



2026 ELK HUNTING ACCESS (EHA) AGREEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION

FWP may issue, at no cost to a landowner who provides free public elk hunting on the landowner's property, an either-sex or antlerless elk license, permit, or combination of the two as required in that hunting district for the landowner or the landowner's designee to hunt on the landowner's property or on private property leased by the landowner for agricultural purposes.

The commission shall prioritize approval of an application for a license, permit, or combination of the two based on the willingness of the landowner to allow, in either the regular hunting season or a shoulder hunting season, additional cow harvest by public hunters in addition to the number of public hunters required.

Completion of this application does not guarantee approval by the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission

Please send this application and to the address below or submit via the State of Montana File Transfer Service using email to: Indsportrelations@mt.gov. Applications may also be sent to your local FWP Regional office c/o FWP Regional Access Program Manager.

**RETURN TO: FWP PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION
HUNTING ACCESS PROGRAM
PO BOX 200701, HELENA, MT 59620-0701**

**All information is required and must be received FWP
no later than 5:00 PM on MAY 1, 2026.**

PART A: DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

1) **PROPERTY NAME** in which the land is recorded (i.e. ranch name, corporate/partnership name, or individual on the deed): _____

2) **LANDOWNER OF RECORD OR LANDOWNER AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION:**

- a) NAME: _____
- b) MAILING ADDRESS: _____
- c) MAILING CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
- d) HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____
- e) EMAIL: _____

3) **DEER/ELK HUNTING DISTRICT(S) OF LANDS TO BE ENROLLED:** _____

4) **TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICANT PRIVATE LAND ACRES TO BE ENROLLED:** _____

Licenses/permits issued through this program for the landowner/landowner's designee are only valid on the landowner's property or private property leased by the landowner for agricultural purposes. **NOTE: The landowner must allow public hunters to hunt the same land area as available to the landowner/landowner's designee through participation in this program.**

TOTAL PRIVATE ACRES LEASED FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES TO BE ENROLLED (if applicable): _____

Applicants including leased acres for agricultural purposes must provide a copy of the lease agreement and verify the owner of leased lands is willing to allow free public elk hunting access.



PART B: DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITY

For every three members of the public allowed to hunt under the elk hunting access agreement, FWP may issue one license, permit, or combination of the two. FWP may limit the total number of licenses and permits issued under this program.

At least one of the FWP selected public hunters must hold the equivalent license, permit, or combination of the two that is issued to the landowner or the landowner's designee. FWP, in consultation with the landowner, shall select the hunters.

1) **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS FOR EACH PUBLIC HUNTER** (if applicable): _____ **DAYS** (Leave blank if you do not wish to limit the total number of days any one public hunter has public access). Minimum number of days required to be available per public hunter is 2 days.

2) **ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC HUNTERS** (if applicable): _____ **DAYS** (Leave blank if you do not want public hunters to reach out to you in advance of obtaining access/hunting).

3) **PLEASE SELECT ANY RULES OR REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC HUNTERS:**

CHECK-IN WITH LANDOWNER OR REPRESENTATIVE UPON ARRIVAL

ACCOMPANIMENT REQUIRED WHILE HUNTING

WALK-IN HUNTING ONLY

MOTORIZED GAME RETRIEVAL ALLOWED WITH PERMISSION

OTHER (please list):

4) **LANDOWNER/REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT SECTION:** This is the person who the public hunters will contact to coordinate public hunting access. (If identical to landowner information page 1 or if the property is going to be managed by the Block Management Program check this box). Landowners are responsible if representative/contact listed does not respond or coordinate access with willing public hunters in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

REPRESENTATIVE/CONTACT NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

PART C. PUBLIC HUNTER SELECTION AND SEASONS ACCESS IS ALLOWED

1) **DOES THE LANDOWNER WISH TO SELECT UP TO ONE-THIRD OF THE PUBLIC HUNTERS REQUIRED FOR THE AGREEMENT?** Choose one: YES NO skip to #4 (Page 3).

