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# **2010 Wyoming Nonresident** Hunting Information and Applications Booklet



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# **New for 2010**

- $\rightarrow$  No Leftover Draw
- → Full price leftover licenses available on July 6, 2010, 8:00 AM Mountain Time
- → Reduced price leftover licenses available on July 20, 2010, 8:00 AM Mountain Time
- → Potential to purchase up to two Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk licenses after the Initial Draw, see page 8
- → Conservation Stamps available online at <u>http://gf.state.wy.us</u>
- $\rightarrow$  Purchase other license types online. See Web site for availability.

# Game & Fish Web site - <u>http://gf.state.wy.us</u>

View the following on our Web site:

- » Application Forms
- » Prior Year Drawing Odds
- » Preference Points
- » Harvest Survey Statistics
- » Drawing Results Posted after Drawings Conducted
- » Access Program: Walk-In and Hunter Management

# **Conservation Stamp Requirements**

Each person licensed to hunt or fish in Wyoming must purchase a Conservation Stamp prior to going into the field. See page 43 for Conservation Stamp requirements and exclusions. Purchase Conservation Stamps online at <u>http://gf.state.wy.us</u>

Please thoroughly read this booklet to minimize application errors and enhance your opportunity to draw a license. If you need further assistance, please contact (307) 777-4600.



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Dear Hunter:

Thank you for your application to hunt in Wyoming. Our state is fortunate to include some of the most impressive wildlife resources anywhere in the world, as well as outstanding habitats that sustain those wildlife resources.

When you hunt in Wyoming, you get to enjoy the wide-open spaces, snow-capped peaks, lush valleys, and roaring rivers. You also get to enjoy the elk, deer, antelope, and dozens of other wildlife species that make Wyoming a hunter's heaven. You should know that, by hunting, you are helping to make all of this possible.

For more than a century, hunters have been at the forefront of conservation efforts that have restored many wildlife populations that were once at the brink of extinction. Through your license fees, special taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, and your contributions to nonprofit conservation organizations, you, as a hunter, are responsible for the magnificent wildlife resources in Wyoming.

The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation is the most successful system of wildlife management in the world. The model relies on some basic tenets, including public ownership of the wildlife resource, regulations prohibiting the commercialization of wildlife, hunting and fishing opportunity for all, and science-based management of the resource. Hunters and anglers have been the backbone of this model and will continue to be.

One of the best ways to ensure that the North American Model continues to be effective is to maintain our hunting and fishing traditions. Nationwide, the number of hunters and anglers is declining. Even in Wyoming, where outdoor traditions are strong, we are losing more hunters than we are recruiting.

As a hunter and angler, you can help change this trend. As an ambassador for the outdoor sports, you can help get our youth and others involved in these cherished outdoor traditions. Simply introducing a child to hunting or fishing can make all the difference.

Wherever you hunt in Wyoming, please respect the land—it provides the habitat that supports our precious wildlife. If you hunt on private land, please respect the rights of the landowners and take a moment to thank them for the contributions they have made in providing wildlife habitat.

We look forward to seeing you in Wyoming. Good luck and good hunting.

Sincerely,

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Steve K. Ferrell Director

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### **Nonresident Hunter Information**

Section 1. Dates and Deadlines Online applications may be submitted during the open application period from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Web site at <u>http://gf.state.wy.us</u>. Fees will be paid in full by Visa, Mastercard or Discover when the application is submitted. Online applications must be completed and submitted by 5:00 PM Mountain Time. If the deadline date is on a day when the Cheyenne Headquarters office is closed for normal business hours (weekends, holidays, etc), online applications received by 5:00 PM Mountain Time on the next business day that the Cheyenne Headquarters office is open for business will be accepted.

Paper applications and fees must arrive at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Cheyenne, Wyoming by 5:00 PM Mountain Time on

the application deadline to be valid regardless of the postmark date. If the deadline date is on a day when the Cheyenne Headquarters office is closed for normal business hours (weekends, holidays, and so forth), paper applications received by 5:00 PM Mountain Time on the next business day at the Cheyenne Headquarters office will be accepted as meeting the application deadline date. All applications received after that time and date will be rejected and returned to the applicant.

Applications received after the application period shall not be accepted. For example, the Nonresident application period for Deer is January 1–March 15; thus an application must be received sometime during those dates.

#### **Nonresident Initial Drawing Application Period and License Fees**

	Limitations & Tentative Season Information	Application Dates	Tentative Draw Date	Results Available Via Phone or Web site	Personal Checks Accepted	Amount to Remit
Elk-Full Price	Form 17, Page 31					
Elk and Fishing	General & Limited Quota (p. 17, 18)	Jan. 1–Jan. 31	Feb. 23	Feb. 28	Yes	\$591.00*
Youth Elk and Fishing**	General & Limited Quota (p. 17, 18)	Jan. 1–Jan. 31	Feb. 23	Feb. 28	Yes	\$289.00*
Special Elk and Fishing	General & Limited Quota (p. 17, 18)	Jan. 1–Jan. 31	Feb. 23	Feb. 28	Yes	\$1,071.00*
Landowner Elk and Fishing	General & Limited Quota (p. 17, 18)	Jan. 1–Jan. 20	Feb. 23	Feb. 28	Yes	\$591.00*
Landowner Youth Elk and Fishing**	General & Limited Quota (p. 17, 18)	Jan. 1–Jan. 20	Feb. 23	Feb. 28	Yes	\$289.00*
Preference Point Only	Form 30 - Available Via Web site June 15th	July 1 - Sept. 30			Yes	\$50.00
Preference Point Only-Youth**	Form 30 - Available Via Web site June 15th	July 1 - Sept. 30			Yes	\$10.00
Elk-Reduced Price	Form 17, Page 31					
Cow/Calf Elk	Limited Quota (p. 19)	Jan. 1–Jan. 31	Feb. 23	Feb. 28	Yes	\$302.00*
Cow/Calf Youth Elk**	Limited Quota (p. 19)	Jan. 1–Jan. 31	Feb. 23	Feb. 28	Yes	\$114.00*
Deer-Full Price	Form 18, Page 33					
Deer	Region General & Limited Quota (p. 21)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$326.00*
Youth Deer**	Region General & Limited Quota (p. 21)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$124.00*
Special Deer	Region General & Limited Quota (p. 21)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$566.00*
Landowner Deer	Region General & Limited Quota (p. 21)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$326.00*
Landowner Youth Deer**	Region General & Limited Quota (p. 21)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$124.00*
Preference Point Only	Form 30 - Available Via Web site June 15th	July 1 - Sept. 30			Yes	\$40.00
Preference Point Only -Youth**	Form 30 - Available Via Web site June 15th	July 1 - Sept. 30			Yes	\$10.00
Deer-Reduced Price	Form 18, Page 33					
Doe/Fawn Deer	Limited Quota (p. 22)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$48.00*
Doe/Fawn Youth Deer**	Limited Quota (p. 22)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$33.00*
Antelope-Full Price	Form 19, Page 35					
Antelope	Limited Quota (p. 24)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$286.00*
Youth Antelope**	Limited Quota (p. 24)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$124.00*
Special Antelope	Limited Quota (p. 24)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$526.00*
Landowner Antelope	Limited Quota (p. 24)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$286.00*
Landowner Youth Antelope**	Limited Quota (p. 24)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$124.00*
Preference Point Only	Form 30 - Available Via Web site June 15th	July 1 - Sept. 30	-		Yes	\$30.00
Preference Point Only-Youth**	Form 30 - Available Via Web site June 15th	July 1 - Sept. 30			Yes	\$10.00
Antelope-Reduced Price	Form 19, Page 35					
Doe/Fawn Antelope	Limited Quota (p. 25)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$48.00*
Doe/Fawn Youth Antelope**	Limited Quota (p. 25)	Jan. 1–Mar. 15	June 21	June 30	Yes	\$33.00*
Moose	Form 2, Page 37					
License	Limited Quota (p. 27)	Jan. 1–Feb. 28	May 1	May 8	Yes	\$1,416.00*
Preference Point Only	Form 30 - Available Via Web site June 15th	July 1 - Sept. 30			Yes	\$75.00
Bighorn Sheep	Form 2, Page 37					
License	Limited Quota (p. 29)	Jan. 1–Feb. 28	May 1	May 8	Yes	\$2,266.00*
Preference Point Only	Form 30 - Available Via Web site June 15th	July 1 - Sept. 30			Yes	\$100.00
Mountain Goat	Form 2, Page 37					
	Limited Quota (p. 27)	Jan. 1–Feb. 28	May 1	May 8	Yes	\$2,166.00*
Wild Turkey	Information & Forms Available Via Web site					
Spring Wild Turkey	Form 5	Jan. 1–Jan. 31	Feb. 23	Feb. 28	Yes	\$72.00
Spring Landowner Wild Turkey		Jan. 1–Jan. 20	Feb. 23	Feb. 28	Yes	\$72.00
Fall Wild Turkey	Form 6	July 1–Aug. 15	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Yes	\$72.00
			Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Yes	\$72.00
Fall Landowner Wild Turkey		July 1–Aug. 15	Sept. I	Sept. 0	105	<i>Q12.00</i>
Fall Landowner Wild Turkey Bison Application Period	Form 7, Page 39	July 1–Aug. 15	Зері. 1	Зерг. о	105	ų/2.00

