



# NEW BLOCK MANAGEMENT ENFORCEMENT NETWORK: KNOW THE RULES BEFORE YOU HUNT

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## **SENATE BILL 441:**

### **Establishing the Montana block management enforcement network**

As a result of Senate Bill 441 (2025 session), landowners now have the option to opt-in to the block management enforcement network. Hunters accessing lands enrolled in the enforcement network shall adhere to all rules governing access to the block management property. Any hunter conviction based on a violation of those rules will result in the following: (a) for a first conviction, the individual must be prohibited from accessing all lands participating in the Montana block management enforcement network for the remainder of the current license year; (b) for a second conviction, the individual must be prohibited from accessing all lands participating in the Montana block management enforcement network for up to three consecutive license years; and (c) for a third conviction, the individual must be prohibited from accessing all lands participating in the Montana block management enforcement network for life.

**A list of landowners participating in the network can be found below.**

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| 1       | Ambrose Creek              | East of Stevensville | 5,200                   | 9/1-1/1                        | 1        | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk         | D/E 204          | Walk-in by foot-only from two designated parking areas. Each parking area limited to 3 vehicles. <b>Elk and deer hunting only allowed during archery-only and general season.</b> Not open for traditional muzzleloader season hunting. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b> |
| 3       | Likes Ranch                | SE of Hamilton       | 680 Sleeping Child Unit | 9/1-1/15                       | 1        | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk         | D/E 270          | Walk-in from adjacent USFS. Provides access to adjacent state and federal lands. BMA not open for traditional muzzleloader season hunting. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                              |
|         |                            | S of Hamilton        | 80 River-bottom Unit    | 9/1-1/15                       | 1        | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Waterfowl   | D/E 260          | Walk-in by foot-only from designated parking area. Parking area limited to 1 vehicle. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5       | Cobb Ranch                 | SE of Hamilton       | 280                     | 9/1-1/15                       | 2        | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk         | D/E 270          | Walk-in by foot-only from designated parking area. Limited to 1 hunting party per day. Military veterans may be given preference for hunting on Veterans Day, November 11th. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                            |
| 7       | Hackett Ranch              | W of Victor          | 540                     | 9/1-1/15, Spring Turkey Season | 1        | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk, Turkey | D/E 240          | Rifle use prohibited on lower pasture. Also open for spring turkey/bear seasons. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9       | Ruffatto Land & Cattle Co. | S of Florence        | (Upland Unit) 840       | 9/1-1/15, Spring Turkey Season | 1 & 2    | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk, Turkey | D/E 240          | Walk-in from designated parking area. Also open for spring turkey season (drawing administered by FWP Region 2). <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                        |
|         |                            |                      | (River Unit) 240        | 9/1-1/15, Spring Turkey Season | 2        | White-tailed Deer, Elk, Waterfowl, Turkey | D/E 260          | Weapon restricted hunting district. Landowner permission required in fall. Also open for spring turkey season (drawing administered by FWP Region 2). <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                   |
| 12      | Unruh Ranch                | S of Victor          | 66                      | 9/1-1/15, Spring Turkey Season | 1        | White-tailed Deer, Waterfowl              | D/E 260          | Walk-in from designated parking area. Weapon restricted hunting district. Also open for spring turkey season. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                           |
| 14      | Donally Ranch              | SE of Superior       | 1,180                   | 9/1-1/1, Spring Turkey Season  | 2        | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk, Turkey | D/E 202          | Walk-in from designated parking areas. Weapon restrictions on portion. Also open for spring turkey season. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                              |

