



# 2012 Wyoming Resident

## Hunting Information and Applications Booklet

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

### 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 42 for Conservation Stamp requirements and exemptions.

Purchase Conservation Stamps online at <http://gf.state.wy.us>

**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 interest in hunting in Wyoming. Our state has a long and rich tradition of hunting and boasts an abundance and diversity of big game animals. This rich abundance of animals is evident in Wyoming's high big game success rates for hunters. In 2010, the success rate for elk was 43%; 57% for white-tailed deer; 60% for mule deer; 78% for bighorn sheep; 88% for moose; 97% for pronghorn antelope; and 100% for mountain goat.

With the exponential increase in technological advances, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has also been making corresponding advances in the way hunters may access and submit applications, including big game applications. For instance, in 2010 80% of big game hunters purchased their licenses through the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's online application service at <https://gf.state.wy.us/elsapplication/ELSWelcome.aspx>. This secure, online system has allowed us to become more effective and efficient when processing license applications. Sportsmen and sportswomen may still use the physical application booklets and mail us their applications.

Hunters and anglers now have the option of not only purchasing licenses online, but may also print the following licenses, stamps, and permits from the convenience of their home computers:

- Conservation Stamp
- Elk Special Management Permit
- Pheasant Special Management Permit
- Archery Permit
- Wildlife Damage Management Stamp
- Daily Fishing License
- Annual Fishing License
- Bird / Small Game Combined Annual License
- Bird / Small Game Combined Daily License
- Bird Annual License
- Small Game Annual License

I encourage you to take advantage of these services. We feel that incorporating these technological advances have helped us maintain our goal of "Conserving Wildlife and Serving People".

We look forward to seeing you in Wyoming. I wish you the best in your hunting endeavors.

Sincerely,

Scott Talbott  
Director

# 2012 Resident Hunter Information Packet

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## Resident Hunter Information

