

WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION LEASE PROJECT APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

FORMAT: Please fill in as much information as possible. FWP staff will follow up with the applicant using contact information provided in this application.

SUBMISSION: Submit hard copy or electronic file to: Habitat Conservation Lease, Wildlife Division, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620 or email to: fwpwld@mt.gov

1. **Contact Name(s):**

2. **Phone Number(s):**

Email Address(es):

Mailing Address:

3. **Date:**

4. **Landowner Name(s) as listed with Montana Department of Revenue:**

5. **Property Size** (Estimated acres to be enrolled in the conservation lease):

6. **Location**
County:

General Direction/Distance to nearest town:

General Legal Description (Describe to the section):

Township	Range	Sections

Please attach map(s) if available.

7. **Dominant Habitats.** Please provide a general description of the types of habitat or vegetation on the property you wish to enroll (for example – grasslands, sagebrush-grasslands, pothole wetlands, river bottom, breaks, etc.).

8. **Is the property at least 75% native or restored perennial vegetation (intact rangeland)?**

Yes No

9. **Does the property have legal access (by public road or recorded access easement)?**

Yes No

10. **Public Access.** The following formula is the minimum required public access for enrollment into the habitat conservation lease program. Based on this formula, FWP will determine the minimum recreation-days.

- 1) *For enrollments up to 3,000 acres, minimum of 1 Recreation-Day/month for every 300 acres*
- 2) *For enrollments of 3,001 acres and over, minimum of 1 Recreation-Day/week for every 1,500 acres. Public recreation access must be in the form of hunting during the Fish and Wildlife Commission approved seasons, between September 1-January 1.*
- 3) *For applying this formula, round to the nearest 300 acres for enrollments of up to 3,000 acres or to the nearest 1,500 for enrollments of 3,001 acres and over.*

Landowners are responsible for managing public access to their property. If enrolled in the lease program, what method would be used to provide permission for recreation access? (Note, this information will be published on FWP website(s). Examples include a phone number with times to call, email, Block Management, etc. Landowner preference for how they choose to grant permission for public access may be updated over time.)

11. **Other information to help us evaluate the lease application.** Please describe any additional property attributes, including threatened or endangered species, unique habitats, or other characteristics that may be relevant.