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| 16             | Loge Ranch       | St. Regis                | 596          | 9/1-1/15,<br>Spring Turkey<br>& Spring Bear Season    | 1               | White-tailed Deer,<br>Mule Deer, Elk,<br>Turkey | D/E 201, 202            | <b>201-01 Elk B License not valid on BMA.</b> Walk-in by foot from designated roads and parking areas. Weapon restrictions on portion. Also open for spring turkey and black bear season. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 17             | 5J's Ranch       | St. Regis                | 940          | 9/1-1/15,<br>Spring Turkey Season                     | 1               | White-tailed Deer,<br>Mule Deer, Elk,<br>Turkey | D/E 200                 | Two vehicle max per parking area for first full week of the general season. Foot, horseback, non-motorized bike from designated roads and parking areas. Not open for traditional muzzleloader season hunting. Open for spring turkey season. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                             |
| 18             | Little Joe Creek | St. Regis                | 191          | 9/1- End of Waterfowl Season,<br>Spring Turkey Season | 2               | White-tailed Deer,<br>Mule Deer, Elk,<br>Turkey | D/E 202                 | <b>Advanced reservation required. Reservation administered by FWP R2 Office.</b> Reservations limited to 1 hunting party of 1-6 hunters per day. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 21             | Hall Ranch       | S of Potomac             | 742          | 8/15-1/1                                              | 2               | White-tailed Deer,<br>Mule Deer, Elk,<br>Turkey | D/E 292                 | Daily hunter numbers limited. Elk hunting allowed during general season with applicable license. Military veterans may be given preference for hunting on Veterans Day, November 11th. Not open for traditional muzzleloader season hunting in December. Open for spring turkey season (landowner reservation required and only open weekends in spring). <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b> |
| 23             | Morrison Peak    | N of Potomac             | 21,585       | 9/1-1/1                                               | 1               | White-tailed Deer,<br>Mule Deer, Elk            | D/E 285                 | Foot, horseback, or non-motorized bike. See BMA rules for camping restrictions. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 24             | Blackfoot        | S of Clearwater Junction | 46,417       | 9/1-1/1                                               | 1               | White-tailed Deer,<br>Mule Deer, Elk            | D/E 292                 | <b>Mandatory Food Storage Order. Elk hunting only allowed during archery only and general season. Private lands in BMA not open for traditional muzzleloader season hunting in December. Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 25             | Shanley Creek    | NW of Ovando             | 5,280        | 9/5-12/20                                             | 2               | White-tailed Deer,<br>Mule Deer, Elk            | D/E 285                 | <b>Reservations required for archery and muzzleloader seasons. Call-in drawing administered by FWP Region 2 prior to start of General Season. See BMA rules for drawing date and details. Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 27             | Ovando Mountain                     | N of Ovando               | 15,880       | 9/1-1/1                      | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk           | D/E 281                 | Foot, horseback, or non-motorized bike. Camping allowed at designated sites. <b>Mandatory food storage order in effect.</b> Private lands in BMA not open for traditional muzzleloader season hunting in December. Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network. |
| 28             | Marcum-Kershaw Mountains            | E of Ovando               | 16,436       | 9/1-1/1                      | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk           | D/E 281                 | Foot, horseback, or non-motorized bike. Federal, state, and private lands. See rules for camping restrictions. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                              |
| 29             | Sunny Slope                         | S of Lincoln              | 9,770        | 9/1-1/1                      | 2               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk           | D/E 293, 284            | Foot, horseback, or non-motorized bike from designated roads. Provides access to adjacent public lands. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                     |
| 30             | Nevada-Ogden                        | E of Helmville            | 7,280        | 11/1-11/30                   | 2               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk           | D/E 298                 | Foot, horseback, non-motorized bike. <b>Advance reservation required.</b> Daily hunter numbers limited. Military veterans may be given preference for hunting on Veterans Day, November 11th. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>               |
| 35             | Graveley & McIntosh Ranches         | NE of Avon                | 10,477       | 9/1-1/1                      | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk           | D/E 293                 | <b>Elk hunting only allowed during archery only &amp; general season &amp; traditional muzzleloader season. Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                    |
| 37             | Sieben, Graveley & McIntosh Ranches | E of Elliston             | 11,646       | 9/1-1/1                      | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk           | D/E 293, 343            | <b>Elk/deer hunting only allowed during archery only &amp; general season.</b> Not open for traditional muzzleloader season hunting. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                        |
| 38             | Warm Springs Creek                  | N of Garrison, NW of Avon | 31,112       | 9/1-1/1                      | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk, Antelope | D/E 291 ANT 291         | <b>On some portions of BMA, elk and deer hunting only allowed during archery only &amp; general season.</b> See BMA map and rules. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                          |
| 39             | Upper Mulkey Gulch                  | N of Bearmouth            | 320          | 9/1-1/1                      | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk           | D/E 292                 | Foot, horseback, or non-motorized bike from designated access routes. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                       |

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| 40      | Swiss Ranch           | SW of Drummond   | 2,440  | 9/1-1/1<br>(Closed 10/24)                                  | 1 & 2    | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk | D/E 210          | Closed first day of general season. <b>Advance reservation required during general season.</b> Limited to 10 hunters per day during general season. <b>Deer and elk hunting only allowed 9/6-10/19 (archery only) and 10/25-11/30 (firearms).</b> Not open for traditional muzzleloader season hunting. Military veterans may be given preference for hunting on Veterans Day, November 11th. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b> |
| 41      | Dunkleberg            | S of Drummond    | 15,191 | 9/1-1/1                                                    | 1        | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk | D/E 217          | <b>Elk hunting only allowed during archery only &amp; general season &amp; traditional muzzleloader season.</b> See complete rules for access restrictions on enrolled DNRC land. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 42      | Hollenback Ranch      | N of Gold Creek  | 3,680  | 9/1-1/1                                                    | 1 & 2    | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk | D/E 291          | Walk-in from designated roads. <b>Deer/Elk hunting only allowed during archery only and general season.</b> Not open for traditional muzzleloader season hunting. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 43      | Dutton Ranch          | N of Gold Creek  | 14,101 | WEST UNIT:<br>10/31-11/29<br><br>EAST UNIT:<br>10/24-11/29 | 2        | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk | D/E 291, 217     | BMA map provides access details regarding east and west units of the Dutton Ranch BMA. All permission will be issued prior to the start of general firearm season on a specific date and time (see BMA rules). Permission will not be granted at any other time. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                              |
| 44      | Thomas Hereford Ranch | Gold Creek       | 830    | 9/1-1/1                                                    | 2        | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk | D/E 213          | No antlered elk harvest allowed prior to general firearm season. Elk hunting with firearms allowed 9/1-1/1 (with applicable license). Not open for traditional muzzleloader season hunting. Military veterans may be given preference for hunting on Veterans Day, November 11th. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                             |

