



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Tubbs, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

FROM: Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Hagener". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SUBJECT: Access Agreements to Plum Creek Lands

DATE: March 30, 2016

The Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) has entered into signed Block Management Agreements with Plum Creek since at least 1999. Prior to that time, FWP staff believes there may have more informal agreements or memorandums of understanding between FWP and Plum Creek that secured public recreational use through the Plum Creek Open Lands Policy and FWP enforcement of laws FWP was empowered to enforce and Plum Creek land use regulations.

In addition to hunting-related rules, other restrictions or concerns have included OHV/ATV use, snowmobile use, timber theft, firewood mischief and theft, camping, unattended campfires, target shooting, and use of fireworks. Plum Creek has never requested any form of payment, but FWP has annually provided in excess of \$80,000 in enforcement staff services, and has sometimes assisted with purchase and installation of signs, gates, and surveillance devices.

Attached is a copy of the most recent agreement with Plum Creek for access and maps of the Plum Creek lands covered in the agreement.

File No:



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Region:	County:	HD:
2	07-Flathead	122 (D)
BMA Name: PLUM CREEK TIMBERLANDS		
Is this an aggregate BMA? <u> </u> Yes / <u> X </u> No		

BLOCK MANAGEMENT Special Circumstance AGREEMENT

(Renewal)

I. AREA INFORMATION

This is an agreement made for the years 2014-2015 between Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (Department) and the Owner or Owner's legal designated representative of lands being enrolled in the Block Management Program (Cooperator). This document will serve as an Amendment to the original Block Management Agreement dated 07/01/2008.

Cooperator's Name: Plum Creek Timberlands, Lp
Payee's Name:

SSN or Ranch ID#: xx-xxx0000

(use only if name is not the same as the Cooperator name) (use SSN for person/ID# for business)

Mailing Address: 2050 Hwy 2 West Kalispell, MT 59901

Phone: (406) 293-1991

Total Acreage: ~~969.671~~ 770.539 Is there a change in the number of acres previously enrolled? Yes ~~No~~

If yes, please provide new total acres: Private: DNRC: BLM: USFS: Other: Attach map showing exact BMA boundaries. *Inclusion of accessible state school trust lands requires a public review under ARM 36.25.164(3). Please attach Supervisor's Decision Notice and indicate date review process completed:

Department Contact: Kendra Mcklosky

Ranch Contact: Tom Ray; Jerry Wolcott

II. BMA RULES

1. Is Permission required? No If yes, Explain:
2. Are reservations taken? No If yes, Explain:
3. Are times designated for granting permission? No If yes, Explain:
4. Is this a walk-in only area? No If yes, Explain:
5. Are parking areas designated? No If yes, Explain:
6. Is the number of hunters/parties per day limited? No If yes, Explain:
7. Huntible Game on BMA: Bighorn Sheep; Black Bear; Elk; Moose; Mountain Goat; Mule Deer; Upland Birds; Waterfowl; White-tailed Deer; Wild Turkey
- *8. Are there any available species/gender in huntible numbers which may NOT be hunted? No If yes, list species/gender which may not be hunted:
- *9. Is the BMA closed during any legal fall hunting seasons during the term of this contract? No If yes, list closure dates:

APPROVED
By: [Signature]
FIELD SERVICES
7/9/15
DATE

*NOTE: Any restrictions cited in #8 or #9 require written approval of the Regional Supervisor. Signed BMA restrictions Form must accompany this document.

10. Is outfitting permitted on this BMA? Yes If yes, Outfitter Name and License#: Plum Creek #12

(NOTE: Outfitting may only take place on a BMA if public recreation and hunting opportunities are not restricted and the Cooperator and Regional Supervisor approve the activity in writing. Consent forms MUST accompany this document.)

Other Rules: Motorized vehicles are permitted only on open, established roads.; Off-road vehicle use is prohibited.; There is a 14-day camping limit. Permits are required for firewood cutting.; Roads with gates are closed, whether the gate is open or closed, unless posted otherwise.; A bermed road is a closed road.; Wolf hunting is allowed.; Region 1 & 2 Special Circumstances Agreement;