



MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Region 2 (West-Central Montana) Hunter Check Station Results

Cumulative totals for first four weekends of the season | Oct. 22-Nov. 13, 2022

Station	Year	No. of Hunters	White-tailed Black								Total animals	% Hunters w/ game	Snow depth ^a (in.)
			Elk	Mule deer	tailed deer	bear	Moose	Sheep	Goat	Wolf			
Darby (includes HD 321/ Big Hole Valley)	2022	2,645	162	34	52	3	1	1	0	1	254	9.6	23
	2021	2,694	92	37	36	1	0	1	0	1	168	6.2	9
	2020	2,428	133	27	44	1	0	1	1	1	208	8.6	20
	2019	2,928	135	30	52	1	1	1	0	0	220	7.5	15
	2018	2,772	123	23	30	2	2	2	0	0	182	6.6	15
Anaconda	2022	569	36	14	3	1	0	0	0	2	56	9.8	12
	2021	731	25	12	12	0	0	1	0	0	50	6.8	0
	2020	511	26	6	15	0	0	1	0	0	48	9.4	8
	2019	751	26	14	28	0	0	2	0	0	70	9.3	4
	2018	Did not operate; Upper Clark Fork CWD surveillance check stations in operation instead											
Bonner	2022	2,817	37	31	204	3	0	0	0	0	275	9.8	18
	2021	2,871	23	19	177	4	0	0	0	0	223	7.8	2
	2020	3,115	27	18	183	2	0	0	0	0	230	7.4	18
	2019	3,555	33	24	229	2	0	0	0	0	288	8.1	3
	2018	3,613	61	31	202	4	0	0	0	0	298	8.2	4
All Stations through 3rd week	2022	6,031	235	79	259	4	1	1	0	3	582	9.7	
	2021	6,296	140	68	225	5	0	2	0	1	441	7.0	
	2020	6,054	186	51	242	3	0	2	1	1	486	8.0	
	2019	7,234	194	68	309	3	1	3	0	0	578	8.0	
	2018	6,385	184	54	232	6	2	2	0	0	480	7.5	

*2018 Harvest totals did not include data from an Anaconda station; CWD surveillance stations were in operation in the Upper Clark Fork instead.

^aSnotel sites: Saddle Mountain (Darby), Peterson Meadows (Anaconda), Copper Camp (Bonner) & Hoodoo Basin (Fish Creek).

~Wolf harvest only reflects those wolves checked at the R2 check stations; it is not total reported harvest.

WEATHER: Temperatures were cold with highs in the 20s and lows in the single digits. Significant snowfall reached most parts of the region just ahead of the weekend.

Fish Creek Hunter Check Station Oct. 22-Nov. 13, 2022

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Fish Creek	2022	738	4	2	40	0	0	0	0	0	46	6.2	26
	2021*	651	1	3	33	0	0	0	0	0	37	5.7	9
	2020*	737	1	5	41	0	0	0	0	0	47	6.4	27

* Cumulative totals in these years did not include the third weekend of the season because the check station didn't operate.