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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is requesting public review and comment on the following two separate items. Supporting information on these items can be found on our website at fwp.mt.gov/hunting/ under Opportunity for Public Comment.

2015 MOUNTAIN GOAT QUOTAS OUTSIDE BIENNIAL RANGES – PROPOSED

FWP proposes to reduce the mountain goat licenses in hunting district 326 from six to two for the 2015 season, which is outside the current adopted minimum quota range of four. The quota was once as high as 16 mountain goats. Since 2006 FWP issued six either-sex licenses. About 31 mountain goats inhabit HD 326. At a harvest rate of 4-8 percent, as recommended in the literature, this would allow a take of 1.25 to 2.5 mountain goats and justify allowing two licenses.

2015 MOUNTAIN LION QUOTAS – PROPOSED

For 2015 the hunting districts listed below have proposed changes from the 2014 mountain lion quotas and subquotas. All other quotas/subquotas not listed are proposed to be unchanged from 2014 levels. Quotas apply to "any legal lion" unless otherwise noted.

Region 2 Proposed Adjustments – 2015 Mountain Lion Quotas

Hunting District	Current Quotas			Proposed Quotas		
	Males	Females	Special Licenses	Males	Females	Special Licenses
200/201	12	8	20	13	7	20
202/203	18	12	30	20	10	30
204/260/261/262	4	2	6	4	1	5
213/214	2	1	3	2	0	2
270	5	4	9	6	5	11
283/285	7	8	15	7	4	11

Region 3 Proposed Adjustments – 2015 Mountain Lion Quotas

Hunting District	Current Quotas		Proposed Quotas	
	Total Quota	Female Subquota	Total Quota	Female Subquota
300/302/328/329	6	3	10	5
301	6	1	8	4
310/311/360/361/362	7	2	10	3

COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINE AND FINAL ADOPTION MEETINGS

The public comment period on the mountain goat proposal will extend through 5 p.m., Monday, May 11. Any final adoption for the goat quota will be at the May 14 Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting.
<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2015/2015mountainGoatQuotas.html>

The public comment period on the mountain lion proposal will extend through 5 p.m., Monday, June 8. Any final adoption for the lion quotas will be at the June 11 Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting.
<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2015/2015mountainLionQuotas.html>

TO MAKE COMMENT

For further clarification, you may call the Wildlife Division office at 406-444-2612. To submit comments electronically, please visit our website's Hunting home page at fwp.mt.gov/hunting/ under "Opportunity for Public Comment". Written comments can be sent to: FWP – Wildlife Division, Attn: Public Comment, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701.