



RESPONSES TO COVID-19:

AGENCY OVERVIEWS, UPDATES, AND CHANGES IN SERVICE

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➤ Licenses

- Licenses are available online or from license providers around the state that remain open.
- Special licenses or permits must be purchased online with a valid email. Carcass tags are available for printing at home or can be mailed by FWP. For assistance, call the licensing center at 406-444-2950.

FWP offices closed to public
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➤ Hunting Seasons

- At this time, hunting seasons will proceed as scheduled. Turkey season starts April 11 and spring black bear season starts April 15.
- Hunters should limit group gatherings and stay six feet away from other people.
- When seeking permission to hunt on private land, FWP suggests calling or emailing landowners.

➤ Parks and other FWP sites

- Fishing access sites, state parks and wildlife management areas remain open subject to seasonal openings
- Camp sites may be used during the day, but overnight camping is prohibited.
- Fishing piers, playgrounds, and group-use facilities are closed to the public.
- Visitor center closures are closed at least through April 10.
- Bathrooms availability is limited.
- Sites are regularly patrolled by enforcement staff

➤ Law Enforcement

- Game wardens continue to work in the field. In response to the current health situation, wardens will:
 - Regularly disinfect work items and the interiors of trucks
 - Maintain a six-foot distance from people and limit handling licenses, identifications, others' personal property.
 - Avoid entering private residences, campers, tents vehicles unless necessary.
 - Disinfect handcuffs or other items touched by others.
 - Be aware that visitation at State Parks and Fishing Access Sites and other outdoor public recreation areas will likely increase. These areas are to be regularly patrolled.

➤ Aquatic Invasive Species

- Check stations open in Ravalli County and Dillon with additional stations opening between April 6 and May 16.
- Hiring and trainings still occurring.
- Changes to check stations due to health concerns include:
 - Boater and inspectors will stay 6 feet apart; and
 - Inspections are logged, but no proof of inspection is given to boaters.