

**PROPOSAL: 2021 Daniel Johnson Ranch
Public Elk Hunting Access Agreement**

Under the provisions of 87-2-513 MCA, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (“Department”) is authorized to issue the following either-sex elk license and permit in the Daniel Johnson (“Ranch”) Public Elk Hunting Access Agreement (“Agreement”):

One (1) either-sex elk license and 700-21 (archery) permit to Daniel Johnson (or designated family member or employee), landowner/cooperator for use only on land enrolled in this Agreement.

Additionally:

One (1) 700-21 (archery) either-sex elk permit holder (Montana resident) will be selected by the Ranch from one of the following categories (first time hunters from the hunter safety program, disabled hunters, neighbors, firefighters, law enforcement, and other Montana residents who contribute to the success of the Ranch). The successful applicant will have access, by permission as set forth herein from September 4 – October 17, to hunt on land enrolled in this Agreement. This permit is a valid permit in hunting districts 700. The Ranch will develop a selection process for eligible hunters.

Two (2) 700-00 or 007-00 antlerless permit holders seeking to harvest an antlerless elk will be randomly selected from a list of applicants and will have access, by permission as set forth herein from October 23 – November 28, to hunt on land enrolled in this Agreement. The Department will be responsible for managing the application and selection process, and coordinating the successful applicant results with the Ranch for scheduling purposes.

Terms of the Public Elk Hunting Access Agreement include:

1. Approximately 250 total acres of private land in Hunting District 700 will be enrolled - see attached Exhibit A Ranch Map, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.
2. Enrolled property will be open to free public elk hunting with legal weapons from September 4, 2021, through November 28, 2021, as set forth herein.
3. Access shall be coordinated through the Block Management program, contact Bob or Susan Hamilton at (406)429-5778 or (406)429-5779 from 6 AM – 10 PM.
4. Terms of access include:
 - a) The three (3) hunters with 700-21 either-sex elk, or 007-00 or 700-00 antlerless elk permits must schedule their hunts through the Block Management Program. It will be the hunter’s responsibility to contact Bob or Susan Hamilton to arrange for access. The Ranch will not be responsible for contacting any hunter to report the presence or absence of elk.

b) There are no restrictions on the number of days the Ranch or any of its designees or other invitees can hunt the Ranch property.

5. Other obligations of hunters include:

- a) Executing a legal release of liability (for both hunters and guests) prepared by the Ranch.
- b) Photographing harvested animals and freely sharing those photos with the Ranch and Department to assist with elk management goals and objectives.
- c) Abiding by all state and federal hunting statutes, regulations, and rules.
- d) Maintaining proper safety procedures regarding firearms, including but not limited to, ensuring that all firearms are unloaded while in vehicles and in the vicinity of all buildings.
- e) Maintaining proper vigilance aimed at preventing damage to the Ranch, and to promptly report any damage that may occur on the Ranch to the landowner.
- f) Ensuring all Ranch gates are left as originally found.
- g) Using best efforts to keep the Ranch free of litter at all times.

A hunter's failure to abide by these requirements shall result in the hunter's Ranch access rights being immediately terminated, and the hunter dismissed from the Ranch.

6. Hunter/Ranch/Department satisfaction data will be acquired after the season through Department surveys of the Ranch and hunters involved with this contractual Public Elk Hunting Access Agreement.

Hank Worsech, Department Director

Date

Daniel Johnson, Ranch Owner

Date