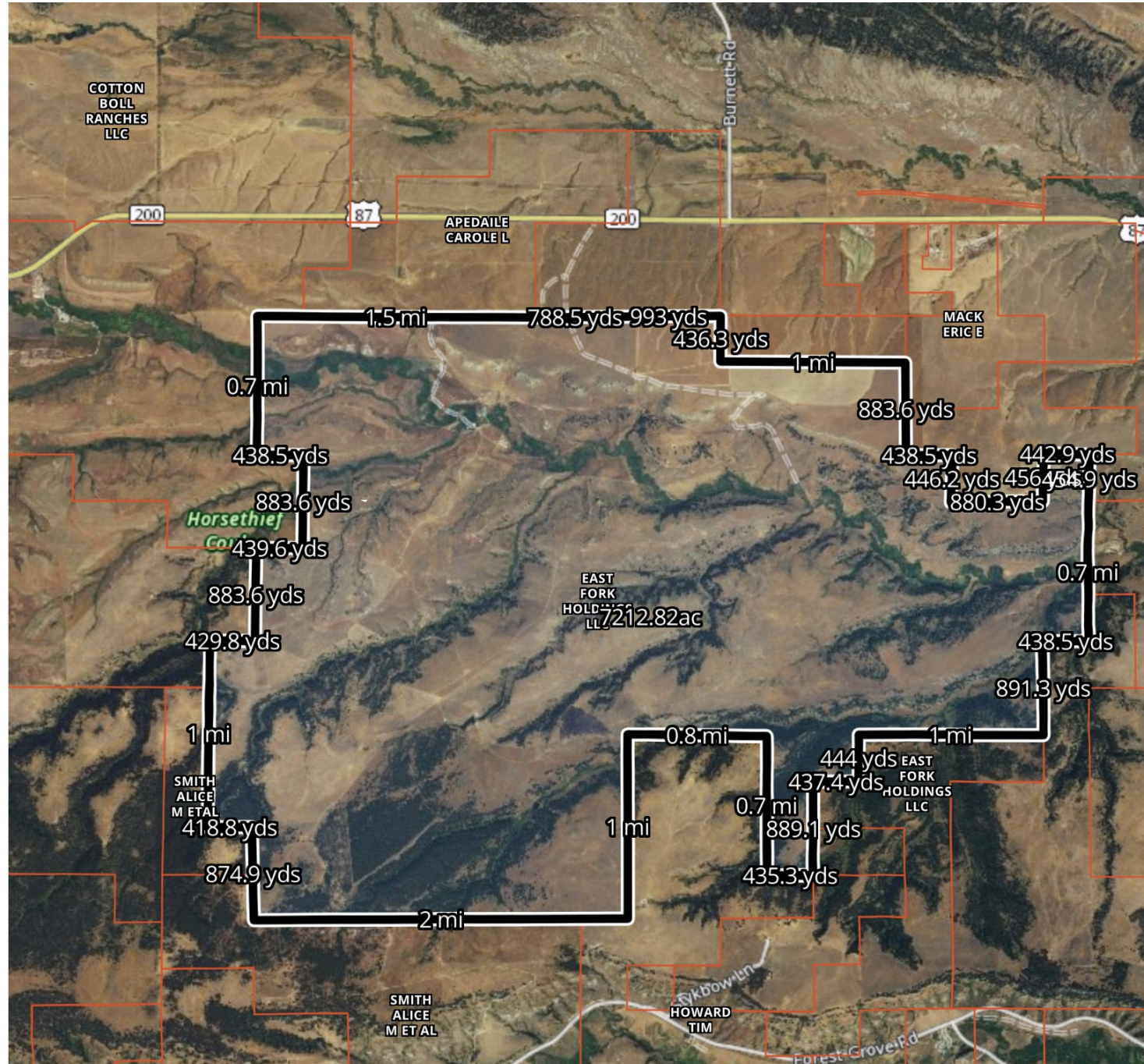
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Big Spring Ranch

