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### 2022 ELK HUNTING ACCESS (EHA) AGREEMENT APPLICATION

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

Email to: [fwppapps@mt.gov](mailto:fwppapps@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): Wine Cup LLC
- 2) COUNTY: Blaine
- 3) TOWNSHIP, RANGE, SECTION: T28N, R17E, W2NE/S25, NW/S25, S 35 All + (see Map)
- 4) HUNTING DISTRICT(S): 690
- 5) NUMBER OF ACRES TO BE ENROLLED: 2,512
- 6) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HUNTING DAYS FOR EACH PUBLIC HUNTER (if applicable): Up to 10
- 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.).  
Hunters will request permission from hunt manager at least 10 days in advance. Hunters will submit requests for hunting days at Cowanhunting.com. No ranch accompaniment required. Follow BMA ranch rules. Ensure all gates are left as found and no littering.
- 8) PUBLIC HUNTER CONTACT PERSON: [REDACTED]
  - a. PHONE NUMBER: All permission requested through web site.
  - b. EMAIL: [REDACTED]



**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): 2

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) 690-21 / 690-20

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).

If information is available the landowner would consider choosing first time hunters, veterans or hunters with special needs.

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) 699-01 / 690-01

b. (PERMIT) \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Landowner is enrolled in Block Management for the 2022 hunting season and expects to allow similar access as in past years. In 2021 the Cowan/Huestis family Ranches provided 2,059 hunter days to over 782 hunters total. 346 hunter days to 73 bull elk hunters, 715 hunter days to 233 cow elk hunters, with the balance of the hunters days going to deer, antelope and upland game bird hunters. Hunter days provided on the Wine cup ranch numbered 186 hunter days.



**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: Brett J. Huestis
- 2) DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) & ALS#: [REDACTED]
- 3) MAILING ADDRESS: 56162 Cowan Rd. , Chinook Mt 59532
- 4) RELATIONSHIP TO LANDOWNER:
- a. SELF
  - b. IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER
  - c. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE
- 5) EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
- 6) LICENSE AND PERMIT TYPE REQUESTED (IF APPLICABLE):
- a. (LICENSE) General Elk
  - b. (PERMIT) 690-21

- 1) NAME: John E. Branger
- 2) DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) & ALS#: [REDACTED]
- 3) MAILING ADDRESS: 36975 Clear Creek Rd. Chinook MT 59523
- 4) RELATIONSHIP TO LANDOWNER:
- a. SELF
  - b. IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER
  - c. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE
- 5) EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
- 6) LICENSE AND PERMIT TYPE REQUESTED (IF APPLICABLE):
- a. (LICENSE) General Elk
  - b. (PERMIT) 690-21