### Resident Initial Drawing Application Period and License Fees

	Limitations & Tentative Season Information	Application Dates 5:00 PM MT deadline	Modify/ Withdrawal Deadline- Date	Results Available Via Phone or Website	Amount to Remit
<b>Elk-Full Price</b> Elk Youth Elk** Landowner Elk Landowner Youth Elk**	<b>Form 17, Page 33</b> Limited Quota (p. 17, 18) Limited Quota (p. 17, 18) Limited Quota (p. 17, 18) Limited Quota (p. 17, 18)	May 1-May 31 May 1-May 31 Apr. 15-May 15 Apr. 15-May 15	June 3 June 3 June 3 June 3	June 30 June 30 June 30 June 30	\$57.00* \$30.00* \$57.00* \$30.00*
<b>Elk-Full Price Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage</b> Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Elk Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Landowner Elk	<b>Form 20 - Available Via Website</b> Limited Quota (p. 17, 18) Limited Quota (p. 17, 18)	May 1-May 31 Apr. 15-May 15	June 3 June 3	June 30 June 30	\$10.00*/\$37.00* \$10.00*/\$37.00*
<b>Elk-Reduced Price</b> Cow/Calf Elk Cow/Calf Youth Elk** Landowner Cow/Calf Elk Landowner Cow/Calf Youth Elk**	<b>Form 17, Page 33</b> Limited Quota (p. 19) Limited Quota (p. 19) Limited Quota (p. 19) Limited Quota (p. 19)	May 1-May 31 May 1-May 31 Apr. 15-May 15 Apr. 15-May 15	June 3 June 3 June 3 June 3	June 30 June 30 June 30 June 30	\$48.00* \$25.00* \$48.00* \$25.00*
<b>Elk-Reduced Price Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage</b> Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Cow/Calf Elk Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Landowner Cow/Calf Elk	<b>Form 20 - Available Via Website</b> Limited Quota (p. 19) Limited Quota (p. 19)	May 1-May 31 Apr. 15-May 15	June 3 June 3	June 30 June 30	\$10.00*/\$32.00* \$10.00*/\$32.00*
<b>Deer-Full Price</b> Deer Youth Deer** Landowner Deer Landowner Youth Deer**	<b>Form 18, Page 35</b> Limited Quota (p. 21) Limited Quota (p. 21) Limited Quota (p. 21) Limited Quota (p. 21)	May 1-May 31 May 1-May 31 Apr. 15-May 15 Apr. 15-May 15	June 3 June 3 June 3 June 3	June 30 June 30 June 30 June 30	\$43.00* \$20.00* \$43.00* \$20.00*
<b>Deer-Full Price Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage</b> Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Deer Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Landowner Deer	<b>Form 21 - Available Via Website</b> Limited Quota (p. 21) Limited Quota (p. 21)	May 1-May 31 Apr. 15-May 15	June 3 June 3	June 30 June 30	\$7.00*/\$28.00* \$7.00*/\$28.00*
<b>Deer-Reduced Price</b> Doe/Fawn Deer Doe/Fawn Youth Deer** Landowner Doe/Fawn Deer Landowner Doe/Fawn Youth Deer**	<b>Form 18, Page 35</b> Limited Quota (p. 22) Limited Quota (p. 22) Limited Quota (p. 22) Limited Quota (p. 22)	May 1-May 31 May 1-May 31 Apr. 15-May 15 Apr. 15-May 15	June 3 June 3 June 3 June 3	June 30 June 30 June 30 June 30	\$27.00* \$19.00* \$27.00* \$19.00*
<b>Deer-Reduced Price Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage</b> Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Doe/Fawn Deer Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Landowner Doe/Fawn Deer	<b>Form 21 - Available Via Website</b> Limited Quota (p. 22) Limited Quota (p. 22)	May 1-May 31 Apr. 15-May 15	June 3 June 3	June 30 June 30	\$7.00*/\$23.00* \$7.00*/\$23.00*
<b>Antelope-Full Price</b> Antelope Youth Antelope** Landowner Antelope Landowner Youth Antelope**	<b>Form 19, Page 37</b> Limited Quota (p. 24) Limited Quota (p. 24) Limited Quota (p. 24) Limited Quota (p. 24)	May 1-May 31 May 1-May 31 Apr. 15-May 15 Apr. 15-May 15	June 3 June 3 June 3 June 3	June 30 June 30 June 30 June 30	\$38.00* \$20.00* \$38.00* \$20.00*
<b>Antelope-Full Price Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage</b> Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Antelope Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Landowner Antelope	<b>Form 22 - Available Via Website</b> Limited Quota (p. 24) Limited Quota (p. 24)	May 1-May 31 Apr. 15-May 15	June 3 June 3	June 30 June 30	\$7.00*/\$25.00* \$7.00*/\$25.00*
<b>Antelope-Reduced Price</b> Doe/Fawn Antelope Doe/Fawn Youth Antelope** Landowner Doe/Fawn Antelope Landowner Doe/Fawn Youth Antelope**	<b>Form 19, Page 37</b> Limited Quota (p. 25) Limited Quota (p. 25) Limited Quota (p. 25) Limited Quota (p. 25)	May 1-May 31 May 1-May 31 Apr. 15-May 15 Apr. 15-May 15	June 3 June 3 June 3 June 3	June 30 June 30 June 30 June 30	\$27.00* \$19.00* \$27.00* \$19.00*
<b>Antelope-Reduced Price Pioneer &amp; Pio Heritage</b> Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Doe/Fawn Antelope Pioneer and Pio Heritage Landowner Doe/Fawn Antelope	<b>Form 22 - Available Via Website</b> Limited Quota (p. 25) Limited Quota (p. 25)	May 1-May 31 Apr. 15-May 15	June 3 June 3	June 30 June 30	\$7.00*/\$23.00* \$7.00*/\$23.00*
<b>Moose</b> License Preference Point Only	<b>Form 2, Page 31</b> Limited Quota (p. 27) <b>Form 30 - Available Via Website June 15th</b>	Jan. 1-Feb. 29 <b>July 1 - Sept. 30</b>	April 15 N/A	May 8	\$117.00* \$7.00*
<b>Bighorn Sheep</b> License Preference Point Only	<b>Form 2, Page 31</b> Limited Quota (p. 29) <b>Form 30 - Available Via Website June 15th</b>	Jan. 1-Feb. 29 <b>July 1 - Sept. 30</b>	April 15 N/A	May 8	\$122.00* \$7.00*
<b>Bighorn Sheep-Reduced Price</b> Ewe/Lamb Bighorn Sheep Ewe/Lamb Youth Bighorn Sheep**	<b>Form 2, Page 31</b> Limited Quota (p. 29) Limited Quota (p. 29)	Jan. 1-Feb. 29 Jan. 1-Feb. 29	April 15 April 15	May 8 May 8	\$36.00* \$20.00*
<b>Mountain Goat</b>	<b>Form 2, Page 31</b> Limited Quota (p. 27)	Jan. 1-Feb. 29	April 15	May 8	\$127.00*
<b>Wild Turkey</b> Spring Wild Turkey/Spring Landowner Wild Turkey Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Spring Wild Turkey/Landowner Fall Wild Turkey/Fall Landowner Wild Turkey Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Fall Wild Turkey/Landowner	<b>Information and Forms Available Via Website</b>	Jan. 1-Jan. 31 Jan. 1-Jan. 31 July 1-Aug. 15 July 1-Aug. 15	Feb. 3 Feb. 3 Aug. 18 Aug. 18	Feb. 29 Feb. 29 Sept. 8 Sept. 8	\$16.00 \$2.00/\$10.00 \$16.00 \$2.00/\$10.00
<b>Bison Application Period</b>	<b>Form 7, Page 39</b> Priority Ranking List Information (p. 9)	Jan. 1-Feb. 29	N/A	May 22	\$11.00***

