

Need more Information?

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- Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Customer Services, 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82006-0001
- Telephone Information Center (TIC) for General Hunting and Fishing Information (307) 777-4600
- WGFD website for license results and General Hunting and Fishing Information
- TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) (307) 777-4647
- Cheyenne Headquarters Office(800) 842-1934
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- Casper Regional Office(800) 233-8544
3030 Energy Lane, Casper, WY 82604.....(307) 473-3400
- Cody Regional Office(800) 654-1178
2820 State Highway 120, Cody, WY 82414.....(307) 527-7125
- Green River Regional Office.....(800) 843-8096
351 Astle, Green River, WY 82935(307) 875-3223
- Jackson Regional Office.....(800) 423-4113
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- Lander Regional Office.....(800) 654-7862
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- Laramie Regional Office(800) 843-2352
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- Pinedale Regional Office.....(800) 452-9107
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Hunter Mentor Program

Any person born on or after January 1, 1966, who has not received a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms may apply to the Department for a special authorization to take wildlife with the use of a firearm while being accompanied by a mentor. A special authorization issued to an individual shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue and shall be in the possession of the recipient at all times while in the field. The application may be obtained from Headquarters, Department Regional Offices or on the WGFD website. No person shall apply for and receive more than one (1) special authorization to hunt with a mentor. Any person acting as a mentor to a mentee with a special authorization pursuant to this section shall not provide supervision for more than one (1) mentee at a time in the field and shall accompany the mentee at all times to provide constant supervision. The Hunter Mentor Program is not valid in Grand Teton National Park (Elk hunt areas 75 and 79), but shall be valid on the National Elk Refuge (Elk hunt area 77).

Hunter Safety Requirements

No person born on or after January 1, 1966, may take any wildlife by the use of firearms on land other than that of his own family, unless the person possesses or can demonstrate they have obtained a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms. All hunt area 75 and 79 Elk hunters, regardless of age, must possess and exhibit a valid hunter safety certificate. Compliance will be checked in the field.

Conservation Stamp Requirements

Each person licensed to hunt or fish in Wyoming shall purchase one (1) conservation stamp for \$12.50, valid for the calendar year. The stamp shall be signed in ink and shall be in the possession of the person while **HUNTING OR FISHING**. Hunters or anglers who acquire a lifetime conservation stamp or a conservation stamp authorization from the Department's electronic license service system shall not be required to meet the signature provision.

Conservation Stamps may be purchased from Cheyenne Headquarters, Regional Offices, license selling agents throughout the state and the WGFD website. A lifetime conservation stamp may be purchased, for \$180.50, by applying to the Cheyenne Headquarters Office, License Section.

Conservation Stamp Exemptions

Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirement to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising hunting or fishing privileges under THESE licenses:

- daily hunting or fishing license;
- special limited fishing permit holders; or
- Wyoming fifty percent (50%) disabled veteran fishing license

Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirements to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising hunting or fishing privileges under ANY Wyoming license. The person shall at all times be in possession of the license allowing the conservation stamp exemption while in the field:

- any Wyoming pioneer hunting or fishing license;
- Wyoming one-hundred percent (100%) disabled veteran game bird, small game and fishing license;
- military combat general elk or general deer license; or
- military combat game bird or small game license.

Read Instructions Carefully

License Fee Reminders:

All prices include a nonrefundable \$5.00 application fee when appropriate. **PLEASE REFER TO THE CHART ENTITLED, "RESIDENT INITIAL DRAWING APPLICATION PERIOD AND LICENSE FEES" ON PAGE 4 FOR THE AMOUNTS THAT MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATIONS FOR HUNT YEAR 2012.**

Voluntary Donation to Access Yes Program:

Access Yes is a program created to maintain and enhance public access for hunting and fishing. Access Yes is funded by voluntary contributions from hunters and anglers dedicated exclusively for improving public hunting and fishing opportunities in the state. Access Yes donations are only used to provide hunting and fishing access onto private and landlocked public lands. The Access Yes program is in response to numerous requests that the Game and Fish Department address the difficulties of finding places to hunt and fish. The application forms in this packet have a space provided in which you can designate any whole dollar amount you wish to contribute when applying for a license. This amount should then be added to the check or money order accompanying the application. **[DO NOT SEND CASH.]** If you would like more information on this program, please call (307) 777-4600. **DONATING TO THE PROGRAM DOES NOT PROVIDE OR IMPLY THAT ACCESS WILL BE GRANTED TO ANY PRIVATE LAND THAT IS NOT ENROLLED IN WYOMING'S PRIVATE LAND PUBLIC WILDLIFE ACCESS PROGRAM.** See back cover for additional information on Access Yes.

Voluntary Search and Rescue Donation:

Wyoming Statutes provide for a voluntary donation to be utilized for Search and Rescue activities within the state. This donation will be used solely to defray costs of search and rescue operations. These funds are transferred to the Wyoming Emergency Management Agency for search and rescue operations. As these activities benefit hunters and anglers, the Department encourages your participation in this program. This donation is in addition to other license fees. Every Department application form provides a check box for this voluntary donation.

