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2025 MONTANA SHIRAS MOOSE AUCTION LICENSE APPLICATION

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commissioners,

Please accept this application for the 2025 Montana Shiras Moose auction license opportunity, to be utilized at our annual Pheasants Forever fundraising banquet in Missoula, MT in March of 2025.

Pheasants Forever's mission is to conserve pheasants, quail, and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public access, education, and conservation advocacy. Pheasants Forever (PF) was established nationally 1982 and has had a footprint in Montana for over 35 years. Currently Montana PF boasts 13 active chapters, over 2500 members, and 15 field staff employees within the state.

Providing a unique grassroots model, our chapters retain 100% decision-making control over locally raised funds, resulting in projects that benefit wildlife in local communities across Montana. Through the years, our volunteers have completed over 2,300 habitat projects impacting nearly 90,000 acres for wildlife conservation in the state.

Our field staff in Montana includes 13 wildlife biologists / habitat specialists focused on improving conservation while increasing wildlife opportunities on public and private lands across the state. With the help of our local chapters and strategic conservation partners including Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MTFWP), our biologist team has impacted over 1,000,000 acres of wildlife habitat and 60,000 acres of public access within Montana since 2017. Several staff members are actively engaged in the management and habitat improvement of MTFWP wildlife management areas (WMA), including the Ninepipe, Wolf Creek, and Pompeys Pillar WMAs. Many of our efforts and impacts are focused on wetland and riparian "umbrella" habitat corridors key to dozens of wildlife species including the Shiras moose.

The Montana Shiras moose auction license would be utilized at our annual Five Valleys chapter banquet in Missoula, MT scheduled for March 2025. The Five Valleys chapter banquet is the largest PF event within the state both in terms of fundraising and attendance, averaging 400 avid sportsmen/women. Established in 2000, the Five Valleys chapter along with our national staff bring decades of fundraising experience with auctions and lotteries to best maximize the conservation potential of the Shiras moose auction tag. Utilizing the technology resources at our disposal, PF would explore the potential of a combination online and in person auction to increase the opportunity for participation. Although the Shiras moose tag is listed as an auction in the application materials, PF would consider a raffle alternative to increase public opportunity with the MTFWP Commissioner's permission. Given our history of success at this event, passionate supporters, and dedicated volunteers Montana PF would be the best fundraising partner for this opportunity.

In accordance with ARM 12.3.801, Montana PF would plat to retain up to 10% of the auction proceeds to cover reasonable expenses in for our best effort to promote the Shiras moose tag auction opportunity. Bylaws for Pheasants Forever are attached to this application.

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Sincerely,

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