\*Note: Amount to be remitted includes nonrefundable \$5.00 application fee. \*\*See page 47 for a definition of a "youth license." \*\*\*The \$11.00 fee to be placed on the Wild Bison Priority Ranking list is nonrefundable.

## Section 1. Dates and Deadlines

Online applications may be submitted during the open application period from the WGFD website. 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. Residents may apply by using the WGFD website beginning January 1, 2012, for all resident applications except preference point purchase only.

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 etc.), paper applications received by 5:00 PM Mountain Time on the next business day at the Cheyenne Headquarters office will be accepted. All applications received after that time and date will be rejected and returned to the applicant prior to the drawing being conducted.

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Applications received after the application period shall not be accepted. For example, the Resident application period for Deer is May 1 - May 31; thus an application must be received by 5:00 PM MT on May 31, 2012.

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## 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-served basis through the Department's Electronic License Service via the WGFD website, Department offices, at automated license selling agent locations or through the submission of a paper application to the Cheyenne Headquarters Office.

**Full Price Elk, Deer and Antelope Licenses** will be available July 10, 2012, at 8:00 AM Mountain Time. **Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk,**

**Doe/Fawn Deer and Doe/Fawn Antelope Licenses** will be available July 17, 2012, at 8:00 AM Mountain Time. A current list of all leftover licenses available for purchase will tentatively be located on the WGFD website on June 30, 2012.

**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 \$5.00 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. 2012 Application Forms.** You have been provided 5 forms. **FOR MORE FORMS, PLEASE PHOTOCOPY.**

- Full Price Elk and Reduced Price Elk (Form 17) (Page 33)
- Full Price Deer and Reduced Price Deer (Form 18) (Page 35)
- Full Price Antelope and Reduced Price Antelope (Form 19) (Page 37)
- Full Price Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat and Reduced Price Bighorn Sheep (Form 2) (Page 31)
- Wild Bison Priority List (Form 7) (Page 39)

Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage license application forms may be obtained at all Wyoming Game and Fish Department offices, at License Selling Agent locations throughout the state and at the WGFD website. Landowner license application forms may be obtained at all Department offices, WGFD website or through local game wardens.

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### 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 Full Price Bighorn Sheep applicant must wait 5 years to next apply for or receive another Moose or Full Price Bighorn Sheep license. For example, a Moose applicant successful in 2007 would not be eligible to apply for or receive another Moose license until 2012. Nor would the applicant be eligible to purchase a Moose preference point during this same 5-year period (until 2012). However, the applicant could continue to properly apply for a Full Price Bighorn Sheep until successful. The 5-year waiting period would then pertain to applying for or receiving another Full Price Bighorn Sheep license or purchasing a Bighorn Sheep preference point.

The Mountain Goat license is a once-in-a-lifetime license. If you drew 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. Preference Points. PREFERENCE POINTS APPLY ONLY TO MOOSE AND BIGHORN SHEEP.** Preference points can be purchased online by using the WGFD website. 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. Applicants may purchase a preference point for \$7.00 instead of applying for a license. Applicants who apply for a license and are unsuccessful will be awarded a preference point, therefore they could not purchase a "preference point only". **APPLICANTS CANNOT BOTH APPLY FOR A LICENSE AND PURCHASE A PREFERENCE POINT (SEE PAGE 30).**

The preference point system is designed to improve your odds of eventually drawing a license in a hard-to-draw hunt area. For Moose and Full Price Bighorn Sheep, 75% of available licenses in each hunt area and license type combination will be allocated to "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.

