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City of Havre develops urban deer management plan, holding urban deer hunt

HAVRE – To help with expanding deer populations, the City of Havre has initiated an urban deer management plan which includes an archery hunting opportunity for antlerless mule deer within and adjacent to the city limits.

The management plan will address deer that threaten human safety or property and reduce the potential for human-deer interactions and conflicts by lowering deer density within the city.

One portion of the plan is to implement a public archery hunt in areas identified by the city. Details of this opportunity include:

- Hunt dates are September 20-February 15, 2024.
- Hunting will only be allowed in areas identified and approved by the city.
- Hunting areas are open space that have been identified as safe and have a higher likelihood of a successful harvest.
- Only archery equipment, as defined in the current FWP hunting regulations, may be used. This includes both compound and traditional bows, arrows at least 20 inches long, and broadheads with at least two cutting edges and at least 7/8 inches wide.
 - **Crossbows are NOT allowed.**
 - A bow stamp is not required for this hunt
- Licenses are valid only for antlerless mule deer. Hunters may use:
 - Any unused 2023 600-01 and 690-00 antlerless mule deer license.
 - Havre Urban Deer License- 100 licenses will be available over-the-counter to Montana residents at license vendors, online, or at an FWP office.
 - Maximum of two Havre urban deer licenses per person.
 - Licenses will be available for sale starting Dec. 12.
- Hunters need to check in with the Havre Police Department at 520 4th Street in Havre before hunting and acquire a map with locations and rules.
 - Written daily permission is required, and can be obtained at the Havre Police Dept.
 - Additional permission is required from individual landowners for private land approved for participation in the hunt

- Harvested deer must be field dressed outside the city limits. All carcass parts (bones, spine, ribcage, heads, etc.) need to be disposed of in a class II landfill to limit the spread of CWD.
- Hunters interested in getting their harvest sampled for CWD need to contact the Havre FWP office at 406-265-6177.

For any questions about this management plan or hunt, please contact the Havre Police Department at 406-265-4361, or stop by their office at 520 4th Street in Havre.

Why urban deer can pose a problem

Deer have been displaced from their natural habitats by human development and are now living around our homes and towns. Deer are creatures of habit. They may visit the same food sources and select the same cover to hide in every day unless humans or other predators interrupt these patterns.

Deer can cause several types of problems in residential settings, from personal property damage and crop destruction to expensive car/deer accidents. The most common complaint is deer damage to vegetable gardens, fruit trees, and ornamentals. It is not easy or cheap to keep unwanted deer away.

Deer are highly adaptive; they soon learn that a dog is on a chain or fenced, that scarecrows are not so scary, that repellents are not really that bad, short fences are easy to jump, and holes and gaps in fences are easy to find. In addition, deer are attractive to artificial food resources.

Feeding deer is illegal

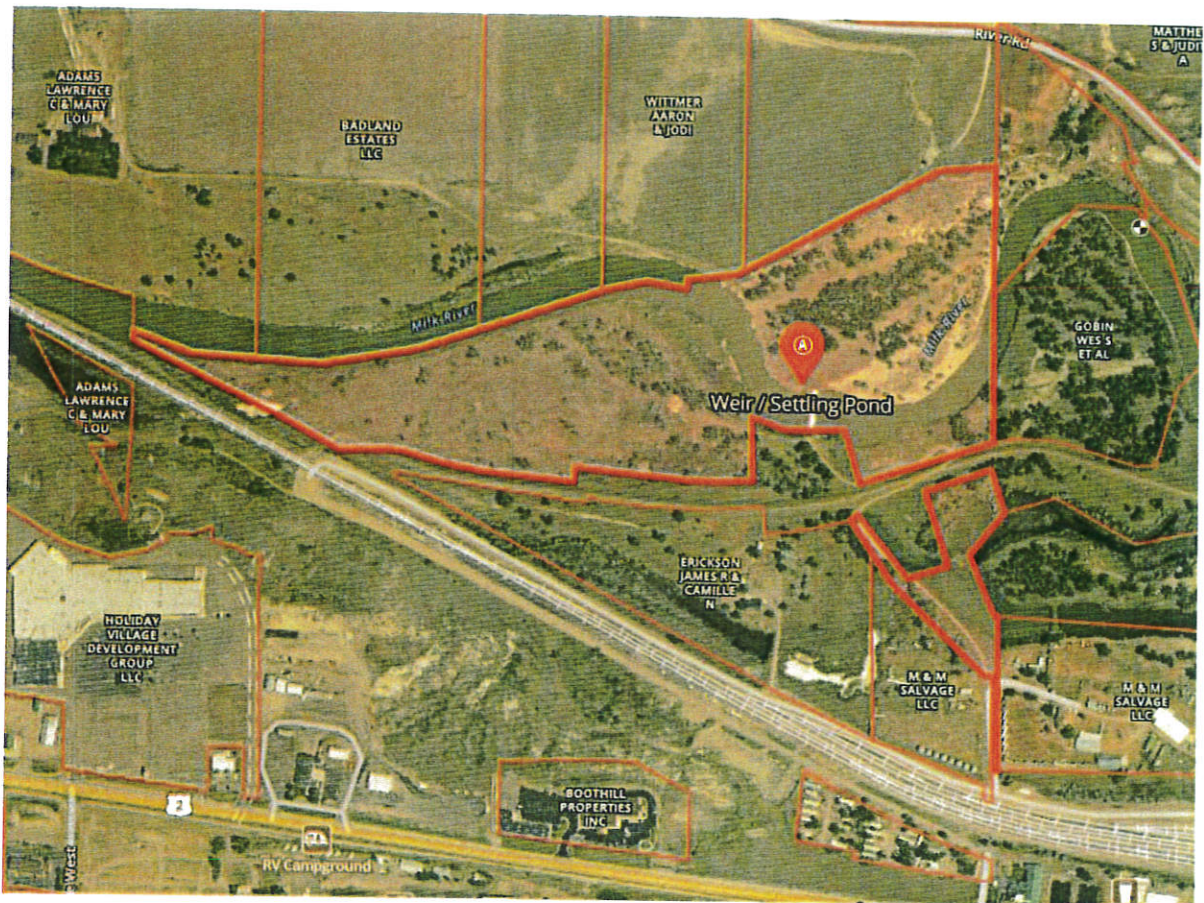
A person may not provide supplemental feed attractants to game animals by purposely or knowingly providing supplemental feed attractants in a manner that results in an artificial concentration of game animals that may potentially contribute to the transmission of disease or that constitutes a threat to public safety.

Not only is it illegal, but feeding deer can render them dependent upon artificial food sources. Furthermore, individuals feeding deer could be held legally liable for any problems or damage caused by the deer on neighboring property.



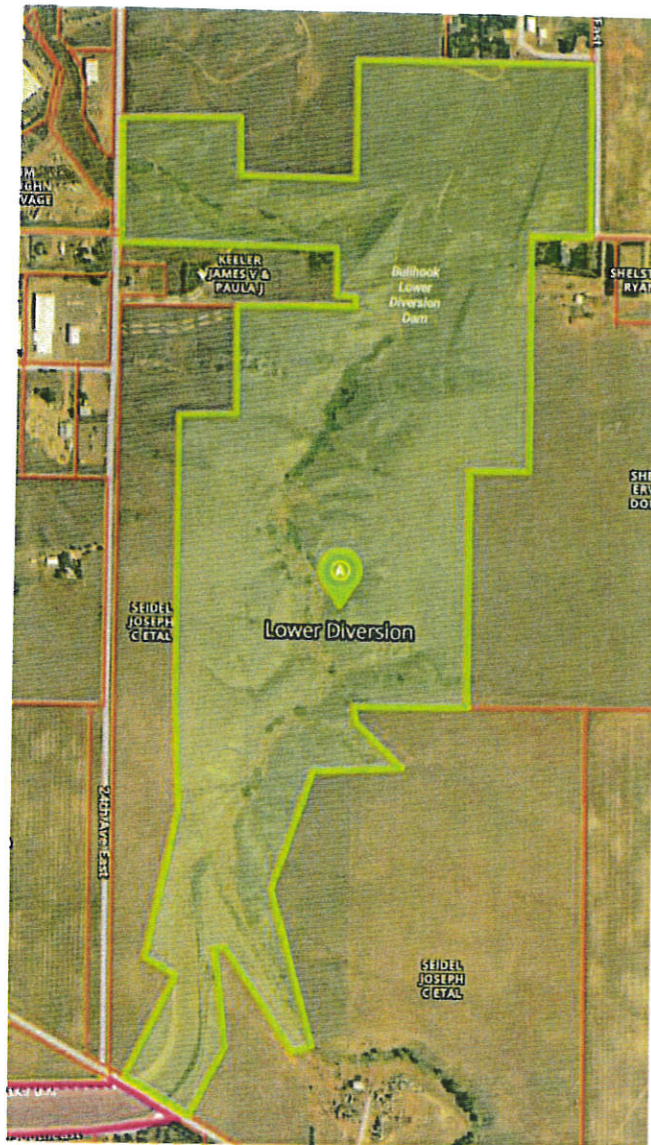
Program Rules

1. Walk-in hunting only from designated parking areas, access trails, and public roads.
 - a. No off-road travel permitted.
 - b. No motorized vehicles permitted.
 - c. Hunters may receive permission to drive in only for retrieval of game by contacting 406-265-6719 or 406-265-4361.
2. Gates are to remain closed.
3. After harvesting any deer, notify the Havre PD the number of deer harvested at 406-265-4361 for monitoring the success of the Program.
4. Harvested deer must be field dressed **OUTSIDE** of city limits and the edge of town. The viscera must be disposed of properly at a landfill or other suitable location.
5. Contact information of properties, maps of allowable areas to hunt, and the rules and requirements will be available upon receiving written permission.
6. Individuals must have the appropriate licenses to hunt.
 - a. Hunters are **NOT** required to have the extra Bow and Arrow license to hunt in the Program.
7. All hunters must receive written permission.
8. Access to these properties is managed under the City of Havre and the Deer Management Action Plan.
 - a. Failure to abide by these rules may result in eviction from the property and/or a citation may be issued.
9. Hunting will be conducted in accordance with the 2022 Montana Deer Hunting Regulations.
10. Hunters may use an unused 2022, 690-01 or 600-01 antlerless mule deer license or may purchase up to (2) antlerless mule deer licenses, Havre Urban Deer Hunt License (600-01).
11. If you would like your deer tested for CWD, please contact FWP Biologist, Scott Hemmer, at 406-808-7274.



Weir / Settling Pond

Please stop by the Havre Police Department for written permission prior to accessing property for hunting, any questions contact 406-265-4361.