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| 46             | Burnt Hollow              | SE of Deer Lodge        | 2,144        | 9/1-1/1                                  | 1               | White-tailed Deer, and Elk                             | D/E 215                 | <b>Mule Deer Hunting is Prohibited. Elk and White-tailed Deer hunting only allowed during archery only and general season. Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                        |
| 47             | Jake Creek                | NE of Deer Lodge        | 1,280        | 9/1-1/1                                  | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk                      | D/E 215                 | <b>Elk/Deer hunting only allowed during archery only and general season and traditional muzzleloader season. Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                      |
| 48             | Upper Clark Fork River    | NE of Warm Springs      | 13,312       | 9/1-1/15                                 | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk, Antelope, Waterfowl | D/E 215 ANT 215         | <b>Portions of BMA not open for early and late elk firearm seasons. See BMA map and rules. Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
| 49             | Ueland Ranch and ARCO     | NE of Anaconda          | 10,074       | 9/1-1/15                                 | 1 & 2           | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk, Moose, Waterfowl    | D/E 213                 | Elk hunting with firearms allowed 9/1-1/8 with applicable B license. <b>Advance reservation required for deer and elk hunting during general season.</b> Military veterans may be given preference for hunting on Veterans Day, November 11th. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b> |
| 53             | Sapphire Ranch            | S of Lolo               | 1,091        | 9/5-1/15                                 | 2               | White-tailed Deer, Elk                                 | D/E 260                 | Walk-in from designated parking area. <b>Drawing administered by FWP Region 2 prior to start of archery season. See complete rules for details. Archery only. Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                     |
| 57             | Johnson Tuning Fork Ranch | N of Philipsburg        | 3,750        | 9/1-1/1                                  | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk                      | D/E 210, 212            | Walk-in, horseback, or non-motorized bike. <b>Elk hunting only allowed during archery only &amp; general season &amp; traditional muzzleloader hunting season. Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                    |
| 63             | Pearson Ranch             | SW of St. Regis         | 120          | 9/1-1/15;<br>Spring Turkey & Spring Bear | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk, Turkey              | D/E 202                 | Walk-in hunting. Also open for spring turkey and black bear seasons. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 64             | Edwards Gulch                             | Drummond                | 1,280        | 9/1-1/1                                       | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk                    | D/E 292, 298            | Motorized travel limited to designated access road. Walk-in, horseback, or non-motorized bike. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                               |
| 68             | Grass Valley                              | Frenchtown              | 1,197        | 8/15-1/15, Spring Turkey & Spring Bear Season | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk, Waterfowl, Turkey | D/E 260                 | Walk-in from designated parking areas. Each parking area is limited. BMA is within a Weapon Restricted Hunting District. <b>Rifle use is prohibited.</b> Also open for spring turkey and black bear seasons. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b> |
| 70             | Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation - Bearmouth | Bearmouth               | 3,450        | 9/1-1/1, Spring Turkey & Spring Bear Season   | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk                    | D/E 292                 | <b>BMA closed first 9 days of general season.</b> Walk-in from designated parking area. Also open for spring turkey and black bear seasons. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                  |
| 71             | Miller Creek                              | Missoula                | 146          | 9/7-1/15                                      | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Elk                    | D/E 260                 | <b>Archery only.</b> Access restricted to 2 vehicle max at designated parking area. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                          |
| 72             | Mount Dean Stone                          | E of Missoula           | 2,470        | 9/1-6/15, Spring Turkey & Spring Bear Season  | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer, Black Bear             | D/E 204                 | Walk-in from designated parking area. Also open for spring turkey and black bear seasons. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                    |
| 73             | Swanson's Orchard                         | Stevensville            | 260          | 8/15-1/15                                     | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer                         | D/E 262                 | Walk-in from designated parking area. Parking area is limited. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                               |
| 74             | Burnt Fork                                | Stevensville            | 290          | 8/15-1/15, Spring Turkey & Spring Bear Season | 1               | White-tailed Deer, Mule Deer                         | D/E 262                 | Walk-in from designated parking area. Parking area is limited. <b>Enrolled in Block Management Enforcement Network.</b>                                                                                                                                               |