All applicants are entered into the "preference point draw" regardless of their preference point total (including applicants with zero preference points). Any applicant unsuccessful in the "preference point draw" is then entered into the "random draw".

The application form (Form 30) to purchase preference points only will be available on our website 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. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE A PREFERENCE POINT ONLY** during any of the initial license application periods.

The price for a Moose or Bighorn Sheep preference point is \$7.00 each. There is **NO APPLICATION FEE TO PURCHASE A PREFERENCE POINT ONLY.**

If you have any questions, please call (307) 777-4600 or go to the WGFD website for additional information on purchasing A **PREFERENCE POINT ONLY.**

Most applicants drawn to fill hunt area quotas will be among those who have the highest preference points. **NO PREFERENCE POINTS WILL BE EARNED WHEN APPLICATION IS MADE FOR A CLOSED HUNT AREA OR AN INVALID HUNT AREA/TYPE.**

Moose and Bighorn Sheep preference points are associated with a specific customer record, which is identified by the sportsperson identification number used on the application to earn or purchase the preference point(s). When a customer changes their residency status from either resident to nonresident or nonresident to resident, the preference points are not affected. Moose and Bighorn Sheep preference points earned are associated with the customer and not the customer's residency status.

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 2012 are not available for use in the 2012 limited quota drawings. They will be available for use in the 2013 limited quota drawing.

Once an applicant has successfully drawn a Moose or Full Price Bighorn Sheep license, all preference points will be deleted for the species drawn and 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, first name, date of birth, or social security # 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.

**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 fax will not be accepted. This is 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 USING THE WGFD WEBSITE.**

**g. Withdrawal of Applications** Applicants may withdraw their applications on the WGFD website by selecting the "View Previously Submitted Applications" button and checking the "Modify" button and then select the "Remove application from drawing" button. This feature is also available for paper applications once the application data is entered in the system. The deadline for withdrawing applications on the WGFD website or submitting a withdrawal form is listed in the chart on page 4. Applicants may not withdraw from the Wild Bison Priority Ranking or a preference point only purchase.

You may also withdraw your applications upon submission of a written request. **FORM 16, Request to Be Removed From The Drawing**, is used for this purpose. To obtain Form 16, Request to Be Removed From

The Drawing, please call (307) 777-4600 or visit the WGFD website. 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 indicated on the chart on page 4.

**h. Application Modifications.** Applications submitted on the WGFD website may be modified on the WGFD website. This feature is also available for paper applications once the application data is entered in the system. Modify the hunt area and type on an application on the WGFD website by selecting the "View Previously Submitted Applications" button and checking the "Modify" button and then select the "Continue to update areas and types" button. You will not be able to modify the fee type for which you have submitted your application. The party originator must make the modifications to party applications. Modifications to party applications may also be submitted to the License Draw Section by fax at (307) 777-4679 and must include the sportsperson identification number and the applicant's signature. The deadline for modifying hunt areas and types on applications is listed in the chart on page 4.

**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 25 business days of the selection date. License fees are returned to unsuccessful applicants and to persons who submitted improper applications or fees. All refunds will be issued in the name of the applicant, regardless of who submitted the fee accompanying the application.

**APPLICANTS WHO OVERPAY WILL BE ISSUED A SEPARATE REFUND BY AUGUST, FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ALL INITIAL DRAWINGS. IF A DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE AS TO WHOM OVERPAID, THE OVERPAYMENT WILL BE RETURNED TO THAT 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 IN A SEPARATE REFUND BY AUGUST.**

**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, stamp, permit, 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, stamp, permit, tag or coupon. Any license, stamp, permit or tag 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.

**l. Reservation of License Due to Injury or Illness.** Holders of Moose, Mountain Goat or Full Price 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 ON THE WGFD WEBSITE VIA THE ELECTRONIC LICENSING SYSTEM. AMOUNTS SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT IN U.S. FUNDS**

**DRAWN ON A U.S. BANK ONLY. TWO-PARTY CHECKS, INCLUDING STATE OF WYOMING WARRANTS, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. 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. 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 to determine if it is not too late to replace the returned item.