\*Note: Amount to be remitted includes nonrefundable \$14.00 application fee.

\*\*See page 47 for a definition of a "youth license."

\*\*\*The \$20.00 fee to be placed on the Wild Bison Priority Ranking list is nonrefundable.

#### Leftover Licenses Available After the Initial Drawing

All Full Price Limited Quota and Reduced Price Limited Quota licenses remaining after the Initial Drawing will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis through the Department's Electronic License Service via the Department's Web site, Department offices and at automated license selling agent locations, or through the submission of a paper application form to the Cheyenne Headquarters Office.

Full Price Elk, Deer and Antelope licenses will be available July 6, 2010, at 8:00 AM Mountain Time. Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk,

**Doe/Fawn Deer and Doe/Fawn Antelope licenses** will be available July 20, 2010, at 8:00 AM Mountain Time. A current list of all Leftover licenses available for purchase will tentatively be located on the Department's Web site at <u>http://gf.state.wy.us</u> on June 30, 2010.

Applicants are reminded about having permission to hunt on private land before applying for a license, otherwise you may end up with a license and no place to hunt and these licenses are nonrefundable.

#### Section 2. General Application and License Information

a. Application Fee Information. Please refer to the license fee charts on page 4 for license prices. A nonrefundable application fee of \$14.00 is included in the amount to be remitted for each big game license applied for in the Initial Drawing.

b. Computer Drawing. In an attempt to assure fairness, all Limited Quota licenses are initially allocated to applicants on the basis of randomly generated numbers through a computerized drawing system.

c. 2010 Application Forms. You have been provided 6 forms. For MORE FORMS, PLEASE PHOTOCOPY.

- Special Elk, Full Price Elk and Reduced Price Elk (Form 17) (Page 31)
- Special Deer, Full Price Deer and Reduced Price Deer (Form 18) (Page 33)
- Special Antelope, Full Price Antelope and Reduced Price Antelope (Form 19) (Page 35)
- Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat (Form 2) (Page 37)
- Request To Be Removed From Drawing (Form 16) (Page 41)
- Wild Bison Priority List (Form 7) (Page 39)

#### Each drawing is independent of all other drawings.

Although several species are included on one application form (Moose/Sheep/Goat), the drawing for each species is conducted independently and the result of one drawing has no effect upon other drawings. Therefore, success in the drawing for one species does not guarantee success for another. For example, success for a Moose license does not guarantee success for a Bighorn Sheep license.

d. Five Year Waiting Period. Wyoming Statute provides that any successful Moose or Bighorn Sheep applicant must wait 5 years to next apply for or receive another Moose or Bighorn Sheep license. For example, a Moose applicant successful in 2005 would not be eligible to apply for or receive another Moose license until 2010. Nor would the applicant be eligible to purchase a Moose Preference Point during this same 5-year period (until 2010). However, the applicant could continue to properly apply for Sheep until successful. The 5-year waiting period would then pertain to applying for or receiving another Bighorn Sheep license or purchasing a Bighorn Sheep Preference Point.

The Mountain Goat license is a once-in-a-lifetime license. If you have drawn a Mountain Goat license after 1995, you may not apply again.

No person who is issued a Wild Bison hunting license and who harvests a Wild Bison after January 31, 2001, shall be eligible to apply for or receive a hunting license for Wild Bison in any future year.

e. Big Game Preference Points. The preference point system is designed to improve the odds you will eventually draw a license in a hard-to-draw hunt area. Seventy-five percent of Full Price Moose, Bighorn Sheep, Elk, Deer and Antelope licenses available in each hunt area and license type combination will be allocated to a "preference point draw." Applicants with the highest preference point totals will receive priority in the preference point draw. The remaining 25% of available licenses will be allocated to a "random draw." In this manner, everyone who applies has at least some chance of drawing a license regardless of their preference point total.

Preference points can be accumulated either by applying for a license or by purchasing a preference point. Applicants who are unsuccessful drawing a moose or bighorn sheep license will receive a preference point which is then added to their total for the species. Similarly, applicants who are unsuccessful drawing their first choice for a Full Price Elk, Deer, or Antelope license will receive a preference point if they select the preference point fee option on the application form and pay the proper fees (see discussion under "Preference Points for Elk, Deer and Antelope"). No preference points will be earned when a person applies for a closed hunt area or invalid hunt area/license type. The option to purchase a preference point enables the person to continue accumulating points without applying for a license, or if the person's original license application was rejected for any reason.

To purchase a preference point, an applicant must be at least eleven (11) years old at the time of application, and at least twelve (12) years old by December 31 of the year of application. Applicants for a big game hunting license must be at least eleven (11) years old at the time of application, and at least twelve (12) years old when hunting. No person may apply for more than one (1) preference point per species in the same calendar year.

The application form (Form 30) to purchase preference points only will be available on our Web site beginning June 15th or you may request an application by calling (307) 777-4600. The application period to purchase a preference point only is July 1 – Sept. 30.

Preference points are assigned to the person's sportsperson identification number and are tied to a species, but not to a specific hunt area. You are allowed to apply for different hunt areas from one year to the next. However, if a person fails to apply for a license or fails to purchase a preference point for two (2) consecutive years, all preference points will be automatically deleted from the person's record. Preference points earned or purchased during 2010 are not available for use in the 2010 limited quota drawings. They will be available for use in the 2011 limited quota drawings.

Once an applicant has successfully drawn a Moose or Bighorn Sheep license, or the applicant's first choice for a Full Price Elk, Deer or Antelope license, all preference points will be deleted for the species drawn. In the case of Moose or Bighorn Sheep, the person is required to wait five (5) years before again applying for a license or purchasing a preference point (refer to Section 2(d)).

Preference points shall not be restored when an applicant causes more than one customer record to be generated, due to the following:

- 1. A different sportsperson identification number was given on the application.
- 2. A different sportsperson identification number was generated because the sportsperson number field on the application was left blank.
- 3. A different last name or first name was used by the applicant.

Such circumstances cause preference points to be accumulated under different sportsperson identification numbers and ultimately deleted for failure to apply under the same sportsperson identification number. Exceptions may be made for a name change because of marriage or divorce.

If you have any questions, please call (307) 777-4600 or go to our Web site at <u>http://gf.state.wy.us</u> where the difference between **PREFERENCE POINT ONLY PURCHASES** and **PREFERENCE POINT OPTIONS WITH LICENSE APPLICATIONS** will be further explained.

