

**2023 William Cowan and Barbra Browning Cowan, LLC**  
**Elk Hunting Access (EHA) Agreement**

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This Elk Hunting Access (“EHA”) Agreement (“Agreement”) entered into by and between Lisa C. Huestis (the “Landowner”) and Montana, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (“FWP”), under the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. § 87-2-513, authorizes the issuance of the following license(s) and permit(s):

One (1) General elk license and one (1) 690-20 permit to the Landowner or lawful designee, for use only on land enrolled in this Agreement.

Additionally:

One public 690-20 permit holder will be selected by the Landowner from the following groups: local residents, veterans, first time hunters, or other hunters with special needs.

Two public 690-01 antlerless elk B license holders will be randomly selected by FWP from a list of successful holders and will have access, by permission as set forth herein, to hunt cow elk on land enrolled in this Agreement. These licenses are valid in hunting district 690. FWP will be responsible for managing the hunter selection process and coordinating the selected hunters with the Landowner for scheduling purposes.

**Terms of the Elk Hunting Access Agreement include:**

1. Approximately 13,600 total acres of private land in Hunting District 690 will be enrolled, pursuant to the map attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. Enrolled property will be open to free public elk hunting with any legal weapon, from October 21-November 26; December 9-December 17; December 15-February 15, as set forth herein.
3. Access shall be coordinated with, [REDACTED] (the “Hunt Manager”), who can be contacted through the [REDACTED] website at [REDACTED].
4. Terms of access include:
  - a) The above-described public hunters selected for access under this agreement must contact the Hunt Manager at least ten (10) days in advance to schedule their hunts in accordance with the notice requirements provided by FWP. The maximum number of days any one public hunter may hunt this property is ten (10).
  - b) When the public hunters contact the Hunt Manager, he/she will inform the public hunters of the rules and requirements governing the access. This includes but is not limited to:
    - a. Signing written permission slips or FWP hunter-sign in rosters to provide public hunter contact information for FWP’s evaluation of program;
    - b. Abiding by all state and federal hunting statutes, regulations, and rules;

- c. Following all Landowner rules, which will be provided in advance of the hunt. These may include reasonable hunter management restrictions including a limitation on the total number of days a public hunter may access the property;
  - d. Maintaining proper safety procedures regarding firearms and/or archery equipment;
  - e. Maintaining proper vigilance aimed at preventing property damage to the Landowner, and to promptly report any property damage that may occur to the Landowner or the Hunt Manager;
  - f. Ensuring all gates are left as originally found;
  - g. Using best efforts to prevent fires and keep the Landowner's property free of litter at all times;
  - h. How harvested game may be retrieved;
  - i. Walk-in hunting only restrictions. No off-road driving. No driving on muddy roads;
  - j. Hunters must follow Block Management ranch rules, ensure all gates are left as found, and no littering; and
  - k. How wounded animals may be pursued.
- c) If a hunter wounds an elk and is unable to harvest and retrieve it, they are not allowed to shoot at another elk on the Landowner's property. Hunters must notify the Landowner/Hunt Manager prior to pursuing any wounded elk.
  - d) The Landowner or the Hunt Manager are not responsible for contacting any hunter to report the presence or absence of elk.

The Landowner or Hunt Manager may terminate a hunter's access rights under this Agreement for failure to abide by these requirements. The hunter may be dismissed from the Landowner's property immediately on such occurrence; the Landowner or Hunt Manager should notify FWP of the dismissal as soon as practicable.

5. Satisfaction data will be acquired through FWP surveys of the Landowner associated with this Agreement. Completion of the Landowner satisfaction survey and harvest survey is required for the Landowner to be eligible to participate in a future EHA Agreement. FWP will also survey the public hunters that were provided access to hunt on the Landowner's property.

6. By signing below, the Landowner agrees to submit a comprehensive public hunter list (with legible contact information in a format required by FWP) for all additional public hunters in excess of the three required public hunters that were offered an opportunity to hunt under this Agreement no later than March 1 of the next license year (if applicable).

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Dustin Temple, Acting Director

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Date

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William Cowan, Landowner

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Date



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# 2023 ELK HUNTING ACCESS (EHA) AGREEMENT APPLICATION

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

Please mail or submit this form to the addresses above via the State of Montana file transfer system and including any additional required documentation. Documents submitted electronically must be scanned and submitted as a PDF.

All information below is required and must be submitted  
BY 5:00 PM ON MAY 15, 2023.

STATE OF MONTANA  
MAY 04 2023  
FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Completing this form does not guarantee your application will be approved by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Eligibility requirements are listed in Part D.

