

## Bison Mandatory Reporting Requirement

**Bison Mandatory Reporting Requirement:** Successful bison hunters must report their harvested bison within 48 hours by calling 1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356.

### Bison HD Regulations

Hunting District	License	Opportunity	Apply by Date	Number of Licenses	Season Dates	Opportunity Specific Information and/or Restrictions
<b>Region 3</b>						
385 - Gardiner Basin Portion AND Absaroka Beartooth Portion (wilderness north of Yellowstone National Park including the upper portions of the Hellroaring and Slough Creek drainages).	385-20	Either Sex	May 1	40	Nov 15-Feb 15	
	385-21	Either Sex	May 1	5	Sep 15-Nov 14	Only valid in the Absaroka Beartooth portion of the HD. This is a wilderness backcountry hunt.
	385-77	Opportunity will vary based on need	May 1	Bison Hunt Roster	Nov 15-Feb 15	Second choice only license. A bison hunter list will be created from a random drawing of all second choice applicants for HD 385. Hunters may or may not be activated based upon bison presence. A list will be developed from these choices in the sequence drawn and may be used to issue either a bison cow or calf license during the general bison season, depending on migration, or bison damage/management hunts as needed.
<p>NOTE: The Absaroka-Beartooth portion is a very remote wilderness accessible only by foot or horse. Retrieving a harvested bison will present an extraordinary challenge. A mature bull bison can weigh 2,000 pounds and yield 800 pounds of meat. Hunters must be prepared to pack out this amount of meat, as well as the head and hide if desired, and to care for the meat properly in order to avoid spoilage. It is not recommended that hunters attempt this hunt without a string of pack-animals capable of this task and several additional people to assist with processing the harvested animal.</p> <p>NOTE: Gardiner Hunting Closure - Closed to all hunting; beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 89 and Little Trail Creek, then up Little Trail Creek to the posted line (approx. 1/2 mile above U.S. Hwy 89), then southeasterly along said line to the Travertine-Trail Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with the Gardiner-Jardine Road, then northeasterly along said road to Eagle Creek, then southerly down said creek to the Yellowstone National Park boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the intersection with Stevens Creek, then northeasterly in a straight line to the intersection with U.S. Hwy 89, then northwesterly along said highway to the junction of Little Trail Creek, the point of beginning.</p>						
395 - Madison Watershed Portion AND Gallatin Watershed Portion	395-20	Either Sex	May 1	40 25 (Range: 5-50)	Nov 15-Feb 15	<i>NOTE: bison are migratory in this area and annual opportunity will vary based on weather conditions. Bison presence is not guaranteed.</i>
	395-77	Opportunity will vary based on need	May 1	Bison Hunt Roster	Nov 15-Feb 15	Second choice only license. A bison hunter list will be created from a random drawing of all second choice applicants for HD 395. Hunters may or may not be activated based upon bison presence. A list will be developed from these choices in the sequence drawn and may be used to issue either a bison cow or calf license during the general bison season, depending on migration, or bison damage/management hunts as needed.
<p>NOTE: The Gallatin Watershed Portion of Bison HD 395 is CLOSED TO HUNTING. See map, legal descriptions, and hunting closures in the legal descriptions in these regulations.</p> <p>NOTE: Restricted Area: No hunting within the city limits of West Yellowstone, no hunting within the fenced boundary of the West Yellowstone airport and closure area to protect eagle-nesting sites on national forest system lands on Horse Butte Peninsula as posted from Dec. 1 to Aug. 15.</p>						