#### Preference Points for Moose and Bighorn Sheep

All applicants for a Moose or Bighorn Sheep license will participate in the preference point draw. Preference point fees of \$75.00 for Moose and \$100.00 for Bighorn Sheep will be deducted from the license refund if the license is not drawn. (The total refund for a Moose license will be \$1,327.00. The refund for a Bighorn Sheep license will be \$2,152.00). If you don't participate in the license draw or if your application is rejected for any reason, you may purchase a preference during the Preference Point Only application period (July 1 – Sept. 30). The price is \$75.00 for Moose, and \$100.00 for Bighorn Sheep.

#### Preference Points for Elk, Deer and Antelope

Applicants for Full Price Elk, Deer, and Antelope licenses are given the option of accumulating a preference point. By checking the preference point fee option and remitting the proper fee(s), the applicant will accumulate a preference point if unsuccessful drawing a Full Price license as a first choice. However, an applicant who draws a Full Price license as a second or third choice will retain all accumulated preference points and also earn an additional point. DRAWING A LICENSE AS A SECOND OR THIRD CHOICE DOES NOT CAUSE PREFERENCE POINTS TO BE DELETED FROM YOUR ACCOUNT. For party applications, all of the applicants' preference point totals will be averaged to determine the preference point ranking in the preference point drawing. If you did not receive your first choice Elk, Deer or Antelope license or a preference point during the Initial Draw period, and are eligible to purchase a Full Price Leftover Elk, Deer or Antelope license, you may also purchase a preference point during the preference point only application period.

Applicants who elect not to check the preference point fee option will participate in the draw based on the number of preference points, if any, previously accumulated, but will not earn an additional preference point if unsuccessful in the drawing. However, if an applicant does not check the preference point fee option, purchase preference points or purchase a license and remit the proper fee for two consecutive years, all accumulated preference points will be deleted from the applicant's account.

There is no preference point draw for Reduced Price Cow/Calf or Reduced Price Doe/Fawn licenses. Applicants for Reduced Price licenses do not lose their preference points if successful in the Reduced Price draw, nor do they accumulate preference points if they are unsuccessful drawing these license types.

If you select the preference point fee option, the fee you must remit with your application for a regular Full Price Elk license, is \$641.00 (\$14.00 application fee, \$577.00 license fee and \$50.00 preference point fee). The fee to be remitted with a regular Full Price Deer license is \$366.00 (\$14.00 application fee, \$312.00 license fee and \$40.00 preference point fee). The fee to be remitted with a regular Full Price Antelope license is \$316.00 (\$14.00 application fee, \$272.00 license fee and \$30.00 preference point fee). If you don't participate in the Full Price license draw or if your application is rejected for any reason, you may purchase a preference during the Preference Point Only application period. The price is \$50.00 for Elk, \$40.00 for Deer and \$30.00 for Antelope (youth price is \$10.00 for each species).

Some suggestions when applying for licenses with the preference point option: To maintain your preference points, do not apply for an easy-to-draw area as your first choice. If you do and are successful, then all of your accumulated points will be deleted and the odds of drawing a license in a hard-to-draw area will be diminished for several years until you build up preference points again. If you desire to hunt more often without sacrificing your preference points, continue to apply for your preferred (hard-to-draw) area as a first choice and apply for easy-to-draw areas as your second choice. By reviewing the random draw odds from previous years, you can find hunt areas with good odds of drawing a license as a second and possibly a third choice. (Select "Game and Fish Home Page," "hunting," and "drawing odds" at http://gf.state.wy.us). License types with zero percent (0%) drawing odds are not available as second or third choices. On the other hand, it is near certain you will draw a license in an area with 100% odds listed for the second choice draw. However, be advised that drawing odds can and do change from year to year as applicants shift their

preferences for specific hunt areas. The prior year's drawing odds are a useful indicator of relative odds, but provide no absolute guarantees.

f. Apply on Current Year Forms. APPLICANTS MUST APPLY ON THE CURRENT YEAR FORMS FOR EACH SPECIES TO BE HUNTED. PRIOR YEARS APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE REJECTED. Initial applications sent through telecommunication facsimile will not be accepted, due to the inability to fax fees. Please print legibly on application forms.

Applying late in the application period lessens the opportunity to correct any problems with the application, which lessens the opportunity to be included in the respective drawings for which applications have been made. Applying late in the application period also significantly increases the risk that your application will not be received by the deadline, and therefore will not be entered into the drawing. We encourage you to apply online at <a href="http://gf.state.wy.us">http://gf.state.wy.us</a>.

g. Withdrawal Forms. You may withdraw your applications upon submission of a written request. Form 16 (page 41) Request to Be Removed From The Drawing, is provided for this purpose. Withdrawal Forms must be received at least 15 business days prior to the tentative draw selection date. A \$5.00 fee will be deducted from the license application refund. The refund will be issued upon completion of the drawing. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure Withdrawal Forms have been received by the License Draw Section by the applicable date.

h. Application Modifications. Both paper and online applications can be modified via the online application service until 15 business days prior to the published tentative draw date. The party originator must originate modifications to party applications. Modifications to party applications can be submitted to the License Draw Section by fax at (307) 777-4679 until 15 business days prior to the published tentative draw date and must include the sportsperson identification number and the applicant's signature.

i. Multiple applications for licenses prohibited. No person shall apply for or receive more than one license for each Big Game or Trophy Game species during any one calendar year, except as otherwise provided by law or regulation. No person shall apply for or receive more than one Spring Wild Turkey license and one Fall Wild Turkey license in any one calendar year, except as otherwise provided by law or regulation.

j. Draw Selection. A computerized, random selection process will determine successful applicants. If the applicant is successful, the license and a copy of the regulations should be mailed within 15 days of the selection date. Elk regulations will not be mailed to successful applicants until mid June. License fees are returned to unsuccessful applicants and to persons who submitted improper applications and/or fees. All refunds will be issued in the name of the applicant, regardless of who submitted the fee accompanying the application.

Applicants who underpay or overpay will be issued a separate refund by august, following the completion of all Regular Drawings. If a determination can be made as to who overpaid, the overpayment will be returned to the applicant. If it cannot be determined it will be returned to the first applicant in the envelope or party. Applicants who underpay for an application are not eligible to participate in the drawing. The funds submitted for their application will be returned to the applicant at the time the drawing is conducted.

k. Alteration/Transfer of Licenses Prohibited. Information on licenses, stamps, permits, tags and coupons, as prepared by the Department or its agents, cannot be altered or transferred. No license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon shall be transferred, or used for the purpose of taking wildlife, except by the individual to whom it was issued and therein named and while in that individual's possession. No individual shall take or attempt to take any wildlife using another individual's license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon. Any license, tag, permit, or stamp shall not be valid unless the proper fees have been received by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. This regulation does not preclude a person from transporting within Wyoming, game legally taken by another person when the person transporting the carcass has the proper carcass coupon in possession.