## 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):** William Cowan and Barbara Browning Cowan LLC
- 2) **LANDOWNER CONTACT INFORMATION (FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY)**
  - a. **NAME:** William Cowan
  - b. **MAILING ADDRESS:** 1728 2nd St. W. Ste B, Havre MT, 59501
  - c. **PHONE NUMBER:** [REDACTED]
  - d. **EMAIL:** [REDACTED]
- 3) **COUNTY:** Hill, Blaine, Choteau
- 4) **TOWNSHIP, RANGE, SECTION:** T27N, R17E, S5,4,3 (See map for complete ownership)
- 5) **HUNTING DISTRICT(S):** 690
- 6) **NUMBER OF ACRES TO BE ENROLLED:** 13,600
- 7) **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HUNTING DAYS FOR EACH PUBLIC HUNTER (if applicable):** # 10 DAYS
- 8) **NUMBER OF DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC HUNTERS (if applicable):** # 10 DAYS
- 9) **HUNTING SEASON(S) PUBLIC HUNTERS WILL BE ALLOWED ACCESS:**
  - a. **GENERAL RIFLE (REQUIRED)**
  - b. **ARCHERY**
  - c. **MUZZLELOADER**
  - d. **ELK SHOULDER SEASON (if applicable)**



10) PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY HUNTER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OR REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC HUNTERS UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT.

- a. CHECK-IN WITH LANDOWNER OR REPRESENTATIVE UPON ARRIVAL
- b. LANDOWNER OR LO REPRESENTATIVE ACCOMPANIMENT REQUIRED WHILE HUNTING
- c. WALK-IN HUNTING ONLY
- d. MOTORIZED GAME RETRIEVAL ALLOWED
- e. NO OFFROAD DRIVING
- f. NO DRIVING ON MUDDY ROADS
- g. OTHER  Follow BMA ranch rules, Ensure all gates are left as found, no littering

11) PUBLIC HUNTER RANCH CONTACT SECTION *This is the person who will coordinate public hunting access. (If identical to landowner contact information above or if the property is going to be managed by the Block Management Program check this box  and skip to #12).*

- a. PUBLIC HUNTER CONTACT NAME:
- b. MAILING ADDRESS
- c. PHONE NUMBER:
- d. EMAIL:

12) DOES THE LANDOWNER/APPLICANT WISH TO SELECT UP TO ONE-THIRD OF THE PUBLIC HUNTERS REQUIRED FOR THESE AGREEMENTS?

- a. Choose one: (YES  / NO  skip to #15 next page).

13) PLEASE SELECT THE CRITERIA THE LANDOWNER/APPLICANT WILL USE TO SELECT UP TO ONE-THIRD OF THE PUBLIC HUNTERS FROM A LIST PROVIDED BY FWP.

- a. LOCAL RESIDENTS
- b. VETERANS
- c. FIRST TIME HUNTERS
- d. OTHER  special needs hunters

14) SEX OF ELK ALLOWED TO BE HUNTED BY LANDOWNER SELECTED PUBLIC HUNTER(S) ON THE ENROLLED PROPERTY (in accordance with regulations):

- a. BULL
- b. COW
- c. BOTH



15) SEX OF ELK ALLOWED TO BE HUNTED BY DEPARTMENT SELECTED PUBLIC HUNTERS ON THE ENROLLED PROPERTY (in accordance with regulations):

- a. BULL
- b. COW
- c. BOTH

16) DOES THE LANDOWNER/APPLICANT ANTICIPATE ALLOWING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC ELK HUNTING ACCESS ABOVE THE MINIMUM REQUIRED THROUGH THIS PROGRAM?

- a. YES
- b. NO
- c. UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME OF APPLICATION

PART B: LANDOWNER LICENSE INFORMATION

LIST BELOW THE LANDOWNER AND/OR ELIGIBLE LANDOWNER DESIGNEE(S) BELOW WHO WISH TO RECEIVE AN APPLICABLE ELK LICENSE AND/OR PERMIT. ELIGIBLE DESIGNEES MAY ALSO BE IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.

**TOTAL NUMBER OF ELK LICENSE AND/OR PERMITS IN EXCHANGE FOR FREE PUBLIC ACCESS UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS REQUESTED BY THE LANDOWNER AND/OR LANDOWNER DESIGNEE: # 1** \_\_\_\_\_

IF MORE THAN TWO INDIVIDUALS WISH TO RECEIVE A LANDOWNER LICENSE/PERMIT THROUGH THIS PROGRAM PLEASE INCLUDE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS PAGE.

