



WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION LEASE PROJECT PROPOSAL

INSTRUCTIONS

FORMAT: Please fill in as much information as possible. FWP staff will follow up with the applicant using contact information provided in this application.

SUBMISSION: Submit hard copy or electronic file to: Habitat Conservation Lease, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620, or email to: FWPWildlife@mt.gov

DEADLINE Sept.30

1. Name of Applicant/Contact Person(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address (if available): _____

2. Date: _____

3. Property name as listed with Montana Department of Revenue:

4. Size: Estimate acres to be enrolled in the conservation lease:

5. Location

County(ies): _____

General direction/distance to nearest community: _____

General legal description (Describe to the section):

Township	Range	Sections

Please attach map(s) if available.

6. **Dominant habitats.** Please provide a general description of the types of habitat or vegetation on the property you wish to enroll (for example – grasslands, sagebrush-grasslands, pothole wetlands, river bottom, breaks, etc.).

7. Please describe how grazing is currently managed (for example, rotational with change of season, deferred rotation, rest-rotation grazing, continuous grazing, etc.)

8. Public access

a. The following formula is the minimum required public access for enrollment into the habitat conservation lease program. Based on this formula, FWP will determine the minimum recreation-days.

- 1) *For enrollments up to 3,000 acres, minimum of 1 Recreation-Day/month for every 300 acres*
- 2) *For enrollments of 3,001 acres and over, minimum of 1 Recreation-Day/week for every 1,500 acres. Public recreation access would be in the form of hunting during the Fish and Wildlife Commission approved seasons, between Sept. 1-Jan. 1.*
- 3) *For applying this formula, round to the nearest 300 acres for enrollments of up to 3,000 acres or to the nearest 1,500 for enrollments of 3,001 acres and over.*

- a. Public recreation access would be in the form of hunting during the Fish and Wildlife Commission approved seasons, between September 1-December 31.
- b. If a participating landowner wanted to consolidate the access days to a shorter portion of the year, they could allocate the total annual number of wildlife related recreation days proportionally to a smaller amount of the year but must always include access during the Commission approved hunting season between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31.

Example – if the agreement called for 8 recreation days/month, but the landowner only wanted to allow access July through December (6 months), then 16 days/month x 6 months would be required = 96 days.

b. **Please provide information on any additional public access that would be allowed over the course of the lease term.**

9. Access management

If enrolled, what method would be used to provide permission for recreation access? (Note, this information may be published in an access guide or by other means. Landowner preference for how they choose to grant permission for public access can be updated over time.)

- Project area currently enrolled in Block Management.
- Walk-in hunting allowed with no further permission required.
- By phone #: _____
- In person at address: _____
- At email address: _____

If applicable, list days of the week and range of times hunters may contact you for permission:

Are reservations taken? Yes No

10. Other information to help us evaluate the lease application:
