



# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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## CHARLES M. RUSSELL AND U.L. BEND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HUNTING REGULATIONS

<http://www.fws.gov/cmr/>

*for up to date information and maps*

**2008**

### General Information

- Bicycles are only allowed on numbered trails and seasonally closed numbered roads.
- Non-motorized game carriers are allowed on the Refuge **except** on UL Bend designated wilderness areas.
- ATV's and motorcycles must be street/highway legal. In Montana that requires a license plate, brake lights and rear mirror. For non-residents they must be legally licensed for the state they originate from and still need brake lights, rear view mirror, stamp/sticker from State of origin. Vehicles, **including** ATV's, are only allowed on open, numbered roads/trails.
- Snowmobiles are only permitted on Ft. Peck Lake ice.
- Off-road travel for game retrieval is prohibited. Day use parking must be immediately adjacent to an open road.
- Except in designated wilderness areas, you can drive up to 100 yards off an open road to camp using the most direct route. All other travel off open, numbered roads is prohibited by any mechanical vehicle.
- Target shooting with firearms is prohibited.
- Camping is limited to 14 days in any 30 day period. When the 14 days have expired, you must move off the refuge to camp. Any property left unattended for more than 72 hours is subject to removal. Camping on islands is not allowed.
- Horses, Llamas, etc. are allowed anywhere on the refuge. They must be tied or hobbled while in camp. Fenced enclosures (including electric) may not be used to contain stock. Feed must be certified weed free.
- Collection of antlers, artifacts and fossils is prohibited.
- Landing and taxiing of aircraft is prohibited except in designated areas of Ft. Peck Lake.
- Boats & trailers must be properly licensed from the State of origin.
- Seasonal road closures are from 8/28 through 3/15 unless otherwise posted.
- While transporting weapons in vehicles over designated routes of travel, firearms must be unloaded and cased or dismantled.
- All tree stands must have name, address, phone number and ALS# visibly marked on stand. Each hunter is limited to three stands. Stands can be put up August 1 and must be removed by December 15 each year. Permanent stands, ladders or steps and screw in spikes, nails, screws or wire are prohibited.

All information pertains to the **Refuge portions** of Hunting Districts 410, 417, 621, 622, 631, 632, 652, and 700. These regulations are **in addition** to state regulations.

### DEER

The refuge has more restrictive mule deer seasons in some hunting districts. All deer seasons start on the date of the state seasons, but may end sooner. **Archery season starts September 6, 2008. Rifle season starts October 26, 2008.**

#### Whitetail Deer - All Districts

Archery and Rifle - Same as State season.

#### Mule Deer

**HD 410, 417 Mule Deer - Either sex with A-tag only.**

Archery - Same as state season.

Rifle - Three week season on refuge. **October 26 - November 16, 2008.** B-tags are not valid.

**HD 621, 622, 631, 632 Mule Deer - Either sex with A-tag only.**

Archery - Same as state season.

Rifle - Three week season on refuge. **October 26 - November 16, 2008.** B-tags are not valid

**HD 652 Mule Deer**

Archery and rifle - Same as state season. State permit required.

**HD 700 Mule Deer**

Archery - Antlered bucks only on refuge.

Rifle - Antlered bucks only on refuge. Same season dates as state season. B-tags are not valid.

**ELK**

All archery elk hunting in hunting districts that include CMR is by special archery elk permit issued by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

**A9/B12 licenses not valid on CMR**

**HD 410, 417, 621, 622, 631, 632, 700**

Archery - Same as state season. State permit required.

Rifle - Same as state season. State permit required.

**HD 652** - closed to elk hunting

**ANTELOPE AND BIGHORN SHEEP**

Same as state season. State permit required.

**MOOSE**

Closed to moose hunting.

**MOUNTAIN LION**

Closed to mountain lion hunting.

**UPLAND GAME BIRDS AND MOURNING DOVES**

Same as state season. Steel and lead shot okay.

**WATERFOWL**

Same as state season. Steel or non-toxic shot only.

**COYOTES**

Coyotes may be harvested with a firearm or bow from **October 12, 2008 through March 1, 2009.** Coyotes may only be hunted from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. Coyotes **cannot** be hunted with the aid of electronic calls. No permit required.

**TRAPPING**

Trapping is not allowed on the Refuge.

All wildlife species not specifically listed in these regulations are protected. This includes prairie dogs, jack rabbits, cottontail rabbits, badger, bobcat, and other wildlife.