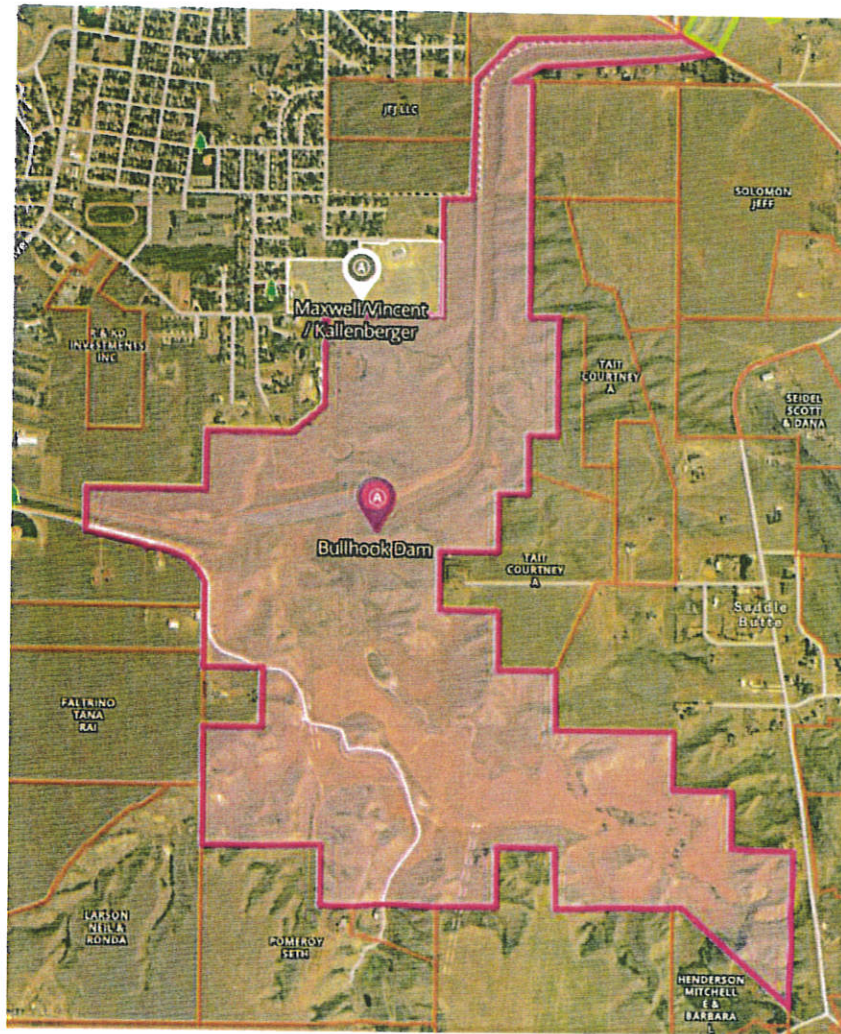
Lower Diversion

Please stop by the Havre Police Department for written permission prior to accessing property for hunting, any questions contact 406-265-4361.



8th Street Dump

Please stop by the Havre Police Department for written permission prior to accessing property for hunting, any questions contact 406-265-4361.



Bullhook Dam

Please stop by the Havre Police Department for written permission prior to accessing property for hunting, any questions contact 406-265-4361.



Hedstrom / Clausen OTLWSX LLP (Private Property)

Please stop by the Havre Police Department for written permission prior to accessing property for hunting, any questions contact 406-265-4361. With this property you must also contact the property owner, Debbie at 406-399-3134 or 406-390-4843, prior to hunting.

- Walk in only
- Parking available on the street
- Do not field dress the deer on the property



Korb Development Inc. (Private Property)

Please stop by the Havre Police Department for written permission prior to accessing property for hunting, any questions contact 406-265-4361. With this property you must also contact the property owner, Dan Korb at 406-390-2422, prior to hunting.