I. Reservation of License Due to Injury or Illness. Holders of Moose, Mountain Goat or Bighorn Sheep licenses, who are Unable To Use The License For Good Cause (see page 47 for definition), may reserve a license for the same species and hunt area in accordance with Commission Regulation for the immediately succeeding calendar year only. A disabled license holder must contact the Fiscal Administration Section and request a Disabled Hunter Certification Form. This form must be completed in full and signed by the applicant's physician and returned with the license prior to the earliest season date for which the license is valid.

m. Payment in U.S. Funds. CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS CAN BE USED ONLY WHEN APPLYING ONLINE VIA THE ELECTRONIC LICENSING SYSTEM. PERSONAL CHECKS FROM NONRESIDENTS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED WITH LICENSE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED PRIOR TO MARCH 15 OR WITH LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR FALL WILD TURKEY AND PREFERENCE POINT ONLY PURCHASES BEGINNING JULY 1ST. CASH CAN ONLY BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON AT THE CHEYENNE HEADQUARTERS OFFICE. PLEASE REFER TO CHARTS ON PAGE 4 REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF NONRESIDENT PERSONAL CHECKS. MONEY ORDERS OR CASHIER'S CHECKS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE MAIL OR SUBMITTED IN PERSON AT THE CHEYENNE HEADQUARTERS IN ALL OTHER CASES. TWO-PARTY CHECKS, INCLUDING STATE OF WYOMING WARRANTS, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. APPLICANTS WHO HAVE THIRD PARTIES PREPARE AND SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN APPLICATION WITH THE REMITTANCE INSTRUMENT MADE PAYABLE TO THE WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT. CASH SUBMITTED IS AT THE APPLICANT'S OWN RISK AND IS STRONGLY DISCOURAGED. THE DEPARTMENT ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS OF CASH. NO RECEIPTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR CASH APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY MAIL OR DEPOSITED IN THE CHEYENNE HEADQUARTERS OFFICE DROP BOX. PERSONS APPLYING AS A PARTY MAY SUBMIT PAYMENT INDIVIDUALLY OR ONE PAYMENT FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY.

If a check is returned unpaid by the bank for any reason prior to the drawing, applications paid for by that check will not participate in the drawing. **RETURNED ITEMS CANNOT BE REDEPOSITED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND APPLICANTS WITH RETURNED ITEMS WILL NOT BE NOTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT.** If an applicant wishes to submit a cashier's check or money order to replace the returned item, the applicant must contact the Department's Fiscal Administration section and replace the returned item no later than 15 business days prior to the tentative computer draw date.

If the Department is unable to determine which applicant(s) relates to the returned check, all applicants in the party may be disqualified. **n. Refunds, Cancellation of Licenses.** Licenses, permits, stamps and/or tags issued under Title 23, Wyoming Statutes or by Commission Regulation become the permanent property of the licensee and shall not be canceled or any fee refunded after the license, permit, stamp, tag or preference point has been issued except as follows:

- i. In the case of the death of the licensee, any person who has authority to represent the decedent as provided by a court order shall submit a written request for a license refund supported by a copy of the respective death certificate;
- ii. In the case of the death of the licensee's spouse, parents, grandparents, lineal descendants and their spouses, step-parent, step-sibling, step-children, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, step-son-in-law or step-daughter-in-law, the licensee shall submit a written request for a license refund supported by the respective death certificate. The date of death on such certificate shall have occurred during the regular season, resulting in the licensee not being able to participate in the majority of the regular season;
- iii. In the case of incapacitating illness or injury of the licensee supported by a physician's sworn statement on a Department form;
- Military personnel who receive Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders or are assigned away from their home duty station on Temporary Duty Orders (TDY), all of this being supported by a copy of official military orders from the Armed Forces of the United States;
- v. Individuals who are not able to participate in the majority of the regular season for the species specified in Commission Rules and

Regulations during the year for which the license is issued as a result of a court subpoena, jury duty, Grand Jury investigation or attorneys required to attend criminal cases. A certified copy of the court document shall accompany the written request for the license refund;

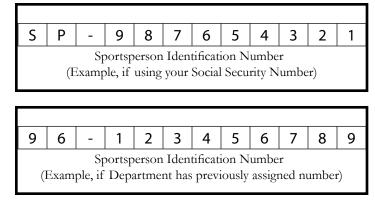
- vi. When the Department determines one hundred percent (100%) of the hunting opportunity and access to the hunt area has been closed due to administrative actions of the state or federal government in closing of the public access to public lands due to a natural disaster;
- vii. An error on the part of the Department or its authorized agent where the applicant has been issued a license not requested;
- viii. Any youth licensee may be granted a license refund if the youth licensee's opportunity to hunt is jeopardized as a result of any license refund granted by the Department.
- ix. A sponsoring organization of a person with a life-threatening illness may be granted a license refund if the licensee's opportunity to hunt is jeopardized as a result of incapacitating illness or injury supported by a physician's sworn statement on forms provided by the Department that the licensee is incapable of performing tasks necessary to exercise the privileges of the license.

The appropriate refund form can be requested by calling (307) 777-4516. Under no circumstances shall the Department approve a refund of any license, permit, stamp or tag if the written request for refund is received after December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year in which the license, permit, stamp or tag was issued. Refunds shall be denied in any circumstance where the licensee hunted on the license for the designated species as specified in Commission Rules and Regulations, including special archery seasons, during the year for which the license is issued.

#### Section 3. Sportsperson Identification Number

This number is defined as your social security number or a number assigned by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. New applicants will receive notification of their Sportsperson Identification Number as follows: If successful, it will be printed on your license; if unsuccessful, it will be printed on your refund warrant remittance advice.

If you have received notification of your assigned Sportsperson Identification Number, or use your social security number as your Sportsperson Identification Number, then write that number in the fields provided as follows:



If you do not have a current Sportsperson Identification Number and would like the Department to assign you a computer generated Sportsperson Identification Number, write "Please Assign Number". If you have a current Sportsperson Identification Number and are applying online, complete your online application and then call (307) 777-4600 to have your Sportsperson Identification number changed to a generated number. If you have a current Sportsperson Identification Number and are applying via paper, please write your current Sportsperson Identification on your application and write "Please Assign New Generated Number" above your current number.

IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ASSIGNED A SPORTSPERSON IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, LEAVE THE FIELDS BLANK IN THE SPORTSPERSON ID BLOCK AND WRITE "PLEASE ASSIGN NUMBER", AS ILLUSTRATED.

	Please Assign Number										
		-									
	Sportsperson Identification Number										
(Example, if a number has not been assigned)											

The Department utilizes the Sportsperson Identification Number to maintain customer addresses for receiving licenses, refunds and to accumulate preference points. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO PROVIDE THE SAME SPORTSPERSON IDENTIFICATION NUMBER EACH YEAR SO YOUR PREFERENCE POINTS ARE CORRECTLY ACCUMULATED AND ADDRESS INFORMATION IS PROPERLY MAINTAINED. Submission of an invalid Sportsperson Identification Number may potentially result in non-participation in drawings and failure to accumulate Preference Points.

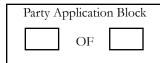
For information on how to change your sportsperson identification number, please call (307) 777-4600.

#### **Section 4. Party Block**

Note: Hunters who apply as a party are not allowed to take game for another hunter. Party hunting is illegal in Wyoming.

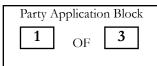
A party is a group of hunters who apply for hunting licenses for the same species, area and type, with expectation of receiving the same drawing results. All applicants in a party are assigned the same random number; therefore, they receive the same drawing results. Whereas, applicants not in a party are assigned individual random numbers. Applying as a party does not increase the drawing odds. All applications and fees must be in the same envelope and the party block must be properly completed. **ALL PARTY APPLICATIONS FOR WHICH THE PARTY BLOCK IS NOT COMPLETED WILL BE TREATED AS INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS IN PROCESSING AND IN THE RANDOM COMPUTER SELECTIONS.** 

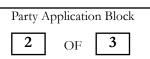
Applicants who do not want to be processed as a party should not complete the party block:

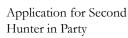


Leave Blank if Not Applying as a Party

Applicants who wish their applications to be processed as a party must complete the party block. **For Example**, if there are three (3) applicants within the hunt party, the party block would be completed as follows:

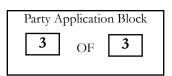






Application for First

Hunter in Party



Application for Third Hunter in Party

The maximum party size is six (6). Residents and Nonresidents **MAY NOT** apply together as a party. Nonresidents and Nonresident Landowners **MAY NOT** apply together as a party for Landowner licenses.

A valid party may include all Nonresident and Nonresident Youth applicants. In addition, a valid party may include all Nonresident Landowner and Nonresident Youth Landowner applicants.

