

# 2016-2017 White-tailed Deer Archery Hunting

## Reminders: Refuge Regulations

- Open to **White-tailed Deer Hunting ONLY**
- HD 260 does not permit the hunting of Mule Deer – know how to identify big game species - page 18 of the 2015 Deer, Elk, and Antelope Montana Hunting Regulations. <http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/regulations/>
- HD 260 General Elk License – **not valid** on Lee Metcalf NWR see page 32 of the 2015 Deer, Elk, and Antelope Montana Hunting Regulations. <http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/regulations/>
- Legal hunting hours for deer are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half after sunset daily each day of the hunting season.
- Hunters must sign-in before each hunt and sign-out after eat hunt is complete at designated hunter parking areas.
- **Hunters must enter and exit at designated hunter parking areas - ONLY.**
- No overnight parking or camping.
- Hunters may enter the hunting area 2 hours prior to legal hunting hours and shall exit no later than 2 hours after legal hunting hours.
- No camping / warming fires.
- All trash, including food products, and paper and plastic products, must be removed from the Refuge.
- Mechanized vehicles (including bicycles) are not allowed in the archery deer hunting areas (game carts and sleds are permitted).
- Use of game cameras and artificial lights are prohibited.
- All tree stands and ground blinds must be identified with a tag containing the owner's name and ALS number (Montana archery license number).

### -- HD 260 Bitterroot-Clark Fork Archery District --

*NOTE: Mostly private land - Access is difficult.*

*Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 16-17): Lee Metcalf Refuge; Bitterroot-Clark Fork Archery District Portion of HD 260*

#### **General Deer License.**

- Sep 03 - Jan 15 - Either-sex White-tailed Deer. ArchEquip only.

#### **Deer B License. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

**260-02: 100 B Licenses. 1st choice only. Only valid on private land. Hunters who draw 260-02 license may purchase up to 2 additional licenses. ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader, or crossbow only. Not valid west of Highway 93 in Missoula County.**

- Dec 01 - Jan 01 - Antlerless White-tailed Deer. Weapons restriction.

**260-20: 300 B Licenses. ArchEquip only. NOT valid in that portion of the HD west of Highway 93, in Missoula County and NOT valid on Lee Metcalf Refuge.**

- Sep 03 - Jan 15 - Either-sex White-tailed Deer. ArchEquip Only.

#### **Deer B License. Purchase beginning August 8.**

**260-01: Unlimited. ArchEquip only. Hunters may be offered the opportunity to purchase up to five 260-01 Antlerless White-tailed Deer B Licenses. Only valid in HDs 204, 240, portion of 260 (not valid west of Highway 93 in Missoula County), 261, 270, and 283.**

- Sep 03 - Jan 15 - Antlerless White-tailed Deer. ArchEquip only.

#### **General Elk License.**

- Sep 03 - Jan 15 - Brown-tined Bull or Antlerless Elk. ArchEquip only. NOT valid on Lee Metcalf Refuge.

- **The following are prohibited:** use of screw-in tree steps or climbing spikes; cutting live trees, including branches or limbs; use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree; hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter; or marking any tree or other Refuge feature with flagging, paint, or other substance.
- Only portable tree stands and portable ground blinds are permitted on the Refuge for archery hunting and if a tree stand will be left unoccupied for more than 72 hours, it must be removed. Hunters are encouraged to report tree stands left unused for longer than 72 hours.
- Portable tree stands and portable ground blinds must be labelled / identified by the owner's name and state issued ALS number.
- Possession and consumption of alcohol while hunting is prohibited.
- Hunters must be in immediate possession of the state required bow & arrow license in addition to a General Deer License and/or a 260-01 Deer B License.