### **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:** Brett Huestis      **Date:** 5-18-22

**PRINTED NAME OF LANDOWNER OR LANDOWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:**

**Name:** Brett Huestis      **Date:** 5-18-22

Office phone: 406-265-1424

# Winecup LLC Elk Public Hunting Access Agreement

2022

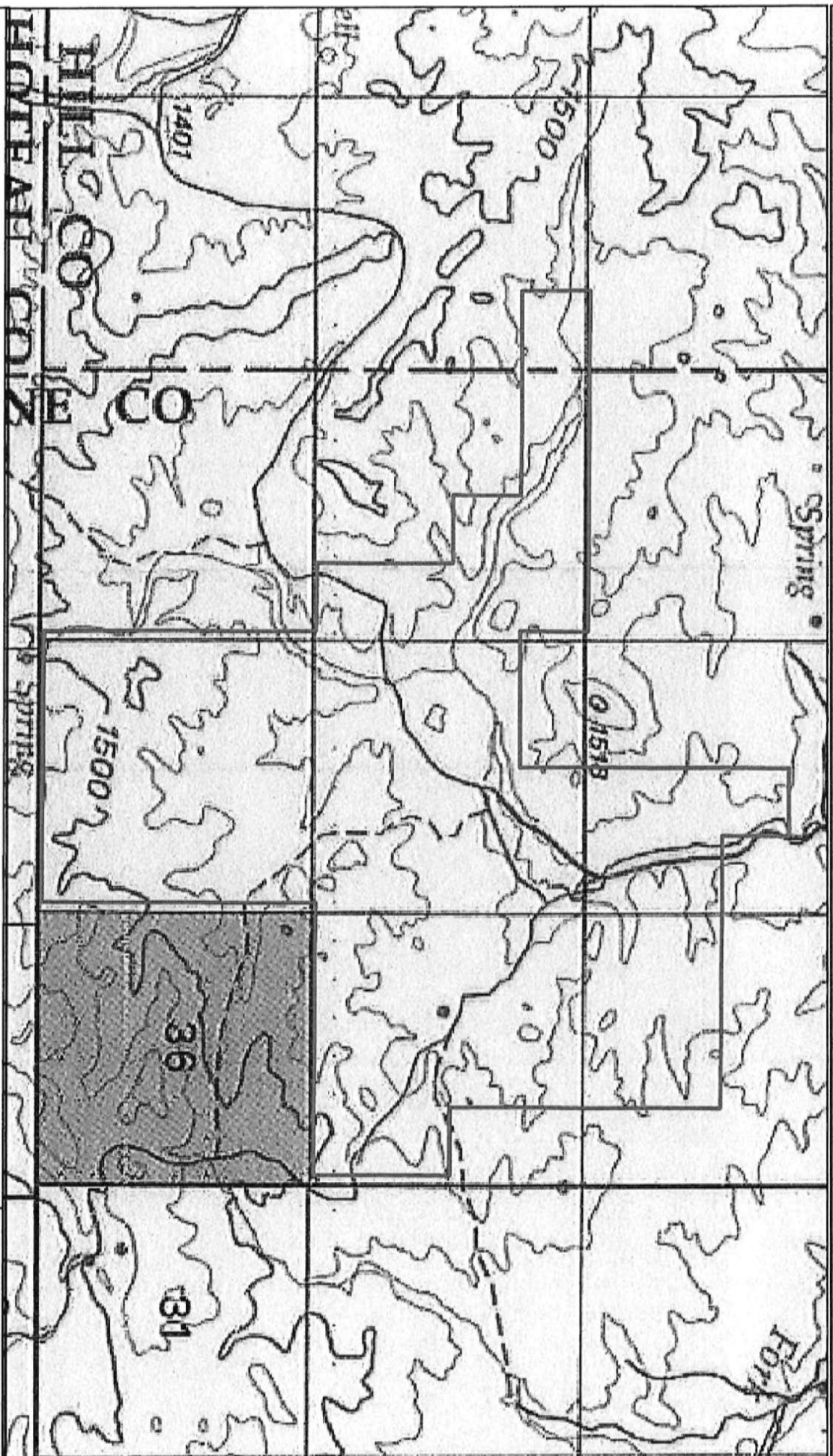


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**ELK HUNTING ACCESS AGREEMENT**

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:** Wine Cup LLC  
**Mailing Address:** 56162 Cowan Rd. Chinook, MT 59532  
**Phone Number:** [REDACTED]  
**Acres enrolled:** 2,512  
**Hunting District:** 690

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

Type: Resident General License & 690-21 either-sex archery only permit  
 Total Number Requested: 2  
 Landowner license/permit designee: Brett Huestis & John Branger

**Required public hunter license/permit type allowed:**

Landowner selected public hunter(s): 690-20 either-sex permits  
 FWP selected hunters: 690-01 elk B license  
 699-01 youth only license  
 Additional public hunting allowed? Yes – through Block Management

**Process to select public hunters:**

Landowner selected public hunter(s) selected from	Department list of eligible license holders with preference to first time hunters, veterans, or hunters with special needs
FWP selected public hunters selected from	Department list of eligible license holders

**Seasons in which public hunters may hunt:**

Archery	
General	X
Additional	X

**Maximum days per hunter?** Ten

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

Name:	██████████
Phone:	N/A
Email:	██████████
Other instructions:	Must request permission through website at least ten days in advance. Existing Block Management rules apply.

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 landowner's public hunter contact. 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.
- 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 and practice pack-it-in/pack-it-out principles.
- The Landowner 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.
- No accompaniment required.
- Follow Ranch rules in accordance with existing Block Management Agreement.

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.

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Hank Worsch, Department Director

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Date

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Landowner or legal designated representative

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Date