Applicants in a party must apply for the same type of species, except Nonresident Youth may be included with Nonresident applicants. Party applications for Nonresident Special Elk, Special Deer and Special Antelope applications may not include Nonresident Youth or Nonresident Regular applications. Example: Nonresident Special Elk (\$1,071.00), Deer (\$566.00) or Antelope (\$526.00) applicants may not be submitted **AS A PARTY** with youths or regular Nonresident Elk (\$591.00/ \$289.00), Deer (\$326.00/\$124.00) and Antelope (\$286.00/\$124.00) applicants.

Party applications will be disqualified if any application is improper or incomplete or if all applicants do not choose the same species, hunt area and season type in the same order of preference. **EXAMPLE:** IF A PARTY OF FOUR (4) APPLIED FOR LIMITED QUOTA ELK, BUT ONE PARTY MEMBER WANTED TO ALSO APPLY FOR REDUCED PRICE COW/CALF ELK, THAT PARTY MEMBER MUST SUBMIT THEIR OWN SEPARATE APPLICATION(S) FOR THE OTHER LICENSE TYPES. They may not be included on your party application form. The party application forms MUST be EXACTLY identical in all respects with regard to species applied for and hunt area choices including the type applied for (see page 47 for a definition of "type").

Party applications will be accepted for all big game licenses, except Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat. Please see page 6, Preference Points for Elk, Deer and Antelope, for an explanation of how Preference Points are determined for party applications.

#### Section 5. What does "Type" Mean on the Tentative Hunting Information Tables

A number in the type column simply indicates a limitation for that license. This limitation can be for the sex of animal, the species of animal, the length of season, the type of weapon, and/or portion of the hunt area in which the license is valid. A hunt area can offer both general and one or more limited quota types. TO UNDERSTAND THE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO A LICENSE, PLEASE READ THE LIMITATIONS COLUMN OF THE LICENSE TYPE FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. PLEASE VERIFY THE TYPE YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR IS THE ONE YOU WANT.

As of 2008, there are standardized license types. They are as follows:

Туре	Description
Type 1 & 2	Antlered or Any
Type 3	Any White-Tailed Deer
Type 4 & 5	Full Priced Antlerless
Type 6 & 7	Reduced Price Doe/Fawn or Cow/Calf
Type 8	Reduced Price Doe or Fawn White-Tailed Deer
Type 9	Archery Only
Type 0	Other Specialty Weapon Only

#### Section 6. What is the difference between a Full Price Antlerless Elk License and a Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk license

An individual is permitted only one (1) Full Price license per species. For example, an individual is allowed one (1) Full Price Elk license. This Full Price Elk license may be Limited Quota or General and it may be valid for Antlered, Antlerless or Any Elk.

An individual is permitted, along with the one (1) Full Price Elk license per species, one (1) or more Reduced Price licenses (depending on Commission Regulation.) A person may apply for a Reduced Price license without applying for a Full Price license. Continuing the Elk example, the individual may apply for and receive one (1) Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk license along with his/her one (1) Full Price Elk license. However, NO HUNTER MAY TAKE MORE THAN ONE (1) ELK IN GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK REGARDLESS WHETHER HE/SHE POSSESSES BOTH A FULL PRICE LICENSE AND A REDUCED PRICE LICENSE VALID FOR THE HUNT AREA IN THE PARK.

In 2010, there may be an option to purchase a second Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk license, but a person could only have two (2) Elk licenses total. Please check the Department's Web site at http://gf.state.wy.us or call (307) 777-4600 after May 1, 2010.

This packet contains separate sets of Tentative Hunting Season Information Charts for Full Price licenses and for Reduced Price licenses.

Apply for Full Price licenses on FORMS 17 (ELK), 18 (DEER) OR 19 (ANTELOPE) and select hunt areas/types from the Hunting Maps and Full Price Tentative Hunting Season Information Charts.

Apply for Reduced Price licenses on Forms 17 (ELK), 18 (DEER) OR 19 (ANTELOPE) and select hunt areas/types from the Hunting Maps and Reduced Price Tentative Hunting Season Information Charts.

Failure to apply correctly could result in an application error, which could lessen the opportunity to be included in the respective drawing, if not corrected by the time the respective drawings are conducted.

#### Section 7. Full Price Elk, Deer and Antelope licenses

APPLY ON FORMS 17 (ELK), 18 (DEER) OR 19 (ANTELOPE). Applicants may list up to three (3) choices for each species on these forms. Limited Quota Elk licenses are valid only for the hunt area, season dates and sex limitations shown in the current regulations. If YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR A LIMITED QUOTA LICENSE, LIST THE SPECIFIC HUNT AREA AND TYPE ON THE APPLICATION.

General licenses are valid in any hunt area or portion of a hunt area where the word "General" is listed under the limitation and type column on pages 17 and 18. IF YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR A GENERAL ELK LICENSE, WRITE "GEN" IN THE AREA BOX AND LEAVE THE TYPE BOX BLANK.

Applicants desiring to hunt within Grand Teton National Park must apply for hunt area 75 or 79. All unused Full Price and Reduced Priced Cow/Calf Elk licenses are eligible for the Elk Refuge drawing in hunt area 77.

A \$12.50 Elk Special Management Permit shall be required of any person who hunts Elk in hunt areas 70, 71, 74, 75 or 77-98. The Elk Special Management Permit may be obtained from Wyoming Game and Fish Department offices or license selling agents throughout the state.

The Department of Interior requires hunter safety certification of all hunters, regardless of age, to hunt in Grand Teton National Park (Elk Hunt Areas 75 or 79). The Hunter Mentor Program is not valid in Grand Teton National Park (see page 43 for an explanation of the Hunter Mentor Program).

APPLICANTS FOR DEER LICENSES SHOULD BE AWARE BOTH MULE DEER AND WHITE-TAILED DEER INHABIT WYOMING. DEER LICENSES MAY BE VALID FOR EITHER SPECIES, OR LICENSES MAY BE RESTRICTED TO MULE DEER OR WHITE-TAILED DEER ONLY. Before applying for a Deer license, the applicant should review the tentative Deer hunting information, specifically the limitations column, to determine the species of Deer for which the license is valid in a specific hunt area.

Nonresident Deer licenses are either Region General licenses or Limited Quota licenses valid in specific hunt area(s). Check the hunt area, type and limitation columns on page 21. For REGION GENERAL LICENSES, WRITE THE LETTER OF THE REGION YOU PREFER TO HUNT AND DO NOT ENTER A SPECIFIC HUNT AREA NUMBER. Regions and their hunt areas are listed around the border of the Deer map on page 20.

Region General licenses are valid in any hunt area that is not totally limited in quota. If you want to apply for a Limited Quota Deer LICENSE, LIST THE SPECIFIC HUNT AREA AND TYPE ON THE APPLICATION.

The Commission may authorize a person to apply for and receive a maximum of one (1) Limited Quota Any Deer, Limited Quota Antlered Deer, Limited Quota Any White-Tailed Deer or Region General Deer license, and then after the Initial Drawing is completed, any person may apply for and receive a maximum of one (1) Limited Quota Any White-Tailed Deer license in certain Deer hunt areas. However, no person shall apply for and receive more than a total of two (2) Deer licenses valid for the taking of an Antlered Deer of which only one (1) may be valid for a Mule Deer.

Second Limited Quota Any White-Tailed Deer licenses shall only be available to Residents and Nonresidents on a first-come, first-serve basis after the Initial Drawing is completed. The second Any White-Tailed Deer license shall be sold for the full price.

No General Antelope licenses are offered. All Antelope licenses are Limited Quota. Antelope hunt areas and types are listed on page 24. Antelope licenses are valid only in the hunt area(s) for which they are issued.