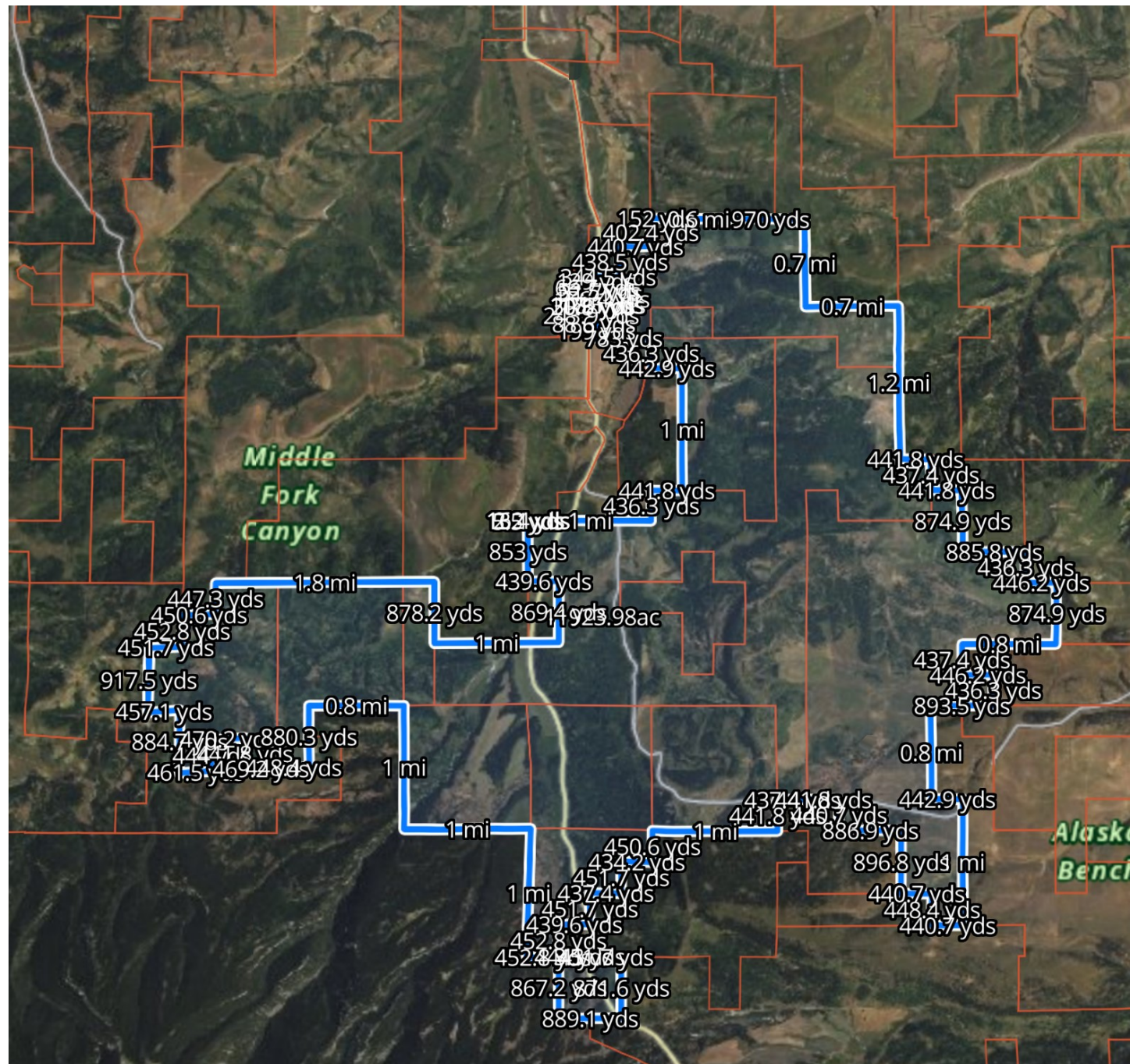
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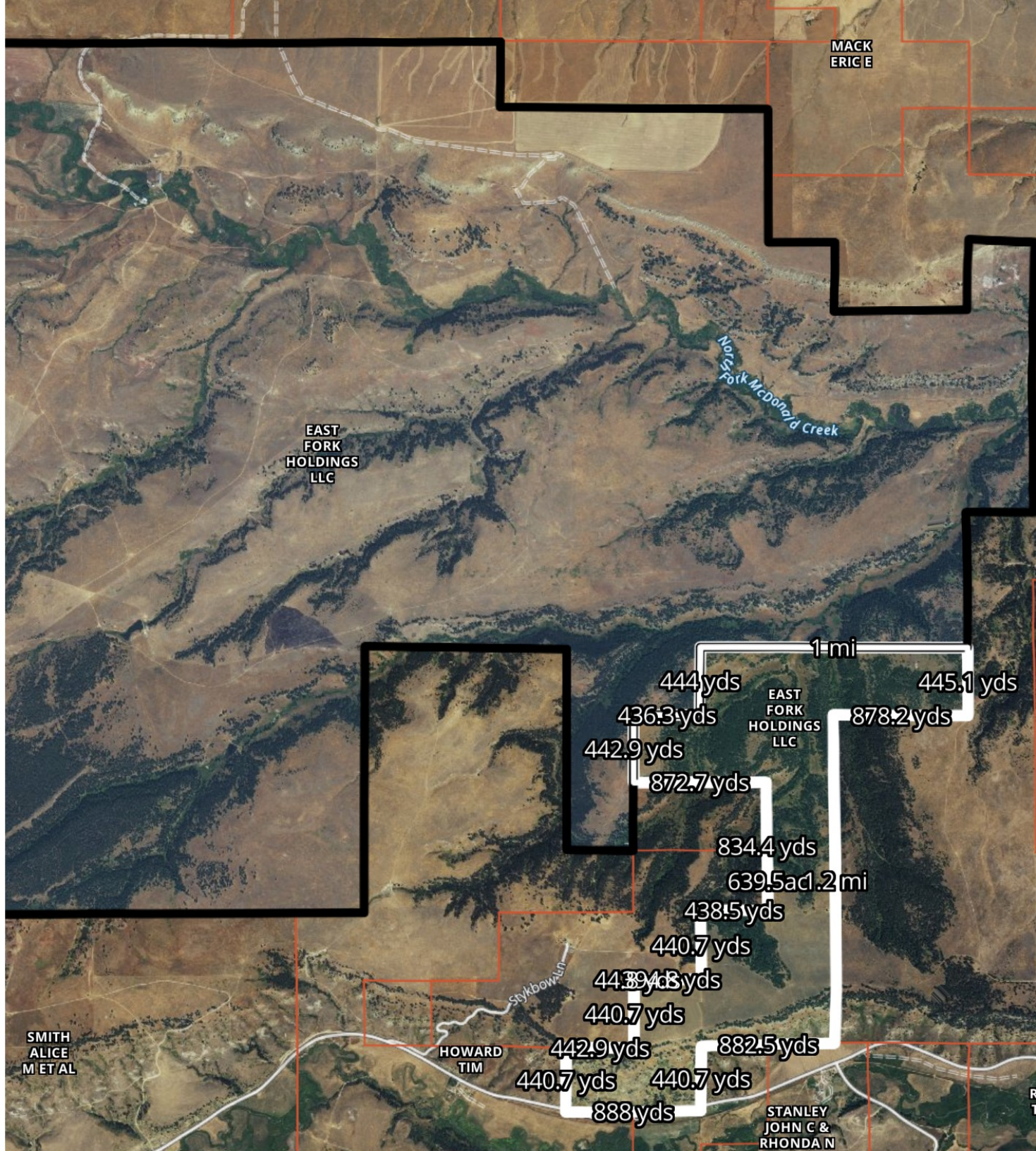
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ELK HUNTING ACCESS AGREEMENT

