

Lion Season Motion

I move to adopt the following Lion Regulations for the 2022-23 Season:

- For all regions, during the archery only and fall season without dogs, a General License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district, and the district will close when the harvest reaches a number nearest to 20 percent of the quota. In all areas, the combined Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs male and female mountain lion harvest from all license holders will be deducted from the respective male or female mountain lion quotas or subquotas. (Note: no changes to existing regulations)
- For all Regions for the Winter Season, applicants can apply for either:
 - A Limited Special Lion License, issued through drawing, designating the region (or cluster of districts where applicable) that is good for the entire season, even if quotas are filled, until the season is closed.
 - An Unlimited Special Lion License designating the region (or cluster of districts where applicable) until quotas are filled or until the season is closed.
 - In all Regions all hunting districts are quota-based with either a Limited Special Lion License or Unlimited Special Lion License for residents and nonresidents.
- Limited Special Lion License:
 - A limited number of Special Mountain Lion Licenses are available only through a special drawing. Apply by July 31.
 - Applicants must possess a current year Conservation License and a Base Hunting License to apply for a Special Mountain Lion License.
 - Bonus points will be offered for Limited Special Mountain Lion License applications.
 - Nonresidents are limited to no more than 10 percent of the Limited Special Mountain Lion Licenses offered.
 - A Special Mountain Lion License may be applied for: -- online at fwp.mt.gov no later than 11:45 p.m. MDT on July 31, or -- over-the-counter at any FWP Regional office, FWP area office, and/or the Helena Headquarters no later than 5 p.m. MDT July 31.
 - Drawing results will be available on or after August 5th.
 - Successful Limited Special Mountain Lion License applicants will be notified by mail and must purchase a mountain lion license no later than February 28, 2023.
 - During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, a Limited Special Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district.
 - During the Winter Season, a Limited Special Mountain Lion License may be used only in a specific hunting region or a group of hunting districts for which the Limited Special Mountain Lion License is valid.

- Unlimited Special Lion License
 - An Unlimited Special Lion License is available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, FWP license providers, or online at fwp.mt.gov. Purchase by February 28, 2023
 - An Unlimited Special Lion License is available to resident and nonresident Conservation License holders 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued.
 - During the Archery Only and Fall Season Without Dogs, an Unlimited Special Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion hunting district.
 - During the Winter Season, an Unlimited Special Lion License may be used only in a specific hunting region or a group of hunting districts for which the Limited Special Mountain Lion License is valid.
 - An Unlimited Special Lion License is valid in a specific hunting region or a group of hunting districts until quotas are filled or until the season is closed.
- Number of Limited Special Lion Licenses
 - The Commission may set aside from 10% to 30% of the quota of any region or cluster of districts for the offering of Limited Special Lion Licenses, for the purpose of providing a limited quality hunting opportunity not subject to the quota.
 - The determination of the specific number of Limited Special Lion Licenses by region or cluster of districts will be in conjunction with the adoption of quotas by the Commission.
 - Unsuccessful applicants for a Limited Special Mountain Lion License **WILL NOT** be eligible to purchase an Unlimited Special Lion License.
 - Unsuccessful resident applicants for a Limited Special Mountain Lion License may purchase a Resident Hound Training License to only chase during the hound training season December 2 - April 14 in any valid hunting district statewide.
 - If we do not sell all of our Limited Special Mountain Lion Licenses through the drawing process they will be made available as Unlimited Special Lion Licenses in their respective region or a group of hunting districts.
 - To apply for a D-4 Nonresident Hound License the nonresident must already hold a Limited Special Lion License or an Unlimited Special Lion License.
 - D-4 Nonresident Hound Licenses are limited to a maximum of two per hunting district or as described in other proposals before the commission and will be finalized in conjunction with the adoption of quotas by the Commission.
 - Other changes to the Nonresident Hound Licenses instructions as determined necessary by the Department to conform with this motion