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, stamps, permits 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 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;
- iv. 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 if the written request for refund is received after

December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year in which the license, stamp, permit 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

The sportsperson identification number is a random number generated by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Your social security number may not be used as your sportsperson identification number.

If this is your first application submitted with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, please leave the sportsperson identification number field blank and check the box "Please Assign #."

If you had previously been assigned a random number as your sportsperson identification number, please continue to use that on your application form. If you do not know what number to use, leave the sportsperson identification number field blank on your application form and **DO NOT** check the box "Please Assign #" or contact the Department at (307) 777-4600 to obtain your sportsperson ID.

### Section 4. Social Security Number

All applicants are required to provide the last four (4) digits of their social security number to apply for a license or participate in limited quota drawings.

Section 466(13)(A) of the Social Security Act mandates states have in effect a requirement for the social security number of any applicant for a recreational license to be recorded on the application. The Act does not require the social security number be printed on the face of the license, but does require the number be kept on file at the agency. This provision of the act is to allow for the matching of child support obligors with license holders.

The Department of Health and Human Services has approved an exemption that allows the Department to only capture the last four (4) digits of the social security number, instead of the entire number, to comply with the federal requirements to provide the social security number of a hunting and fishing license purchaser.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department will not print the social security number on any license document. It will not be accessible on any Department internet license application or sale system. Any uses of the social security number will be limited to the last four (4) digits. The Department will not disclose the social security number to any entity, except to the Department of Family Services, as required for child support enforcement. The sportsperson identification number will continue to be the number printed on licenses or refunds, not the social security number.

Individuals who do not have a social security number will be required to provide an alternate identification number as follows:

- Resident aliens will be required to provide their Tax Identification Number (ITIN). This means a person that is not a US citizen who is in our country on a VISA working for a company earning a paycheck or attending college. Also known as Resident Alien Card, Green card or Student VISA.
- International foreign visitors will be required to provide their Passport Identification Number.

### Section 5. 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 expectations 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:

Party Application Block		
<input type="text"/>	OF	<input type="text"/>

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:

Party Application Block		
<input type="text" value="1"/>	OF	<input type="text" value="3"/>

Application for First Hunter in Party

Party Application Block		
<input type="text" value="2"/>	OF	<input type="text" value="3"/>

Application for Second Hunter in Party

Party Application Block		
<input type="text" value="3"/>	OF	<input type="text" value="3"/>

Application for Third Hunter in Party

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

A valid party may include all Resident, Pioneer and Resident Youth applicants. Landowner applicants may not be included in a party with non landowner 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 HIS 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 in 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.

### Section 6. 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 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.**

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

### Section 7. What is the difference between a Full Price License and a Reduced Price License

Price is the difference. For example, a Full Price Antlerless Elk license is \$57. A Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk license is \$48. A sportsperson is authorized one (1) Full Price Elk license, which could be an any, antlered or antlerless, depending on the regulations in that specific hunt area for the calendar year. Beginning in 2010, regulations allow for one (1) Full Price Elk and one (1) Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk OR two (2) Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk licenses in a calendar year. See section 9, page 9.

**A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A REDUCED PRICE LICENSE WITHOUT APPLYING FOR A FULL PRICE 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.**

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 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 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 8. 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, Deer and Antelope 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 Elk 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. DO NOT ENTER THE SPECIFIC HUNT AREA YOU PREFER TO HUNT.**

Applicants desiring to hunt within Grand Teton National Park must apply for hunt area 75 or 79. After the first week of the season, all unused Full Price and Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk licenses are eligible for the Elk Refuge drawing in hunt area 77.

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

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The Department of the 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 42 for explanation)

**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.

Resident Deer licenses are either General licenses or Limited Quota licenses valid in specific hunt area(s). Check the hunt area, type and

limitation columns on page 21. **IF YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR A GENERAL DEER LICENSE, WRITE "GEN" IN THE AREA BOX AND LEAVE THE TYPE BOX BLANK. DO NOT ENTER THE SPECIFIC HUNT AREA YOU PREFER TO HUNT.** 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.

A person may apply for and receive a maximum of one (1) Limited Quota type 1, type 2, type 3 or General Deer license through the initial drawing period. After the initial drawing is completed, any person may apply for and receive a second full priced deer license provided that at least one (1) is a Limited Quota Type 3 (any white-tailed deer license) valid in certain Deer hunt areas. However, no person shall receive more than a total of two (2) Deer licenses valid for the taking of antlered or any deer, of which not more than one (1) shall be valid for antlered or any mule deer, in any one calendar year.

