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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is requesting public review and comment on proposed 2014 deer, elk, and antelope quotas outside biennial quota ranges and 2014-2015 bison hunter requirements and roster use. Additional information is below including the deadline for public comment.

2014 Deer, Elk, and Antelope Quotas Outside Biennial Quota Ranges – Proposed

There are no proposed quota changes *outside* biennial quota ranges adopted in February 2014.

2014-2015 Bison Hunter Requirements and Roster Use – Proposed

Require hunters to disperse bison gut piles and other carcass parts. Please see proposed language below.

Hunters who harvest a bison shall, upon field dressing the carcass, cut open the rumen and remove and spread its vegetative contents.

Hunters who harvest a bison near a roadway or any other facility shall remove all unutilized parts of the carcass (entrails, tissues, bones, hides, fetuses, legs, etc.) to an area at least 200 yards from any roadway, dwelling, campground, designated trail or trailhead. These unutilized parts shall be placed in a manner as to be inconspicuous to passersby.

The second proposed change is to adjust the “cow/calf” roster to be the “bison” roster. Hunters could be drawn from this list for potential harvest of *any bison* (to include bulls) if prescribed by FWP.

COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINE AND FINAL ADOPTION MEETINGS

The public comment period on proposed 2014 deer, elk, and antelope quotas outside biennial quota ranges and 2014-2015 bison hunter requirements and roster use will extend through 5 p.m., Monday, July 7. Final adoption of deer, elk, and antelope quotas outside biennial quota ranges will be at the July commission meeting. Final adoption of 2014-2015 bison hunter requirements and roster use will be at the Aug. 7 commission meeting.

TO MAKE COMMENT

For further clarification, you may call the Wildlife Bureau office at 406-444-2612. To submit comments electronically, this letter with the imbedded links below can be found under “Opportunity for Public Comment” on the Hunting home page at the fwp.mt.gov website. Written comments can be sent to: FWP – Wildlife Bureau, Attn: Public Comment, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701.

2014 Deer, Elk, and Antelope Quotas Outside Biennial Quota Ranges – Proposed

The deadline for public comment on this item is 5 p.m., Monday, July 7.

<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2014/2014DeaQuotasOutsideBiennialQuotaRangesProposed.html>

2014-2015 Bison Hunter Requirements and Roster Use – Proposed

The deadline for public comment on this item is 5 p.m., Monday, July 7.

http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2014/2014_2015BisonHunterRequirementsRosterUseProposed.html