LANDOWNERS WANTING TO SELECT UP TO ONE-THIRD OF THE PUBLIC HUNTERS WILL BE EMAILED AND PROVIDED A LIST OF ELIGIBLE PUBLIC HUNTER CANDIDATES FOR THE LANDOWNER TO MAKE THEIR LANDOWNER-SELECTED PUBLIC HUNTER SELECTIONS.

If a landowner elects to select up to one-third of the public hunters eligible to hunt lands enrolled, the landowner must make their selections known to FWP no later than three-weeks prior to the agreement start date (i.e., the first hunting season the landowner/designee license is valid). If a landowner fails to make their



public hunter selections in the required timeframe, landowner public hunter selections will be forfeited and FWP will fill the spots with FWP selected public hunters.

DOES THE LANDOWNER ACKNOWLEDGE THIS METHODOLOGY? Check one: YES / NO go back to #1 above or describe a different process or methodology the landowner will use to select up to one-third of the public hunters. Timeline of selections provided to FWP no later than three-weeks prior to agreement start date applies. Attach additional pages if necessary.

2) **SEX OF ELK ALLOWED TO BE HUNTED BY LANDOWNER SELECTED PUBLIC HUNTER(S) ON LANDS ENROLLED (if applicable):**

- EITHER-SEX ELK ANTLERLESS ONLY ELK
 COMBINATION OF EITHER-SEX & ANTLERLESS Describe: _____

3) **SEASONS ACCESS IS ALLOWED FOR LANDOWNER SELECTED PUBLIC HUNTER(S) ON LANDS ENROLLED (if applicable):**

- ARCHERY GENERAL RIFLE MUZZLELOADER HERITAGE LATE ELK SEASON (if applicable)
 EARLY ELK SEASON (starting 8/15- if applicable)

4) **SEX OF ELK ALLOWED TO BE HUNTED BY FWP SELECTED PUBLIC HUNTERS ON LANDS ENROLLED: (At least one of the FWP selected public hunters must hold the equivalent license, permit, or combination of the two that is issued to the landowner or the landowner's designee.)**

- EITHER-SEX ELK ANTLERLESS ONLY ELK
 COMBINATION OF EITHER-SEX & ANTLERLESS Describe: _____

5) **SEASONS ACCESS IS ALLOWED FOR FWP SELECTED PUBLIC HUNTER(S) ON LANDS ENROLLED:**

- ARCHERY GENERAL RIFLE MUZZLELOADER HERITAGE LATE ELK SEASON (if applicable)
 EARLY ELK SEASON (starting 8/15- if applicable)

6) **DOES THE LANDOWNER WISH TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL FREE PUBLIC ELK HUNTING IN ADDITION TO THE NUMBER REQUIRED IN EITHER THE REGULAR HUNTING SEASON OR A LATE ELK SEASON?**

Choose one: YES NO UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME

PART D: LANDOWNER/LANDOWNER DESIGNEE LICENSEE INFORMATION

FWP may issue an either-sex or antlerless elk license, permit, or combination of the two as required in that hunting district for the landowner or the landowner's designee. Qualifying designees include immediate family members, full-time employees or a person with a developmental or physical disability.

"**Full-time employee**" means a person who works full-time for the landowner as part of an active farm or ranch operation enrolled in the program. "**Immediate family member**" means a spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, niece, or nephew by blood, marriage, or legal adoption. "**Developmental disability**" means a developmental disability as defined in 53-20-102, MCA. "**Physical disability**" means a person experiencing a condition medically determined to be permanent and substantial and resulting in significant impairment of the person's functional ability.



PART D: LANDOWNER/LANDOWNER DESIGNEE LICENSEE INFORMATION (continued)

Each person (landowner/landowner designee) wishing to receive a license, permit or combination of the two must fill out the form below. If there's more than one license/permit to be requested through this program, please provide copies of this page for each person. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

1) RELATIONSHIP TO LANDOWNER:

- a) SELF
- b) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER
- c) FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE
- d) PERSON WITH DEVELOPMENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY

2) SEASONS LANDOWNER/DESIGNEE WILL USE PERMITS/LICENSES ISSUED THROUGH THIS PROGRAM (This will be used to determine the start date of your agreement and the season at least one of the Department selected hunters will have equivalent opportunity). (check all that apply):

