

PROPOSAL: 2021 Robert Lee Ranch Public Elk Hunting Access Agreement

Under the provisions of 87-2-513 MCA, FWP requests that the Commission grant authority to the Department to issue the following either-sex elk permits in the Robert Lee Ranch Public Elk Hunting Access Agreement:

- a) One (1) 411-20 either-sex elk permit to Robert Lee (or designated family member), landowner/cooperator for use only on land enrolled in this agreement.
- b) Two (2) 411-20 either-sex elk permits to hunters randomly selected from the list of successful applicants for 411-20 either-sex elk permits. These permits are valid in hunting districts 411, 511 and 530.
- c) One (1) 411-20 either-sex elk permit to a hunter chosen by the landowner from the list of successful applicants for 411-20 either-sex elk permits. These permits are valid in hunting districts 411, 511 and 530.

Terms of the Public Elk Hunting Access Agreement include:

1. Approximately 5,400 total acres of private land in Hunting District 511 will be enrolled.
2. Enrolled property will be open to free public elk hunting with firearms from October 23, 2021 through November 28, 2021.
3. Permission may be obtained by contacting Robert Lee at (406) 366-9258.
4. Terms of access include:
 - a) The 3 hunters receiving 411-20 either-sex elk permits valid in HDs 411, 511 and 530, and are selected for this program, may hunt any day they call and request permission. Robert Lee will try to monitor elk use, and if elk are present, will offer to assist any of these three hunters with harvesting an elk. It will be the hunter's responsibility to contact Robert to arrange for access. Robert Lee will not be responsible for contacting any hunter to report the presence or absence of elk.
 - b) From 1-3 other public hunters per day who; possess a 411-20 either-sex elk permit, a 411-00 antlerless elk license, a 005-00 antlerless elk license or an unused general elk license, will be allowed to hunt for antlerless elk on enrolled land throughout the period covered by this agreement.
 - c) There are no restrictions on the number of days Robert Lee, or his designees can hunt his property.
5. Use restrictions include:
 - a) Travel by vehicle on established roads will be allowed unless weather or fire danger prohibits vehicular travel.
 - b) Hunters will be required to walk from designated roads.
6. Hunter/landowner/Department satisfaction data will be acquired after the season through Department surveys of the landowner and hunters involved with this contractual Public Elk Hunting Access Agreement.