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AIS watercraft inspectors celebrated, no station sponsorship

HELENA - A Watercraft Inspector Appreciation Week is scheduled for Aug. 2-8. Watercraft inspection stations are the first line of defense to protect Montana's water from the harmful impacts of aquatic invasive species.

Inspectors are trained to examine a wide variety of motorized and non-motorized boats, some with complex internal systems and ballast tanks that need special consideration to inspect and decontaminate. They follow a check list to ensure all watercraft are free of invasive plants, animals and standing water. Inspectors work at more than 20 roadside watercraft inspection stations located across the state that are operated by FWP and partner organizations.

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Sign-up for some surplus drawing licenses and permits ends July 21

HELENA - Hunters interested in signing up for licenses or permits left over from the special license and permit drawing for Deer and Elk permits and Deer B and Elk B licenses/permits can do so through July 21. This new process for the sale of surplus licenses began in 2020 in response to issues in years past. The old process was vulnerable to long lag times, confusion and a perception of inequity for those unable to use the first-come, first-served online option starting at 5 a.m.

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Sandhill crane, swan application deadline is July 23

Waterfowl and webless migratory bird hunting regulations available online

HELENA - Applications are due July 23 for Montana licenses to hunt sandhill cranes and swans this coming fall.

This year, no paper applications for sandhill crane or swan hunting licenses will be accepted by mail. Hunters must submit their applications online at <http://fwp.mt.gov> and follow links under the “hunting” tab or over the counter at FWP offices.

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