Controlled Hunt Application Periods
Deer, Elk, Pronghorn & Fall Black Bear: May 1 - June 5
Spring Black Bear: January 15 - February 15
Deer, Elk, Pronghorn Seasons: August 2022 - February 2023
Black Bear, Mountain Lion Seasons: August 2022 - July 2023
Gray Wolf Seasons: July 2022 - June 2023
Including Controlled Hunts for Deer, Elk, Pronghorn and Black Bear

Mandatory Hunter Reports are required from all deer, elk, and pronghorn hunters.
See page 7 for more information.

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ATTENTION RESIDENT ELK HUNTERS

If you apply for a controlled elk hunt in 2022, you cannot buy a capped elk zone tag until five (5) days after they go on sale regardless of whether you draw a controlled hunt elk tag.

Elk controlled hunts exempt from the waiting period:

- Super Hunts
- Extra anterless hunts
- Depredation hunts

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Permission Form

Permission given to (print):

Dates permission is valid:

from: ____________________
to: ______________________

General Description of Property:
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Landowner Name (print):
______________________________

Owner or Agent Signature:
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A property owner may revoke permission at any time.

All persons must have written permission or other lawful form of permission to enter or remain on private land to shoot any weapon or hunt, fish, trap or retrieve game. A person should know land is private and they are not allowed without permission because:

- The property is associated with a residence or business;
- OR cultivated;
- OR fenced or enclosed in a way that delineates the private property;
- OR unfenced and uncultivated, but is posted with conspicuous “no trespassing” signs or bright orange/fluorescent paint at the corners of the property, corners and boundaries where the property intersects navigable streams, roads, gates and rights-of-way entering the land and posted in a way that people can see the postings.

Note – if private property adjoins or is contained within public lands, the fence line adjacent to public land should be posted with “no trespassing signs” or bright orange/fluorescent paint at the corners of the fence adjoining public land and at all navigable streams, roads, gates and rights-of-way entering the private land from public land and posted in a way that people can see the postings.

It is illegal for anyone to post public land that is not held under an exclusive control lease.

Private posting at navigable streams shall not prohibit access to navigable streams below the high-water mark as allowed by Idaho law.

A property owner may revoke permission at any time. Any person must leave private property when asked to do so by the owner or agent.

A first conviction of trespass on private property carries a mandatory one-year revocation of hunting/fishing/trapping licenses in addition to misdemeanor fine and seizure of animals taken on private property. Federal law prohibits unauthorized trespass on Indian-owned reservation lands for hunting, fishing, or trapping purposes.

Refer to Idaho Code 36-1603 and I.C. 18-7008.

Please visit: idfg.idaho.gov/askfirst
As director of Idaho Fish and Game, it’s my priority to maintain Idaho’s high-quality hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities. The department and the Fish and Game Commission use biological and social science to manage big game to provide excellent and wide-spread hunting opportunities and quality experiences.

Hunts established in this proclamation represent a balance of the biological potential of our big game populations and the desires of hunters who pursue them. These hunts also represent the diverse range of opportunities that our hunters want. When hunting demand exceeds game supply, or social carrying capacity, the Commission asks hunters to consider choices and weighs the input of hunters when setting seasons.

As an example, in response to complaints about crowding in some areas, the fall 2021 hunting season was the first where nonresident, general-season deer hunters had to choose a hunting unit, and the number of nonresident deer tags in each unit was also limited. Nonresident A and B elk tags in general-season elk zones were also limited. These limits more evenly distribute nonresident hunters across deer and elk hunts instead of allowing nonresident hunters to concentrate in the most popular general-season deer units or elk zones.

The fall of 2021 was an unfortunate milestone for Idaho when it became the 27th state to detect chronic wasting disease (CWD) after 24 years of testing for it. Six animals, including mule deer, white-tailed deer and elk, were found to have CWD, all in Unit 14.

While that was disappointing news for Idaho, the initial assessment indicates, for now, the disease appears to be isolated to a relatively small geographic area within Unit 14 and found in a small fraction of the animals within those herds (less than 5 percent). Limiting the risk of CWD spreading from the area will now be an important consideration in Fish and Game’s management strategies and actions.

The best available science associated with CWD tells us that reducing the risk of disease spread means managing infected areas for fewer and younger deer. Because our sampling found the disease before it was widespread and present in a low proportion of the population, we have the opportunity to implement incremental management steps and monitor the effectiveness through continued disease surveillance. The goal is to prevent the spread of the disease outside of Unit 14 by keeping the infection rate low within the herd.