Second Limited Quota Any White-Tailed Deer licenses shall only be available to Residents and Nonresidents on a first-come, first-served 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 person to possess more than one (1) Limited Quota license in certain Antelope hunt areas. For those certain hunt areas, a person 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-served basis after the initial drawing is completed. The second Any Antelope license shall be sold for the full price.

### **Section 9. Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk, Doe/Fawn Deer, 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.

The Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk, Doe/Fawn Deer and Doe/Fawn Antelope draw results are scheduled to be released on June 30, 2012.

Applicants may apply for and receive only one (1) Reduced Price Cow/Calf license through the initial drawing period. After the initial draw is completed, any person may receive up to two (2) Reduced Price Cow/Calf licenses. However, no person shall receive more than a total of two (2) Elk licenses under any type, in any one calendar year.

The Commission may authorize a person 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 Doe/Fawn licenses a person can possess will be determined in late April 2012. Regardless of the number of Reduced Price Doe/Fawn Deer or Reduced Price Doe/Fawn 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 person wants to purchase Reduced Price Doe/Fawn Deer or Reduced Price Doe/Fawn 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 by using the WGFD website.

**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 a person is not issued any full price license in the initial drawings for Elk, Deer or Antelope. Withdrawal of Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk, Reduced Price

Doe/Fawn Deer or Reduced Price Doe/Fawn antelope applications from the drawings are not linked to hunt areas. Therefore, it is possible to draw reduced priced and full priced licenses for different hunt areas when the withdrawal box is not checked. **IF THE WITHDRAWAL BLOCK IS CHECKED, THE APPLICATION WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE DRAWING, REGARDLESS IF A FULL PRICE APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED.**

### **Section 10. Full Price 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 Full Price 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 or portion of hunt area in which the license is valid. Refer to the tentative Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat hunting season information charts on pages 27 and 29.

According to Wyoming Statute (W.S. 23-1-703), 75% of Wyoming Bighorn Sheep hunting licenses must be issued to residents and 25% to nonresidents. Traditionally, these licenses have been issued in multiples of 4 (3 residents: 1 nonresident) 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 2012 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 NONRESIDENT 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.

Please see page 5 for information regarding the purchase of a Moose or Bighorn Sheep preference point.

### **Section 11. Reduced Price Ewe/Lamb Bighorn Sheep Application**

An individual may apply for and receive (1) Full Price Bighorn Sheep license and/or one (1) Reduced Price Ewe/Lamb type 6 license. Type 6 licenses are independent of the preference point system. Receiving only a ewe/lamb license has no effect on the number of preference points an applicant has for a Full Price Bighorn Sheep License.

### **Section 12. 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 WGFD website. The license fee is \$16.00 each for Spring and Fall Wild Turkey applications. The license fee is \$2.00 and \$10.00 each for Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Spring and Fall Wild Turkey applications, respectively. The \$5.00 application fee is not charged for Wild Turkey applications. We encourage you to apply using the WGFD website.

### **Section 13. Wild Bison Priority List**

**Apply on FORM 7.** The fee to be placed on the priority list is \$11.00. If an applicant is selected from the priority listing, a Wild Bison license fee of \$402.00 must be remitted to the appropriate Regional Office before a license is issued.

The Wild Bison priority list is valid from August 1 of the application year to January 31 of the next year. Applicants may apply for either the Any 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 14. Hunting Information.

### a. Active Duty Wyoming Resident in Combat Zone Licenses.

Complimentary Resident General Elk, Resident General Deer, Resident Game Bird, Resident Small Game and Resident Daily Fishing licenses shall be issued to any Wyoming Resident serving on active duty in the United States military deployed to a combat zone who is home on military leave during the applicable hunting or fishing season and returning to duty in a combat zone. Applicants for licenses shall meet the statutory requirements established in W.S. 23-2-101(a) and shall provide to the Department a valid, current military identification card, military leave orders, a current Leave and Earnings Statement indicating the applicant is receiving a hostile fire compensation and proof of residency at the time of application. Licenses shall be issued at no fee to the applicant and shall only be issued at the Headquarters or Department Regional Offices.

