

July 9th, 2024

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Attn: Payton Schild 1420 E. 6th Ave P.O. Box 200701 Helena, MT 59620

Dear Payton,

Thank you for the opportunity for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) to apply to assist Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks in the sale of the 2025 Montana Elk Tag. To partner with FWP on the sale of this license, fits within our mission of ensuring the future of elk, other wildlife, their habitat, and our hunting heritage. RMEF was awarded the Montana Statewide Elk this previous year and it sold for a record price of \$126,000. RMEF also sold the tag in 2023 for \$81,000 and 2022 which sold for \$48,000.

RMEF again hosted a successful online tag auction for this last year that featured similar tags from several western states and promoted it nationally to targeted audiences and past buyers. This again led to high sale prices for a majority of the tags that RMEF offered within this auction.

I am writing on RMEF's behalf to ask for the opportunity to assist in the sale of the 2025 Montana Statewide Elk Permit. Seeing the online sale format be so successful in the last few years, RMEF plans to continue to coordinate with other State Agencies to bring similar high-profile tags together from across the west for sale within a single focused online auction. RMEF would plan to retain 10% of the sale price to put towards expenses related to the auction of this license. We are excited for this opportunity again this upcoming year and hope that this will lead to more money generated for wildlife in 2025.

Thank you once more for the opportunity to assist in raising funds for wildlife. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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