These management changes are about “thinning the herd,” not wiping out the herd. Our best estimate is we will be managing for about 80-85 percent of the current mule deer numbers, and there will still be four-point bucks in the population. But it also means hunters will be harvesting fewer 5-year-old bucks and more 3-year-old bucks and harvesting 10 to 15 percent of the does. Intensive testing will continue in Units 14 and 15, as well as adjacent units, to track CWD.

Based on experiences in other CWD-positive states, we know there will be considerable differences of opinions among hunters related to what they think is the appropriate management response to CWD. Those opinions will likely be different for those who hunt in Unit 14 and those who hunt elsewhere and think the highest priority is to contain the disease in its current location.

Some people will think the correct response will be to severely reduce the deer population in the positive area and others will discount CWD as a legitimate concern and advocate for no change in management.

The Commission’s initial response to CWD is reasonable based on the current status of the disease. Fish and Game will use hunter-harvested animals for CWD testing and the results provided will inform future “adaptive management” decisions.

The Commission has also charged Fish and Game staff to convene a citizens CWD advisory group that represents a broad array of stakeholders to review CWD information and provide feedback to the Commission and the public. As always, the department will keep hunters and other interested parties informed as this work proceeds.

Regardless of recent events and changes, Idaho still offers amazing big game hunting, and there are hundreds of hunts listed in this proclamation where you can simply buy a tag and go hunting, or apply for a controlled hunt for some premium hunts.

Thank you for supporting Idaho Fish and Game and wildlife conservation in Idaho, and I wish you happy hunting, fishing and trapping in 2021 and beyond.

Ed Schriever, Director
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Idaho Wildlife Policy

“All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall be only captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of this state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping.”

— Idaho Code Section 36-103

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324 S 417 E; Suite #1, Jerome ID 83338

Southeast Region ...................................... 208-232-4703
1345 Barton Rd., Pocatello ID 83204

Upper Snake Region .................................. 208-525-7290
4279 Commerce Circle, Idaho Falls ID 83401

Salmon Region.................................................. 208-756-2271
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Idaho Department of Fish and Game offices are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except state holidays. Offices in the Panhandle and Clearwater regions are in the Pacific Time Zone; all others are in the Mountain Time Zone.

To Buy a License, Tag or Permit:

• In person, go to any Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor.
• By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685. Outside the U.S., use the Internet or mail.
• From your computer or mobile device, go to gooutdoorsidaho.com. A service fee is added for online and telephone transactions.
• Commercial licenses and tags, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime licenses, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.

Other Information

Rules booklets, nonresident license applications: 208-334-3700
U. S. Forest Service:

Southern Idaho ............................................ fs.usda.gov/r4
Northern Idaho ............................................. fs.usda.gov/r1

Bureau of Land Management: ....................... blm.gov/idaho

Idaho Relay Service (TDD) ......................... 1-800-377-3529

To report wildlife crimes, call Citizens Against Poaching at 1-800-632-5999.
Information can be relayed to Fish and Game personnel through any Idaho law enforcement agency.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) adheres to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations related to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, gender, disability or veteran's status. If you feel you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility of IDFG, or if you desire further information, please write to: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Assistance, Mailstop: MBSP-4020, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203, Telephone: (703) 358-2156. This publication will be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please contact IDFG for assistance.

Information in this brochure summarizes rules and is an official proclamation of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for the taking of wildlife. The official rules are available at adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current or from the Office of Administrative Rules, Department of Administration, Statehouse Mail, Boise, ID 83720, and may be reviewed in some libraries. Maps are for general reference only.

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GETTING STARTED

To use this brochure:
This brochure covers only seasons and rules for hunting deer, elk, pronghorn, black bear, mountain lion and gray wolf. Separate brochures contain information about hunting upland game, turkey, furbearer and falconry; waterfowl, crow, dove and sandhill crane; and moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat.

- Pick the species you want to hunt, then refer to the section on that animal.
- Refer to the map on pages 86 and 87 to find an area to hunt.
- Find the unit numbers on the map and look up the seasons and restrictions for those units.

Big game hunting in Idaho is regulated by numbered game management units. For a map of Fish and Game regions and game management units see pages 86 and 87.

General seasons for black bear, mountain lion, mule deer and white-tailed deer are arranged by units.

Some seasons labeled regular deer include mule deer and white-tailed deer only. Other seasons are labeled white-tailed deer only or mule deer only.

General seasons for elk are arranged by larger areas called elk management zones, which are made up of one or more game management units. For a map of elk zones see page 35.

General hunting and trapping seasons for gray wolf are located on pages 80 - 84.