- ARCHERY GENERAL RIFLE MUZZLELOADER HERITAGE LATE ELK SEASON (if applicable)
- EARLY ELK SEASON (starting 8/15- if applicable)

3) LICENSE/PERMIT TYPE (e.g., XXX-20 or XXX-01 (elk B) REQUESTED: _____

DATE OF BIRTH	MM	DD	YYYY	—	ALS	DATE OF BIRTH IS MANDATORY FOR ALL APPLICATIONS. Your ALS number is a 1 to 3 digit number that follows your date of birth. If you do not have an ALS number you will be assigned a lifetime ALS number the first time you apply for a hunting or fishing license.						
NAME					JR., SR., ETC.		HOME PHONE		WORK PHONE			
FIRST					MI		LAST					
MAILING ADDRESS							CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS							CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE	
SAME AS MAILING <input type="checkbox"/>												
<p>EMAIL ADDRESS – You must provide a valid email address to receive your license information. You will not be contacted in any other format.</p> <p>_____</p>												

<input type="checkbox"/> Female				BLACK	GRAY	BALD	BROWN	<input type="checkbox"/> USA			
<input type="checkbox"/> Male				BLUE	GREEN	BLACK	GRAY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Please list Country)			
	Feet	Inches		BROWN	HAZEL	BLOND	RED				
	HEIGHT		WEIGHT	Eye Color (Circle One)		Hair Color (Circle One)		COUNTRY			

Last 4 digits of SOCIAL SECURITY #	<p>HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENT Any hunter who is born after January 1, 1985 must submit with all hunting license applications a copy of their certificate verifying that he/she has completed a course in hunter education from any state or province. MCA 87-2-105</p>	DEPARTMENT USE ONLY
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<p>X</p> <p>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT REQUIRED</p> <p>I am the applicant or have their permission to submit this on their behalf. All statements on this form are true & correct. I understand that if I subscribe to any false statement in this application I am in violation of MCA 87-6-302</p>	<p>FWP receives requests for mailing lists. Do you want your name included on lists provided to requestors? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>NOTE: Even if you choose NO, under state law FWP is required to allow those who wish to compile their own mailing list access to department records, including name, address, gender, residency, and whether you were successful.</p>
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STATEMENT OF RESIDENCY (MT RESIDENTS ONLY):

If I am claiming Montana residency, I hereby declare that I have been a legal resident of the State of Montana for at least 180 consecutive days: _____ **YEARS,** _____ **MONTHS,** immediately prior to making application for this license or that I qualify for the 30 day military exemption (MCA 87-2-102). I declare all statements on this form to be true and correct and that by signing I hereby agree to the use of the information on this form for the purpose of verifying residency according to Sec. 87-2-102.

X _____ **Date:** _____



PART E: REQUIRED ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION, FUTURE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND LANDOWNER SIGNATURE

TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE, ALL APPLICATIONS MUST ALSO INCLUDE:

- 1) One legible map showing the area available public hunting access opportunity for the landowner (or designee) and public hunters. **This map will be provided to public hunters selected by FWP and landowner and must be legible.**
- 2) Signatory authority documentation (if applicable). If the land in which you are proposing for this application is listed as a corporation, sole proprietorship, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, trust or an association, you MUST provide documentation that you have the legal authority to make this decision on behalf of the business. (i.e. articles of incorporation, partnership agreement, certificate of trust, etc.).
- 3) Copy of lease agreement for private lands leased for agricultural purposes to be enrolled in the program (if applicable).

If this application is approved by the commission, an end of season landowner satisfaction and harvest survey is required in order to be considered eligible for enrollment in subsequent years.

By signing below, I attest that the information provided in this application packet is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I, the applicant also understand and agree that this application and/or any supplemental materials submitted to the Department or Commission may be available to the public so as to ensure compliance with the law and government transparency.

SIGNATURE OF LANDOWNER OR LANDOWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

Name: _____

Date: _____

PRINTED NAME OF LANDOWNER OR LANDOWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

Name: _____

Date: _____