The Commission may authorize a sportsperson to possess more than one (1) Limited Quota license in certain Antelope hunt areas. For those certain hunt areas, a sportsperson may possess a maximum of two (2) Limited Quota Any Antelope licenses. Second Limited Quota Any Antelope licenses shall only be available to Residents and Nonresidents on a first-come, first-serve basis after the Initial Drawing is completed. The second Any Antelope license shall be sold for the full price.

**NONRESIDENT FULL PRICE SPECIAL ELK, DEER AND ANTELOPE. APPLY ON FORMS 17 (ELK), 18 (DEER) OR 19 (ANTELOPE).** Wyoming Statute sets aside 40 percent of Nonresident Elk, 40 percent of Nonresident Deer and 40 percent of Nonresident Antelope licenses for applicants paying a higher fee. Applicants who pay the extra \$480.00 for the Special Full Price Elk and \$240.00 for Special Full Price Deer and Special Full Price Antelope, participate in a separate random computer drawing.

### Section 8. Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk, Doe/Fawn Deer and Doe/Fawn Antelope licenses

Apply on FORMS 17 (ELK), 18 (DEER) OR 19 (ANTELOPE). Applicants may list up to two (2) choices for each species on these forms. Reduced Price licenses for Cow/Calf Elk, Doe/Fawn Deer and Doe/Fawn Antelope are Limited Quota only. The hunt areas and type descriptions are listed on pages 19, 22 and 25 respectively. These licenses are valid only for the hunt areas and limitations for which they are issued. Please see page 46 for definitions. See page 8 for a discussion of Reduced Price licenses versus Full Price licenses. Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk licenses do not include fishing privileges.

The Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk drawing is tentatively scheduled for February 23, 2010. The Reduced Price Doe/Fawn Deer and Doe/Fawn Antelope drawings are tentatively scheduled for June 21, 2010.

Applicants may apply for and receive only one (1) Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk license. This license may either be applied for in the Initial Draw or purchased at automated License Selling Agents and online at <u>http://gf.state.wy.us</u>, if any are available after the Initial Draw. In 2010, there will potentially be an option to purchase a second Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk license. Please check the Departments's Web site at <u>http://gf.state.wy.us</u> or call (307) 777-4600 for details after May 1, 2010.

The Commission may authorize a sportsperson to possess more than two (2) Reduced Price Doe/Fawn Deer or Reduced Price Doe/Fawn Antelope licenses in certain Deer and Antelope hunt areas. The actual total number of Reduced Price Doe/Fawn licenses a person can possess will be determined in late April 2010. Regardless of the number of Reduced Price Doe/Fawn Deer or Reduced Price Antelope licenses any person can possess, a maximum of only two (2) Reduced Price licenses can be applied for in the Initial Draw. If a sportsperson wants to purchase Reduced Price Doe/Fawn Deer or Antelope licenses after the Initial Draw including up to the maximum number allowed, they will be able to do so at automated License Selling Agents or online at <u>http://gf.state.wy.us</u>.

WITHDRAWAL BLOCK: A separate withdrawal block is provided on Forms 17 (ELK), 18 (DEER) AND 19 (ANTELOPE). This block is to be checked only if the applicant wishes to withdraw his/her Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk, Reduced Price Doe/Fawn Deer or Reduced Price Doe/ Fawn Antelope applications from the drawings in the event the person is not issued a Full Price license in the Initial Drawings for Elk, Deer or Antelope. IF THE WITHDRAWAL BLOCK IS CHECKED THE APPLICATION WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE DRAWING, REGARDLESS IF A FULL PRICE APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED.

#### Section 9. Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Application

Apply on **Form 2**. Licenses are issued for hunt areas, season dates and sex limitations shown in the current regulations.

The applicant may list only one (1) hunt area choice for each Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat and up to two (2) hunt area choices for Moose. The hunt area and type must be shown on the application form. Types indicate limitations such as sex of animal, species of animal, the length of season, the type of weapon and/or portion of hunt area in which the license is valid. Refer to the tentative Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat hunting season information.

According to Wyoming Statute (W.S. 23-1-703), 75% of Wyoming Bighorn Sheep hunting licenses must be issued to residents, and 25% to non-residents. Traditionally, these licenses have been issued in multiples of 4 (3 resident:1 non-resident) for each hunt area. There are several Bighorn Sheep hunt areas with populations too small to sustain at least 4 total Bighorn Sheep hunting licenses; some of these have been closed to hunting in recent years. In order to provide additional opportunity while complying with statutory provisions, for 2010, there are several Bighorn Sheep hunt areas (refer to Bighorn Sheep Tentative Hunting Season Information, page 29) that will offer either one (1) or two (2) total hunting licenses. **APPLICANTS SHOULD VERIFY WHETHER A PARTICULAR HUNT AREA WILL OFFER ONLY A RESIDENT, OR BOTH A RESIDENT AND A NON-RESIDENT BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING LICENSE, BEFORE APPLYING ON FORM 2.** Applicants should recognize that these license allocations are dynamic, and will change each year, to meet the statutory requirement.

#### Section 10. Wild Turkey

Please call (307) 777-4600, inquire at a Game and Fish Regional Office or local License Selling Agent or obtain the application from the Wyoming Game and Fish Web site. The license fee is \$72.00 each for Spring and Fall Wild Turkey applications. The \$14.00 application fee is not charged for Wild Turkey applications. We encourage you to apply online at http://gf.state.wy.us.

#### **Section 11. Wild Bison Priority List**

Apply on **Form 7.** The fee to be placed on the priority list is \$20.00. Personal checks are accepted for this application. If an applicant is selected from the priority listing, a wild bison license fee of \$2,502.00 must be remitted to the appropriate Regional Office before a license is issued.

The Wild Bison priority list is valid from July 1 of the application year to January 31 of the next year. Applicants may apply for either the Male Wild Bison Priority List or the Female/Calf Wild Bison Priority List. There is no guarantee a Wild Bison hunt will be held in any particular year. Hunting opportunities depend on bison movement into the hunt areas.

No person who is issued a Wild Bison hunting license and who harvests a Wild Bison after January 31, 2001, shall be eligible to apply for or receive a hunting license for Wild Bison in any future year.

#### Section 12. Other Nonresident Fees

Species	Special Limitations	Fee				
Mountain Lion	Mortality Quota Based	\$362				
Black Bear	Mortality Quota Based	\$362				
Fishing	Annual/Daily	\$92/\$14				
Youth Fishing	Annual	\$15				
Game Bird/Sm Game	Annual/Daily	\$72/\$20				
Youth Game Bird/Sm Game	Annual	\$40				
Archery License	Annual	\$30				
Conservation Stamp	Annual	\$12.50				
Lifetime Conservation Stamp		\$180.50				
(Lifetime Licenses sold only at Cheyenne Headquarters Office)						

The above licenses, excluding the Lifetime Conservation Stamp, are sold at License Selling Agents statewide

#### **Section 13. Hunting Information**

a. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm (ATF) Permit Required. Under the new rule, ATF requires all non immigrant aliens temporarily bringing firearms or ammunition into the United States for legitimate hunting or lawful sporting purposes to first obtain an approved ATF Form 6 import permit from ATF. Contact ATF's Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch at (703) 455-7801 or visit their Web site at www.atf.gov.

b. All Terrain Vehicle Permit Required. All Off-Road Recreational Vehicles (ATV's, dirt bikes; including out of state ORV's displaying a permit or registration from their state) are required to display a Wyoming ORV permit while operating on public lands and other designated trails or areas (excludes private property). ORV's may only be operated upon public lands when on roads, trails or areas designated "open" by appropriate local land managers (Forest Service, BLM or others, as appropriate). ORV riders should contact the local land manager's office in the area in which they wish to ride to determine which roads, trails and areas are open for ORV use. Visit http://wyotrails.state.wy.us for phone numbers of the various land managers in Wyoming. The \$15.00 annual ORV permit is available at most local ATV/ORV dealers and selling agents throughout Wyoming or by calling (877) 996-7275. Please allow 7 to 10 days delivery. Major credit cards accepted.