Voluntary Wildlife Damage Management Stamp:

The Wyoming Legislature created the Wyoming Damage Management Board for the purpose of mitigating damage caused to livestock, wildlife and crops by predatory animals, predacious birds and depredating animals or for the purpose of protection of human health and safety. The legislation developed several sources of funding for the Board to carry out its responsibilities, including the creation of a Wildlife Damage Management Stamp. The fee for this stamp is \$10.00. The purchase of the stamp is not mandatory, but does provide hunters a voluntary means to fund predator management. The stamp may be purchased by using the WGFD website, at all License Selling Agents, at Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regional Offices and at the Headquarters office.

Delivery of Applications, Licenses and Refunds:

Neither the U.S. Postal Service, nor any other mail delivery service are agents of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. **THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAIL DELIVERY TO AND FROM THE DEPARTMENT. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY USING THE WGFD WEBSITE.** Your canceled check or money order is documentation that the Department has received your application. If necessary, duplicate licenses or replacement warrants will be issued by the Department upon timely notification that the applicant failed to receive the license or refund warrant. Duplicate licenses may be purchased from the Department for a fee of \$5.00 each.

Inherent Risk in Applying:

Each applicant assumes an inherent risk when applying for a license to be used in the future. **LICENSE FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE ONCE A LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED.** Please consider the risk when applying. Please refer to page 7 Section 2(n) for the refund policy.

License Draw Results:

Applicants who do not receive a license or refund within 25 days following the drawing result date should notify the Department. Applicants who wish to obtain results prior to mail notification may access this information at the WGFD website or call (307) 777-4600.

Season Dates and Limitations:

Opening dates, closing dates and limitations for Big Game hunting seasons are established each year in late April or early May by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. **THE OPENING DATES AND LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS BOOKLET ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** The Commission reserves the right to not issue licenses for specific hunt areas and types if it is in the best interest of wildlife management. If an applicant applies for a hunt area and type in which the Commission did not authorize licenses, the license fee will be refunded, but the application fee will not be refunded.

Emergency Season Closures:

Big Game hunting seasons may be closed due to an emergency upon 48 hours notice. The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission may institute an emergency closure to shorten the season in any hunt area at any time if a harvest quota is reached or if an emergency arises warranting the closure. Should a closure become necessary, no refunds will be given for unused licenses.

Application Disqualification:

Read instructions carefully. Wyoming Game and Fish Commission regulations require all application forms to be accurately completed, including the applicant's name, social security number, original signature,

physical address, mailing address if different than the physical address, date of birth, physical description (height, weight, eyes, hair and sex), years of residency and proof of residency for resident fee types and desired valid hunting specifications. Failure to complete or submit forms correctly or submitting the wrong amount of money may disqualify an application. Applicants shall be disqualified from participating in drawings or in the awarding of preference points if the applicant's privilege to purchase or receive any hunting license has been suspended by a court order or the Wildlife Violator Compact. See "Completed Application" on page 46.

Hunt Areas with Difficult Public Access:

Hunt areas marked with an asterisk (*) on the tentative hunting season information charts are predominantly private lands or have inaccessible or limited access to public lands. If you are considering applying for a license in any of these hunt areas, you are advised to obtain landowner permission prior to making application for a license. Obtaining permission to hunt after you receive a license is often difficult or impossible. You may hunt legally accessible public lands within these hunt areas, but often such lands are in small parcels, receive heavy hunting pressure and may not always contain the species of wildlife you desire to hunt. In addition, wildlife abundance and distribution are often greater on the private land portions of these areas. The inability to secure a place to hunt is not cause for a license refund or exchange of license for another hunt area. For information on access to private lands, see the WGFD website. There are numerous walk-in and hunter management areas that allow free access, but hunters should check first to determine their availability in the area and for the species they wish to hunt.

Permission for Access:

Approximately half of Wyoming is private land. Some of the public lands can only be reached by crossing private access land. To cross private lands, permission must be obtained from landowners. Landowners have the right to control access to their lands or charge a fee for access. Written permission or other proof of permission for access is required before one can hunt on private land. The following list should help minimize access problems:

1. Be familiar with the land ownership before applying for a license.
2. Make hunting arrangements with the landowner in advance of applying for a license.
3. Avoid the season opening day. (Many landowners are full on opening day, but have vacancies later in the season.)
4. Carry a good map. (Maps showing public and private lands are available.) It is a good idea to check with local land management agencies to see if land sales have changed the status of lands in your hunt area.
5. Know where you are. Wyoming law does not require landowners to post their property. It is the hunter's responsibility to know if the land is public or private.
6. How to find landowners. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department does not keep a comprehensive list of all landowners in Wyoming. Lists of landowners in predominantly private land areas are sometimes available from Regional Offices or Game and Fish Headquarters in Cheyenne. In addition, some Chambers of Commerce may be able to advise you of landowner names in surrounding hunt areas.
7. Some private land is open for public access through either Walk-in Areas or Hunter Management Area programs. Information about applying for Hunter Management Area Permits can be obtained from the WGFD website.