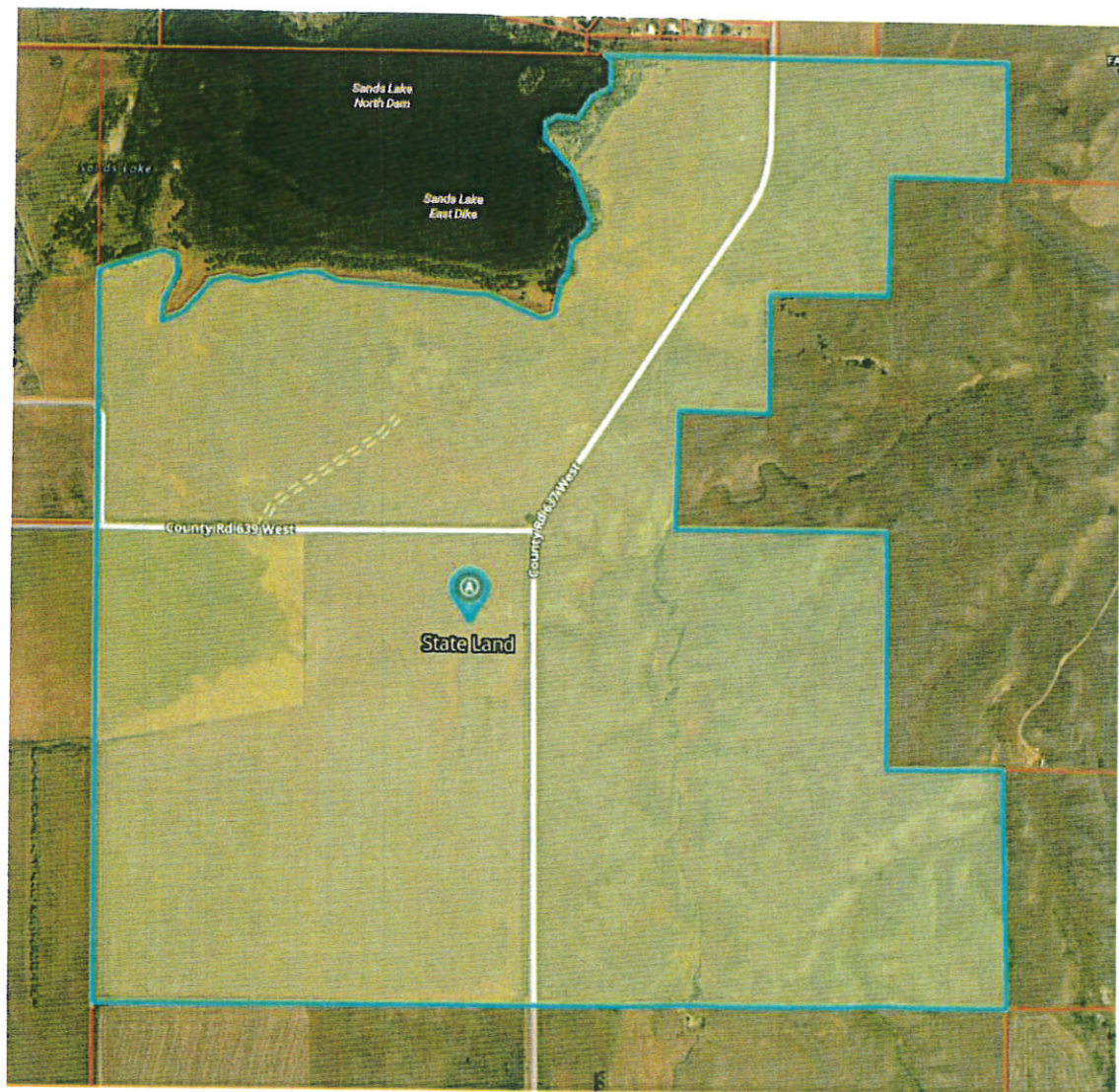
- Walk in only
- Do not leave the property boundary
- If a deer is harvested, call for permission to drive on the property



Bobby & Jenne Sheppard (Private Property)

Please stop by the Havre Police Department for written permission prior to accessing property for hunting, any questions contact 406-265-4361. With this property you must also contact the property owner, Bobby or Jenne Sheppard at 406-645-1189 or 406-945-2722, prior to hunting.

- Walk in only
- Do not leave the property boundary
- Do not field dress the deer on property
- PLEASE NOTE the "No hunting allowed" parcel included in map as shown



State Land

Please stop by the Havre Police Department for written permission prior to accessing property for hunting, any questions contact 406-265-4361.

CITY OF HAVRE URBAN DEER HUNT

Deer/Elk Hunting District: 600, 690

Hunting Access Dates: **September 20, 2023**– February 15, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

Antlerless Mule Deer only within designated authorized property areas of the City limits and surrounding area.

Licenses can be purchased through Fish Wildlife and Parks, online or at any License Provider.

RESTRICTED SEASON/EQUIPMENT

Archery equipment only.

PERMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Written permission required and can be obtained in person at the Havre Police Department.

Permission must also be obtained from the individual landowners that are approved properties.

Daily Written Permission is needed.

Failure to gain permission will be considered hunting without Landowner permission and a citation may be issued.

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