#### c. Archery. Type 9 licenses refer to Archery Only licenses. Special

Archery Seasons for Antelope normally open either August 15<sup>th</sup> or September 1<sup>st</sup> and close when the regular (rifle) season opens. Archers shall possess a Limited Quota Antelope license in addition to an Archery license in order to hunt Antelope during any Special Archery Season. Special Archery Seasons for Deer normally open September 1<sup>st</sup> or September 15<sup>th</sup> and close when regular (rifle) seasons open. Archers shall possess a General Deer license or a Limited Quota Deer license in addition to an Archery license in order to hunt Deer during any Special Archery Season.

Special Archery Seasons for Elk normally open September 1<sup>st</sup> and close when regular (rifle) seasons open. Archers shall possess a General Elk license or a Limited Quota Elk license in addition to an Archery license in order to hunt Elk during any Special Archery Season. Archers with Limited Quota Type 9 Elk licenses are not required to obtain an Archery license in addition to the Type 9 license.

Special Archery Seasons are established for nearly all Big Game hunt areas by the Commission. Season dates are not available at press time, but most open September 1. Some archery seasons for Antelope open on August 15. Information on these seasons will be available on or about May 5.

Hunters holding General or Limited Quota hunting licenses may hunt with bow and arrow or crossbow during Special Archery Seasons if they first obtain an Archery license. Only one Archery license is required for a Big Game and Trophy Game species. This license qualifies the holder to hunt Big Game and Trophy Game during Special Archery Seasons in areas for which they also have a valid hunting license. Archery licenses are available at License Selling Agents statewide. Do not purchase an Archery license until you have received notification of drawing results.

Some Big Game hunt areas offer hunting licenses for Archery Only. These licenses are designated as Type 9 licenses in the Hunting Season Tables. Type 9 Elk licenses are often available as Leftover licenses. Holders of Type 9 licenses are not required to obtain an Archery license in addition to the Limited Quota Archery Only license, but are restricted to hunting only in the area(s) and during the season specified for that license type.

Persons hunting with archery equipment during regular firearms seasons need not obtain an Archery license.

When hunting Deer, Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, Mountain Lion or Black Bear, the archer must be equipped with a bow of not less than 40 pounds of draw weight or possessing the ability to cast a hunting arrow of 400 grain weight at least 160 yards. When hunting Elk, Moose or Wild Bison the hunter must be equipped with a bow of not less than 50 pounds draw weight or possessing the ability to cast an arrow of 500 grain weight at least 160 yards. The crossbow hunter must be equipped with a crossbow of not less than 90 pounds draw weight which has a minimum draw length of 14 inches from front of bow to back of string in the cocked position and a positive safety mechanism. Crossbow bolts must be at least 16 inches long. The broadhead of arrows or bolts shall be of sharp steel with a minimum cutting width of one inch.

Archery equipment may be used to take Wild Bison only on lands off the National Elk Refuge.

## ${\bf A}$ permit is no longer required to be able to use a leverage gaining device for cocking a crossbow.

d. Chronic Wasting Disease Information. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a brain disease of Deer, Elk, and Moose (cervids). The Wyoming Game and Fish Department will be collecting tissue samples at selected check stations and meat processing facilities during the 2010 hunting season to monitor disease prevalence. Hunter participation is voluntary. Sampling and testing procedures do not provide quality assurance for individual carcasses. Hunters whose animals test positive will be notified by mail, and those hunters may dispose of that meat without violating laws concerning waste of game meat. License fees, game processing fees or other incidental expenses will not be refunded, and replacement licenses will not be issued. Hunters whose animals do not test positive will not be notified. All test results can be obtained on the WGFD (Wyoming Game & Fish Department) Web site or by calling (307) 777-4600. It may take up to 3 weeks to complete a test. Hunters wishing to receive results within 2 weeks, or who wish to have their animal tested outside the Department's surveillance program, may have an animal tested at the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory (1174 Snowy Range Road, Laramie, WY 82070; (307) 742-6638) for a fee.

Current scientific knowledge suggests that CWD prions are primarily found in tissues of the central nervous system (e.g., brain and spinal cord) and lymphatic system (e.g., tonsils, lymph nodes, and spleen) of CWDinfected Deer and Elk. However, research has also identified other tissues with some, most likely small, concentrations of the CWD prion. These tissues include heart tissue, eye tissue, and skeletal muscle tissue.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that "the lack of evidence of a link between CWD transmission and unusual cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, despite several epidemiological investigations, suggest that the risk, if any, of transmission of CWD to humans is low." However, the CDC and the World Health Organization recommend that animals that have tested positive for CWD not be consumed by humans.

To help minimize exposure to CWD, Wyoming public health officials and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department recommend taking the following precautions when handling cervid carcasses harvested in areas where CWD occurs: Avoid eating any animal that is obviously ill. Wear rubber or latex gloves when field dressing. Minimize handling of brain and spinal tissues and wash hands afterward. When butchering, bone out all meat. For additional information, please visit the WGFD Web site or call (307) 777-4600.

e. Where Chronic Wasting Disease is Found in Wyoming: CWD is found in multiple hunt areas in Wyoming, and the disease is found in new hunt areas every year. For an up-to-date list of the big game hunt areas where CWD has been detected, visit the Department Web site at <u>http://gf.state.wy.us</u> or call (307) 777-4600.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE CARCASS TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL REGULATION: Recent research indicates that intact carcasses of cervids that died from CWD may spread the disease to healthy cervids. To minimize this possibility, a regulation has been enacted to control the transportation and disposal of cervids potentially infected with CWD to hunt areas outside the identified CWD zone (see the section entitled "Where Chronic Wasting Disease is found in Wyoming"). Resident and nonresident hunters who take a Deer, Elk, or Moose within the CWD zone and wish to transport that carcass outside of the CWD zone must ensure that the head and all portions of the spinal column are either left at the site of the kill or disposed of in an approved landfill. Evidence of sex and species are required in accordance with the provisions found in the current hunting regulations.

Note: The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is currently reviewing potential rule changes in accordance with Chapter 2 that could

significantly change this regulation for the 2010 hunting season. Please consult Chapter 2 or the 2010 WGFD big game hunting regulations for updated information on this regulation.

Importation or Transportation of Deer, Elk, or Moose Taken from Identified CWD Areas Outside Wyoming: No Deer, Elk, or Moose taken from within any other state, province, or country within areas designated by the appropriate jurisdictional agencies as positive for CWD in Deer, Elk, or Moose shall be imported into Wyoming except the following parts may be imported: the edible portions with no part of the spinal column or head attached; cleaned hides without the head; skull plate and/or antlers cleaned of all meat and brain tissue; upper canine teeth; and/or finished taxidermy mounts, except harvested Deer, Elk, or Moose may be imported or transported into Wyoming to a private residence for processing, to a taxidermist, to a processor or to a CWD sample collection facility or location in Wyoming provided the head and all portions of the spinal column are disposed of in an approved landfill.

f. Clothing Requirements. Big or Trophy Game hunters must wear in a visible manner one or more exterior garments of a fluorescent orange color which shall include a hat, shirt, jacket, coat, vest or sweater. This requirement does not apply to licensed Archery hunters during the Special Archery Seasons and licensed Archery hunters hunting in Limited Quota Archery Only seasons. Muzzle-Loader hunters participating in Limited Quota Muzzle-Loading seasons are required to meet the above clothing requirements.