Under the provisions of 87-2-513 MCA, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (Department) and the Landowner or the Landowner's legal designated representative enter into the following Elk Hunting Access (EHA) Agreement for 2022 to offer hunting access on enrolled lands (see attached map) free of charge to public hunters selected by the Landowner and Department pursuant to the terms of this agreement.

Landowner: Big Spring Ranch

Mailing Address: 1 South Montana Ave, Suite #M-2, Helena, MT 59602

Acres enrolled: Approximately 20,000

Hunting District: 411

Landowner requested license/permit (valid only on landowner's enrolled property):

Type: 411-20 (either sex) permit

Total Number Requested: 1

Landowner license/permit designee: License recipient unknown at this time. Landowner will be donate license to be used by non-profit supporting military families via 87-2-815, MCA

Required public hunter license/permit type allowed:

Landowner selected public hunter(s): 411-20 (either sex) permit

FWP selected hunters: 411-00 elk B license

Process to select public hunters:

Landowner selected public hunter(s) selected from	Department list of eligible permit holders who are first time hunter safety, non-profit, fire fighters, law enforcement, or other community members that contribute to the success of the ranch
FWP selected public hunters selected from	Department list of eligible license holders

Seasons in which public hunters may hunt:

Archery	
General	X
Additional	Shoulder season

Maximum days per hunter? Five

Public hunters must contact the following (landowner's public hunter contact) to arrange access in accordance with this agreement:

Name:	To Be Determined (Ranch Manager)
Phone:	
Email:	
Other instructions:	Public hunters must schedule 30 days in advance with the Ranch Manager. It is the hunter's responsibility to contact the Ranch Manager to arrange for access.

Other requirements for access/use of property:

- Signing the FWP hunter-sign in roster to provide public hunter contact information for later FWP evaluation of program.
- Abiding by all state and federal hunting statutes, regulations, and rules.
- Following all landowner rules, which will be provided in advance of the hunt by the Ranch Manager. This may include additional stipulations about how harvested animals may be retrieved and how wounded animals may be pursued.
- Maintaining proper safety procedures regarding firearms, including but not limited to, ensuring that all firearms are unloaded while in vehicles and in the vicinity of all buildings.
- Maintaining proper vigilance aimed at preventing damage to the Ranch, and to promptly report any damage that may occur on the Ranch to the Ranch Manager.
- Ensuring all Ranch gates are left as originally found.
- Using best efforts to prevent fires, practice pack-it-in/pack-it-out principles, and keep the Ranch litter free.
- The Ranch is not responsible for contacting any hunter to report the presence or absence of elk.
- If a hunter wounds an elk, they will not be allowed to shoot at another elk on the property. The Ranch Manager will use best efforts to assist the hunter in recovering the wounded elk.
- Public hunters must be accompanied by the Ranch Manager or the Ranch Manager's designee at all times.

Other obligations of hunters include:

- Executing a legal release of liability (for both hunters and guests) prepared by the Ranch.
- Photographing harvested animals and freely sharing those photos with the Ranch and Department to assist with elk management goals and objectives.
- Ensuring hunter has all necessary and required licenses or permits.

The Ranch may terminate a hunter's access rights under this agreement for failure to abide by these requirements. The hunter may be dismissed from the Ranch immediately on such occurrence.

Hunter/Landowner/Department satisfaction data will be acquired after the season through Department surveys of the landowner and public hunters involved with this EHA. Completion of the landowner survey is required for the landowner to be eligible to participate in any future EHA.

Hank Worsech, Department Director

Date

Landowner or legal designated representative

Date