- 1) NAME: Makayla N. Cowan \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) & ALS# \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 2492 ARDMORE OK, 73402 \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 LICENSE \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. (PERMIT) 690-20 \_\_\_\_\_



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- 1) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 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.)
- **One map showing the area available public hunting access opportunity for the landowner (or designee) and public hunters provided access through this program.**

#### PART D: INFORMATION FOR FREE PUBLIC HUNTING ACCESS APPLICATIONS

- 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.
- Public hunters must be provided identical land access during their hunt as the landowner or landowner's designee has during their hunt; e.g. a landowner may not "reserve" a section of the enrolled property for themselves.
- A designee may be an immediate family member or an authorized full-time employee of the landowner. An immediate family member is defined as an individual who is related within the second degree of kinship by blood or marriage to the landowner. The second degree of kinship includes a mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter, spouse, grandparent, grandchild, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, stepson, and stepdaughter.
- 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 program 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 through this program a fee for hunting access on land identified in this application.



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- 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 legible contact information in a format required by the department) for all additional public hunters offered an opportunity to hunt, under this agreement by MARCH 1 of the next license year. This list is for additional public hunters allowed to hunt over the minimum required by this program.
- I attest that the information provided in this application packet is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- COMPLETING AN END OF SEASON LANDOWNER/DESIGNEE HARVEST SURVEY AND LANDOWNER SATISFACTION SURVEY IS REQUIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM IN FUTURE YEARS. PLEASE SPECIFY WHICH ADDRESS FWP SHOULD SEND THE LANDOWNER SURVEYS TO.
  - LANDOWNER ADDRESS
  - PUBLIC HUNTER CONTACT/RANCH CONTACT ADDRESS

**SIGNATURE OF LANDOWNER OR LANDOWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:**

Name: William Cowan Date: 5/2/23

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

Name: William Cowan Date: 5/2/23  
Office Phone: [REDACTED]



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QUIT CLAIM DEED

**WILLIAM COWAN** and **BARBARA BROWNING COWAN**, whose mailing address is P. O. Box 1280, Havre, MT 59501 (**Grantor**), in consideration of one dollar and other valuable considerations, does hereby grant and forever quitclaim unto **WILLIAM COWAN AND BARBARA BROWNING COWAN, LLC**, a Montana limited liability company, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 2607, Havre, Montana 59501 (**Grantee**), and to Grantee's successors and assigns forever, all of the following real property in Blaine County, Montana:

See Exhibit "A" appended hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

together with all tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto, and all reversions and remainders, and all rents, issues and profits thereof, and all right, title and interest of the Grantor therein.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said premises together with appurtenances unto the Grantee and to the Grantee's successors and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.

William Cowan  
William Cowan

Barbara Browning Cowan  
Barbara Browning Cowan

STATE OF MONTANA  
County of Cascade

This document was acknowledged before me on Feb. 20, 2003, by **William Cowan** and **Barbara Browning Cowan**.

John B. Kuhr  
Printed name: JOHN B. KUHR  
Notary Public for State of Montana  
Residing at Kalispell, MT  
My commission expires 03-23-2003



EXHIBIT "A"

Township 27 North, Range 17 East, M.P.M.

Section 2: Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 3: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, S $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 10: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 11: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 28 North, Range 17 East, M.P.M.

Section 27: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 34: All



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<b>Business Type</b>			
Business Type	Domestic Limited Liability Company		
Business Sub-Type	Limited Liability Company		
<b>Business Name</b>			
Annual Report Year	2023		
Name of Business Entity	WILLIAM COWAN AND BARBARA BROWNING COWAN, LLC		
Montana File Number	C121706		
Country of Organization	United States		
State of Organization	Montana		
Business Purpose	NONE STATED		
<b>Business Mailing Address of Principal Office</b>			
Address	PO BOX 2607 HAVRE, MT 59501		
<b>Business Physical Address of Principal Office</b>			
Address	1728 Second Street West Suite B Havre, MT 59501		
<b>The registered agent on record is:</b>			
Registered Agent	WILLIAM COWAN Non-Commercial Registered Agent Agent Number RA00023390 Email Address [REDACTED] Website Physical Address 1728 SECOND STREET WEST, SUITE B HAVRE, MT 59501 Mailing Address PO BOX 1280 HAVRE, MT 59501		
<b>LLC Management</b>			
LLC Managed By	Managers		
<b>Managers</b>			
Name Of Individual Or Business Entity	Business Mailing Address	Email Address	Active Registered Entity
BARBARA B COWAN	PO Box 2607 HAVRE, MT 59501		
WILLIAM COWAN	PO Box 2607 HAVRE, MT 59501		

Declarations



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- I confirm I have reviewed the information set forth in this Annual Report and that all information is correct and factual.
- I have been authorized by the business entity to file this document online.
- I, HEREBY SWEAR AND/OR AFFIRM, under penalty of law, including criminal prosecution, that the facts contained in this document are true. I certify that I am signing this document as the person(s) whose signature is required, or as an agent of the person(s) whose signature is required, who has authorized me to place his/her signature on this document.