#### g. Disabled Hunter & Disabled Hunter Companion Permits.

A licensed disabled hunter may obtain a permit that allows the licensed Disabled Hunter to designate an individual as a Disabled Hunter Companion. This permit allows the Companion to reduce to possession any animal the Disabled Hunter has lawfully wounded or killed which he is physically incapable of pursuing. The Disabled Hunter applicant shall meet one or more of the following qualifications in order to obtain a permit:

- Is permanently unable to walk without the use of, or assistance from, a wheelchair, scooter or walker;
- Is restricted by lung disease to the extent the person's forced expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by a spirometer, is less than thirty-five (35) percent predicted, or arterial oxygen tension is less than fifty-five (55) mm/Hg on room air at rest;
- Has a cardiac condition to the extent the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV, according to standards established by the American Heart Association;
- Has a permanent, physical impairment that prevents the person from holding or shooting a firearm or bow in hand;
- Has central visual acuity that permanently does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses or the widest diameter of the visual field is not greater than twenty (20) degrees; and, or
- Has written proof that the last official certification of record by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs or any branch for the Armed Forces of the United States shows the person to be at least sixty-five (65) percent disabled.

Qualifications for a Disabled Hunter Companion Permit and applications for Disabled Hunter Permits and Disabled Hunter Companion Permits (\$5.00) can be obtained from the Headquarters office or any Department Regional office.

h. Firearms. No person shall take into or possess in the game fields or forests of Wyoming any fully automatic weapon or device designed to silence or muffle the report of any firearm. Firearms and cartridges which are legal for taking Big or Trophy Game, or Wild Bison, are described in the following paragraphs.

Wyoming statutes authorize the use of a firearm which has a barrel bore diameter of at least twenty-three-hundredths (23/100) of an inch and is chambered to fire a center-fire cartridge not less than two (2) inches in overall length, including a soft or expanding point bullet seated to a normal depth or a muzzle-loading rifle which has a barrel bore diameter of at least 40/100 of an inch and a charge of at least fifty (50) grains of black powder or equivalent, or a muzzle-loading specialty single shot handgun which has a barrel length of not less than ten (10) inches, a bore diameter of at least 45/100 of an inch and which propels a projectile of two hundred forty (240) grains at not less than five hundred (500) foot pounds at one hundred (100) yards. In addition, the Commission authorizes any other cartridge fired from a firearm that has a barrel bore diameter of at least thirty-five hundredths (.35) of an inch and the cartridge generally delivers at least five hundred (500) pounds of impact at one hundred (100) yards and cartridges used are loaded with a lead, soft or expanding bullet point. Wild Bison shall only be taken with a firearm which has a barrel bore diameter of at least twenty-seven hundredths (27/100) of an inch and is chambered to fire a center-fire cartridge not less than two (2) inches in overall length, including a soft or expanding point bullet seated to a normal depth. The cartridge shall have a minimum of a one hundred fifty (150) grain bullet.

Wild Bison may also be taken by the use of muzzle-loading rifles having a barrel bore diameter of at least 50/100 of an inch and a charge of at least one hundred (100) grains of black powder or equivalent, only on lands off the National Elk Refuge.

i. Guides and Outfitters. Nonresident Big Game or Trophy Game hunters are currently required to have a professional guide or a Resident guide only if hunting in designated wilderness areas. Maps showing wilderness areas are available from the U.S. Forest Service. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department cannot recommend any specific guides or outfitters. A list of licensed outfitters is available upon request from the Wyoming State Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides, (http://outfitters.state.wy.us), 1950 Bluegrass Circle, Suite 280, Cheyenne, WY 82002, 1-800-264-0981 or (307) 635-1589.

j. Hiring Outfitters and Guides. Wyoming Statute states, "No person shall directly or indirectly compensate a person holding himself out as engaging in the business of, or acting in the capacity of, an outfitter or a professional guide unless that person provides proof that he is a licensed outfitter or professional guide as required by State law." Any person violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor..."

Before hiring an outfitter, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department advises that hunters check with the Wyoming State Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides (http://outfitters.state.wy.us) to verify that the outfitter is licensed by the State of Wyoming. Hunters should be aware that landowners engaging in outfitting or guiding activities on their own land are exempt from licensure by the Board. Specifically, W.S. 23-2-406(a)(ii)(B) states: "Landowner" means any person, firm or corporation holding title to, or occupying under a contract of purchase, agricultural land or any person whose family owns at least a majority of the stock in a Wyoming corporation and who provides services specified in this paragraph on lands owned by the corporation and used primarily for agricultural purposes." Contact: Wyoming State Board of Outfitters, at the above address.

k. Hunter Lists. In accordance with Wyoming statute, an applicant's name will appear on one or more lists, which may be purchased by the general public. Your Sportsperson ID will not appear on any list published or sold by the Department.

I. Hunters With Disabilities. Hunters With Disabilities permits are available to persons who qualify. (Refer to definition of Disabilities on page 46). Application shall be made through the License Section, Headquarters Office, 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82006-0001. This permit entitles the holder thereof to hunt from any stationary vehicle, except aircraft, for Big or Trophy Game animals, game birds (except migratory birds) and small game animals as provided for by Title 23 Wyoming Statutes and Commission Regulations. Shooting from or across a public road is prohibited.

m. Landowner Licenses. Nonresidents who qualify for Landowner Elk, Deer, Antelope or Wild Turkey licenses must apply within the application dates (see page 4) to the game warden in the area where subject lands are located.

Minimum requirements are 160 acres of deeded land and 2,000 animal use days annually by each species for which applied. Landowners should contact local game wardens to determine eligibility well before January 20 for Elk and March 15 for Deer and Antelope.

n. Minimum Age to Hunt, Youth Licenses. The minimum age to take any Big Game or Trophy Game animal is 12 years of age. An applicant may apply for any Big Game or Trophy Game license if he/she is 11 years of age but must be 12 years of age when hunting. Applicants under age 14 must have a guardian co-sign any Big Game or Trophy Game application. Persons who are less than 18 years of age and at least 11 years of age at the time of application may apply for a youth license and remit youth fees.

Applicants must be at least 14 years of age prior to September 1 of the application year in order to hunt Wild Bison.

A Hunter Safety Certificate is required of all hunters, born on or after January 1, 1966, taking wildlife by the use of firearms on land other than his/her own family. Please see page 43 for legal requirements.

Nonresidents under 14 years of age may fish or hunt small game and game birds, except Wild Turkey, without a license if they are with an adult who has a valid Wyoming license and their bag limit is counted as part of the adult's bag limit. Persons under 14 may also buy a Nonresident license and take their own bag limits.

o. Muzzle-Loading Firearms and Legal Handguns. Type 0 licenses are valid for Muzzle-Loading Firearms and/or Legal Handguns only. See regulations for restrictions.

Wyoming has no restrictions on muzzle-loader ignition systems. However, breech loading blackpowder rifles are not legal in Muzzle-Loading Only Seasons. All legal weapons, including Muzzle-Loading rifles, can be used to hunt during the regular firearms hunting season.

p. Transportation of Horses, Mules and Hay. Wyoming law requires proper health certificates for horses and mules being transported into the State. Persons transporting horses or mules out of the State must have proper proof of ownership prior to leaving. All hay brought onto National Forest lands, Wyoming Game and Fish Department managed lands and many BLM lands must be certified weed free.

q. Wildlife Violator Compact. Wyoming is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact. This will allow a violator from any of the participating states to accept a wildlife citation and proceed on his way without being required to post an appearance bond, unless the violation requires must appear and no bond accepted. The compact also recognizes the suspension of wildlife license privileges of any person whose license privileges have been suspended by a participating state. If you have had your privileges suspended in any of the participating states, you may lose your privileges in Wyoming in addition to all the participating Compact states. Additional information about the Compact can be obtained by contacting the Wildlife Law Enforcement Coordinator at (307) 233-6413.

r. Youth with Life Threatening Illnesses. The Commission may issue up to twenty-five (25) Antelope licenses, twenty-five (25) Deer licenses, twentyfive (25) Elk licenses and twenty-five (25) Turkey licenses each year for the exclusive distribution by nonprofit charitable organizations for use by persons twenty (20) years of age or younger with life threatening illnesses. The deadline to apply for these licenses is August 1. Contact (307) 777-4528 for more information regarding these licenses.