**b. All Terrain Vehicle Permit Required.** All Off-Road Recreational Vehicles (ATVs, dirt bikes and out-of-state ORVs 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) within Wyoming. ORVs 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 Seasons and Type 9 Archery Only Licenses.** Special Archery seasons for Big Game are established by the Commission in late April. Season dates are not available at press time. Information on archery seasons will be available on or about May 5. Traditionally, Antelope archery seasons for most areas open August 15 and close the day the regular (rifle) season opens. For Elk and Deer, the archery season in most areas traditionally opens September 1 and closes September 30 or earlier in September when the regular (rifle) season opens.

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 in addition to their valid hunting license. Only one Archery license is required to archery hunt all Big Game and Trophy Game animals. Archery licenses are available at License Selling Agents statewide. Do not purchase an Archery license until you have received notification of drawing results.

Some elk hunt areas offer hunting licenses for Archery Only and 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 the type 9 license. In elk hunt areas that have Type 9 Archery Only licenses, the special archery season may not be open when the Type 9 license season is open or there may not be a special archery season.

Persons hunting with archery equipment during regular firearms seasons need not obtain an Archery license, but are required to wear fluorescent orange.

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, that 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.

**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 2012 hunting season to monitor disease prevalence. Hunter participation is voluntary. Sampling and testing procedures do not provide overall 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 website 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) 766-9925) for a fee. Look for more information about CWD in the 2012 big game regulations.

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 CWD-infected 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 website 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 WGFD website 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. Resident and nonresident hunters who take a Deer, Elk or Moose from any hunt area in Wyoming 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.

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 and Wild Bison hunters must wear in a visible manner one or more exterior garments of a fluorescent orange color that 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, that 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, at all times, 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 percent (35%) 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 percent (65%) disabled.

A person qualified for and in possession of a Disabled Hunter Permit may hunt antelope, deer or elk five (5) days prior to the earliest opening date, excluding archery season, in hunt area(s) and for the sex of antelope, deer or elk set forth by the limitations of their license, excluding areas within Grand Teton National Park and the National Elk Refuge.

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. Donating Licenses to Disabled Veterans.** Beginning July 1, 2011, hunters can now donate their big game licenses to disabled veterans. The recipients of any donated licenses will be sponsored by a qualifying nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to provide hunting opportunities to disabled veterans. Contact (307) 777-4674 for more information regarding these licenses.

**i. 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 that are legal for taking Big or Trophy Game and Wild Bison, are described in the following paragraphs.

Wyoming statutes authorize the use of a firearm that 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 that 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 that has a barrel length of not less than ten (10) inches, a bore diameter of at least 45/100 of an inch and that 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 (35/100) 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 that 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. Muzzle-loading rifles may be used to take Wild Bison only on lands off the National Elk Refuge.

**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 at 1950 Bluegrass Circle, Suite 280, Cheyenne, WY 82002 or call toll free at 1-800-264-0981 or 307-635-1589 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)(iv)(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."

**k. Hunter Lists.** In accordance with Wyoming Statute, an applicant's name will appear on one or more lists that may be purchased by the general public. Your sportsperson identification number or social security number will not appear on any list published or sold by the Department.

**l. Hunters With Qualifying Disabilities.** Hunters with a qualifying disability may apply to the Department for a permit to shoot from a stationary vehicle to take wildlife. (Refer to definition of Qualifying Disability on page 47). Permits may be obtained from the Headquarters Office or any Department Regional Office. This permit entitles the holder thereof to shoot from any stationary vehicle, except aircraft, to take 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.** Residents 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.

Beginning in 2012, landowners will apply on separate big game applications. Application forms can be obtained from any Department office, WGFD website or through local game wardens.

Also beginning in 2012, landowners are allowed to apply for one (1) reduced price landowner license per big game species in addition to the one (1) full price landowner license they were previously allowed to apply for.

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 May 15 for Elk, Deer and Antelope.

**n. Minimum Age to Hunt, Youth Licenses.** The minimum age to take any Big Game or Trophy Game animal is twelve (12) years of age. An applicant may apply for any Big Game or Trophy Game license if he/she is eleven (11) years of age, but must be twelve (12) years of age when hunting. Applicants under age fourteen (14) must have a guardian co-sign any Big

Game or Trophy Game application. Persons who are less than eighteen (18) years of age and at least eleven (11) years of age at the time of application may apply for a youth license and remit youth fees.

Applicants must be at least fourteen (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 42 for legal requirements.

