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CHARLES M. RUSSELL AND U.L. BEND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 2012 HUNTING REGULATIONS

*Our refuge web site: <http://www.fws.gov/cmrl/> for up to date information and maps.
Refuge hunting regulations are updated in May annually.*

General Information

- Bicycles are only allowed on open 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 other than where provide at developed recreation sites (Crooked Creek, Forchette and Devils Creek). 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.
- 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, steps, screw in spikes, nails, screws or wire are prohibited.

Regulations

All information pertains to the **Refuge portions** of Hunting Districts (HD) for deer and elk 410, 417, 621, 622, 631, 632, 652, and 700; antelope 480, 481, 620, 650, 700, and 900; and for bighorn sheep 482, 622, and 680. These regulations are **in addition** to state regulations. All hunting licenses and permits are issued by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. No additional licenses or permits are needed from CMR or UL Bend Refuge.

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

Trapping is not allowed on the Refuge.

WHITE-TAILED DEER:

HD 410, 417, 621, 622, 631, 632, 652 and 700, Either-sex with General Deer License. B License valid on CMR.
Archery Only – Season dates same as State season.
Rifle - Season dates same as state season.

MULE DEER:

The Refuge has more restrictive mule deer seasons in some hunting districts. All mule deer seasons start on the date of the state seasons, but may end sooner.

HD 410, 417, Antlered bucks only with General Deer License. B Licenses not valid on CMR.
Archery Only – Season dates same as state season.
Rifle - Three week season on refuge. October 20 - November 11, 2012.

HD 621, 622, 631, 632, Either-sex with General Deer License. B Licenses not valid on CMR.
Archery Only – Season dates same as state season.
Rifle - Three week season on refuge. October 20 - November 11, 2012.

HD 652, State Permit required with General Deer License. B Licenses are valid on CMR.
Archery Only – Season dates same as state season.
Rifle -Season dates same as state season.

HD 700, Antlered bucks only on General Deer License. B Licenses not valid on CMR.
Archery Only – Season dates same as state season.
Rifle - Season dates same as state season.

ELK:

State License and Permits are valid on CMR for HD 410, 417, 621, 622, 631, 631, and 700.
State Permit 620-20 is not valid on CMR.
Archery Only – Season dates same as state season.
Rifle – Season dates same as state season.

HD 652 - Closed to elk hunting on CMR.

ANTELOPE:

State Licenses are valid on CMR for HD 480, 481, 620, 630, 650, 700, and 900.
Season dates same as state season.

BIGHORN SHEEP:

State Licenses are valid on CMR for HD 482, 622, and 680.
Season dates same as state season.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS, MOURNING DOVES AND TURKEYS:

Same as state season. Steel or non-toxic shot is encouraged, but not required.

WATERFOWL:

Same as state season. Steel or non-toxic shot is required.

COYOTES:

Coyotes may be harvested with a firearm or bow from October 6, 2012 through March 1, 2013. 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. Coyote trapping is not allowed on the refuge.

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