Controlled hunts are listed by hunt numbers for controlled hunt areas, which consist of parts of one or more game management units.

Controlled hunt areas are different for each species. For example deer are not the same as controlled hunt areas for elk, pronghorn or black bear.

For an explanation of controlled hunts and how to apply, see pages 108 - 112. When picking a controlled hunt, make sure to use the hunt number from the current year’s rule book.

Detailed big game hunting rules and restrictions begin on page 97. License requirements and fees begin on page 114.

Notes on licenses and tags:
A hunting license is required to hunt. A trapping license is required to trap gray wolf. In addition, a tag is required for all big game species.

Got questions?
We are here to help. Call your nearest Fish and Game Office or visit us online at: idfg.idaho.gov.

2022 HUNTING SEASON

WHAT’S NEW?

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)
CWD has been detected in Idaho. All deer, elk, and moose harvested in Units 14 and 15 are subject to mandatory CWD testing. See page 8 and visit idfg.idaho.gov/cwd for more information.

Mule Deer, White-tailed Deer
A Regular Deer Tag can no longer be used to hunt in Units 11, 11A, 13, 14, and 18. Controlled hunt deer seasons in Unit 14 have been added or changed in response to CWD detection.

Five extra antlerless deer hunts in the Clearwater Region were eliminated in response to an outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease in 2021.

Pronghorn
Beginning July 1, 2021 any person drawn for a controlled pronghorn hunt (including either sex and doe and fawn) is not eligible to apply the following year for a controlled pronghorn hunt. See page 108 for more information and exceptions.

Gray Wolf
Wolf hunting seasons now allow additional hunting methods on private land and in many units, see page 82. Wolf trapping season in many units begin Sept 10 and include year-round trapping on private land, see page 83.

Archery Equipment
Beginning July 1, 2022 it is legal to use mechanical broadheads and lighted nocks in the taking of wildlife during any archery season.

Nonresident General Hunt Tag Limit
In 2021 the Idaho Fish & Game Commission established a system to limit general tags available to nonresidents, see page 9.

Stay Up-to-Date
Stay up-to-date on important information by subscribing to our email updates. Go to idfg.idaho.gov, type in your email address under Stay Connected, and select the topics that interest you!
Key Dates

- **May 1 - June 5:** First controlled hunt application period. Successful applicants will be notified and results will be posted at GoOutdoorsidaho.com by early July.
- **August 1:** Deadline to buy controlled hunt tags (excluding unlimited tags), or those tags will be forfeited.
- **August 5 - 15:** Second controlled hunt application period: Successful applicants will be notified by August 25.
- **August 25, 2022:** Leftover tags from second drawing go on sale at 10 a.m. Mountain Time.
- **June 30:** Deadline for depredation hunt application, see page 111.
- For other important dates, see page 108.

**Hunter Responsibilities**

*Seasons and rules may change after a booklet is printed.* Changes or corrections are posted online at idfg.idaho.gov/rules/changes.

**Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)**

CWD has been detected in Idaho. All deer, elk, and moose harvested in Units 14 and 15 are subject to mandatory CWD testing. For more information see page 8 and visit idfg.idaho.gov/cwd for the most up-to-date information.

**Hunter Report**

If you purchase a deer, elk, or pronghorn tag, you are required to file a Hunter Report for each tag you purchase - even if you did not hunt or did not harvest an animal. Reports must be filed within 10 days of harvest, or 10 days after the season. Report online at idfg.idaho.gov/hunt/report or call toll free 24 hours a day/7 days a week 1-877-268-9365 to speak to a live operator.

**Citizens Against Poaching (CAP)**

Call 1-800-632-5999 to report wildlife violators. Callers may remain anonymous and rewards are available.

**Helicopter Surveys and Big Game Capture Operations**

Hunters may encounter biologists conducting helicopter surveys and capture operations during late season hunts December through March. They will try to avoid flying where hunters are observed.

**Nonresident General Hunt Tag Limit**

Limited general tags available to nonresidents. See page 9.

**Motorized Hunt Rule**

Know before you go. Avoid conflicts by following all travel management restrictions on lands where you hunt. See Pages 104 - 106.

**Super Hunt**

Buy a chance at a Super Hunt Tag, and help pay for more access to hunting and fishing. See page 120.

**Hunt Planner**

Pick a species, date and hunt unit to see all that you can hunt. Links to maps, apps and more. See page 59.

**Ask First!**

Idaho’s trespass law requires written permission or other lawful form of permission from landowners to access private property. See page 2 for ‘Permission Form’ and page 98 for more details.