**o. Muzzle-Loading Firearms and Legal Handguns.** Type 0 licenses are valid for Muzzle-Loading Firearms 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. Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage Licenses.** The Department issues without charge Pioneer Game Bird, Fish and Small Game licenses to any Resident who is 65 years of age or older and who has 30 years of continuous residence in Wyoming immediately preceding application for a license. The license is valid as long as the licensee remains a Wyoming resident.

**PIONEER AND PIONEER HERITAGE APPLICANTS MAY OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FORM FROM ALL WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT OFFICES AND AT LICENSE SELLING AGENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OR BY CONTACTING THE TELEPHONE INFORMATION CENTER AT (307) 777-4600.**

The Department and automated license selling agents issue for a fee of \$5.00 a Pioneer Elk license and \$2.00 for a Pioneer Deer, Antelope or Spring/Fall Turkey license. If these licenses are applied for through a drawing process, then a \$5.00 application fee is required in addition to the license fee, except for Turkey. Eligibility for these licenses is any Wyoming Resident who was born on or before January 1, 1930 and who has continuously resided in Wyoming for at least 40 years immediately preceding application for a license.

The Department and automated license selling agents also issue: for a fee of \$32.00, a Pioneer Heritage Elk license, \$23.00 for a Pioneer Heritage Deer license, \$20.00 for a Pioneer Heritage Antelope license and \$10.00 for a Pioneer Heritage Spring/Fall Turkey license. If these licenses are applied for through a drawing process, then a \$5.00 application fee is required in addition to the license fee, except for Turkey. Eligibility for these licenses is any Wyoming Resident who was born after January 1, 1930, is at least seventy (70) years of age prior to the issuance of the license and has continuously resided in Wyoming for at least fifty (50) years immediately preceding application for the license.

Big game Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage applicants must meet the above criteria by June 15th. Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage individuals applying for Limited Quota Elk, Deer or Antelope licenses must compete in random computer selections to determine successful applicants.

Pioneer and Pioneer Heritage General Elk, General Deer and General Turkey licenses are issued from the Game and Fish Cheyenne Headquarters Office, Regional Offices and automated license selling agents.

Pioneer applicants desiring to purchase leftover reduced price licenses may do so at the Game and Fish Cheyenne Headquarters Office, Regional Offices and automated license selling agents.

**q. Residency Requirements.** To qualify for a Resident Game and Fish license, a person shall be domiciled and physically reside in Wyoming for not less than one (1) year immediately preceding the date the person applies for a license. Additionally, the person shall not claim residency elsewhere for any purpose during the previous year. Each person, other than minor dependents or spouses and dependents of qualified Military Residents, must establish their residency independently. A person is considered "domiciled" if he (a) physically resides in Wyoming, (b) has made his permanent home in Wyoming, (c) is not residing in Wyoming for a special or temporary purpose and (d) has abandoned domicile in all other states.

Neither ownership of property nor a Wyoming mailing address alone are sufficient evidence of domicile. Domicile is established and maintained by the total intent and actions of a person.

A person shall lose his residency in Wyoming if he/she resides in any other state, territory or country for an aggregate of one hundred eighty (180) days or more in a calendar year, except minor dependents, students, active duty military personnel, hospitalized patients and those individuals identified below.

A Resident is also any active member or the spouse or minor dependent of any active member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been stationed in Wyoming for ninety (90) days, so long as the member remains stationed in Wyoming. A Wyoming Resident who enters the military from Wyoming maintains resident status if he/she declares Wyoming as his/her home of record, maintains Wyoming voting registration, is on active duty and does not claim residency elsewhere.

Active duty military applicants must complete the Proof of Residency Statement (item 5) on the reverse side of the application for themselves, their spouse and minor children.

A person qualifying as a Wyoming resident in accordance with W.S. 23-1-107(c) shall not gain or lose residency for the purpose of serving full time for a period not to exceed four (4) years in an established volunteer service program for charitable, humanitarian or religious purposes. A letter signed and notarized by the volunteer service program's director that describes the services provided (including that they were provided without remuneration), the duration of service and the hours served may be used to establish compliance with W.S. 23-1-107(c).

**r. 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.

**s. 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 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.

**t. Youth with Life Threatening Illnesses.** The Commission may issue up to twenty-five (25) Antelope licenses, twenty-five (25) Deer licenses, twenty-five (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) 777-4674 for more information regarding these licenses.