Signature

*Self*

*William Cowan*

*02/15/2023*

Signer's Capacity

Sign Here

Date

Position

Manager/Member

Daytime Contact

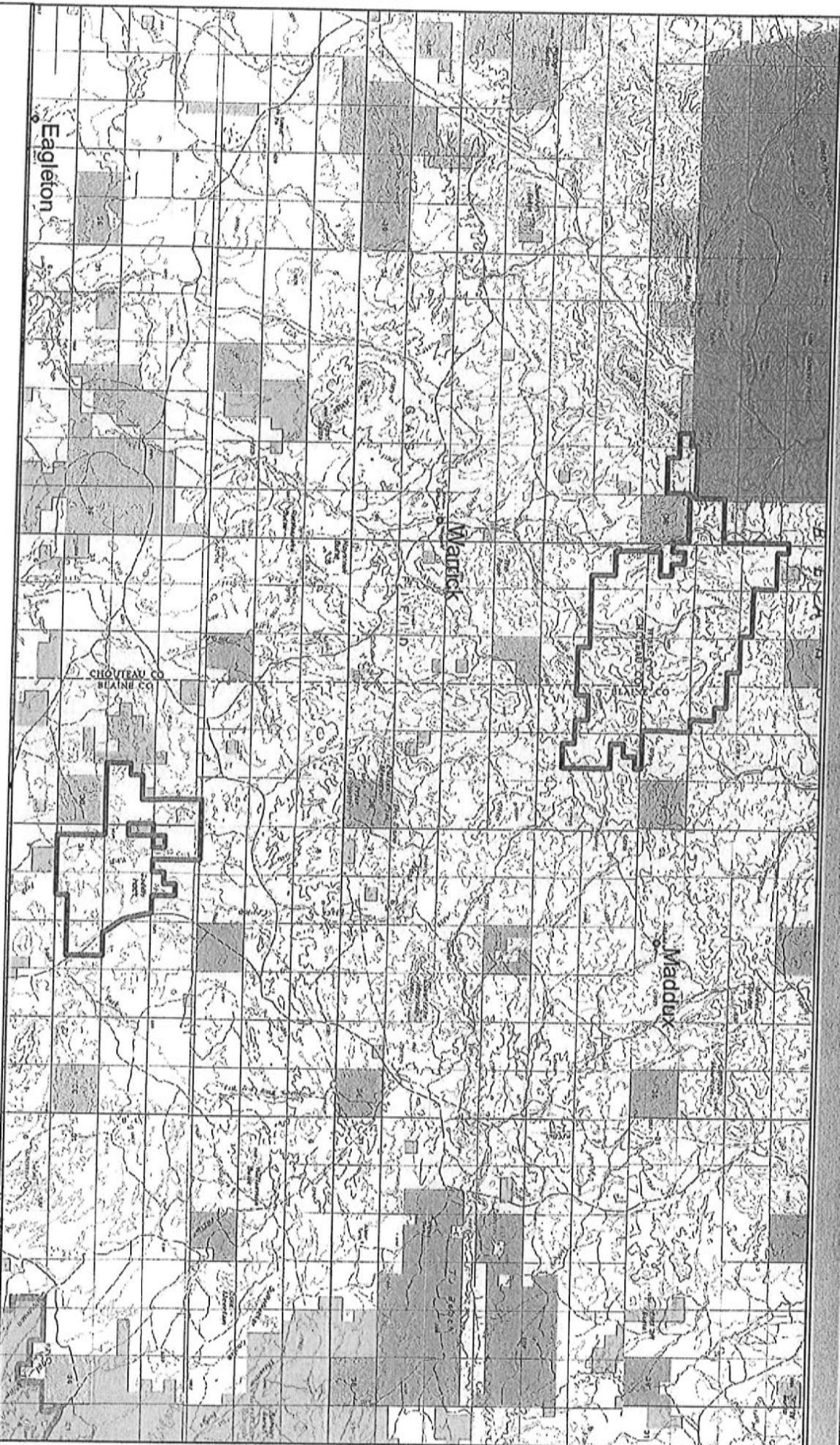
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# Cowan Elk Hunting Access Agreement

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