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## 2016-2017 ANNUAL REGULATIONS

### IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO FAIL TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL REGULATIONS REGARDING FISH AND WILDLIFE

**FWA0 General** - All Big Game Rifle Hunters must wear 400 square inches of hunters' orange. Hunter orange must be visible enough to be seen by other hunters.

#### **FWA1. Game**

##### **A. HUNTING ZONES ESTABLISHED** (See map located in appendix B.)

**(1) Zone 1:** Boulder/Flattop Area and west side of Lower St. Mary Lake. Beginning from the community of St. Mary west to the Glacier Park Boundary continuing North to Sherburne Dam and the Many Glacier Roadway continuing east to the community of Babb, following U.S. Highway 89 North to Moccasin Flat Road turnoff, following the road to east and north across Moccasin Flat to the St. Mary River, continuing south back to the Bridge on Highway 89 on the south end of Babb Flat and following the Highway back to St. Mary. This area will be restricted to foot and horseback only. **ALL OVERNIGHT CAMPING IS PROHIBITED IN THIS ZONE.**

**(2) Zone 2:** The area along the Rocky Mountain front, beginning on the north end of the North Fork Ranch road, and continues south to the roads intersection with Highway 464 Duck Lake Road, continues south into Browning and follows Highway 89 south, to the southern boundary of the Reservation at Birch Creek. Birch Creek west to Swift Dam and running north back to the Canadian Border adjacent to the Glacier National Parks eastern border.

- **Zone 2A (West):** Tower Ridge, Yellow Mountain and Chief Mountain areas, north of Many Glacier Road, to Glacier Park Boundary, west of Highway 89 and south of Highway 17. Area is closed to motorized vehicles (including ATV's) during general hunting season. **This area will be restricted to foot and horseback only.**
- **Zone 2A (East):** The boundary for Zone 2A East starts at the junction of Highway 89 and Montana 464 at St. Mary River Bridge, follow Highway 89 north to the Junction of Camp Nine Road and follow the road east to the North Fork Ranch road to junction of Montana 464. Area is closed to motorized vehicles (including ATV's) during general hunting season. **This area will be restricted to foot and horseback only, and is designated as a hunting zone for the elderly and handicapped.**

**(3) Zone 3:** This area includes all lands on the eastern part of the reservation, east of the following roads: North Fork Ranch Road north straight to the Canadian Border and east of Montana 464 and Highway 89 to the southern boundary of the reservation.

**(4) Zone 4:** All lands south of BIA Route 2, (East Glacier to Heart Butte cut across road) beginning with its intersection of Highway 2 just west of East Glacier, continuing east towards the junction of the Dog Gun Lake Road, South to the Lewis and Clark National Forest Boundary and back north to Highway 2.

**B. HUNTING STAGING AREAS:**

Hunters must park at posted staging areas and shall either walk or ride horse-back into the specific hunting zones where the staging areas are located. **Hunters are restricted from driving through staging areas.**

**(1) Zone 1:** The only staging areas designated for this zone will be at the Iron Gate on the north end of the Lower St. Mary Lake's west shore road and the little Canada turnout on the Many Glacier Roadway.

**(2) Zone 2:** No established staging area for this zone. Vehicles access is allowed, with **restrictions to Zone 2A east and 2A west**, cited below.

**Zone 2A (West):**

(a) **Chief Mountain Road staging areas:** Across the road from Burns Sawmill, Slide Lake Road by cattle guard east of Crusher Hill Pullout and approach across from Bob Fullerton's place.

(b) **Yellow Mountain staging area:** Kennedy Creek crossing south of fence line (near Glacier National Park boundary) and north of Tower Ridge and picnic table road intersection.

(c) **Many Glacier Road staging area:** Little Canada turnout and Camp 5 turnout.

**Zone 2A (East):**

(a) **Duck Head Bay staging area:** West end of Duck Lake just past first cattle guard.

(b) **Spider Lake staging area:** Anywhere along the canal road east of Spider Lake and west of Iron Bridge crossing on St. Mary Canal.

(c) **North Fork Road staging area:** Near the garbage bin along the road a mile north of the Duck Lake Road.

**C. TAG COST and LIMITS:** In the event of a lost or destroyed tag the hunter will be required to purchase another tag at an additional cost.

**ALL TAGS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE/NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Only Blackfeet Tribal Members and Non-Member Blackfeet Descendants will pay the reduced cost. All other Tribe's members will need to purchase a non-member special tag and go through a licensed outfitter.

1. **Tribal Members:** A Blackfeet Tribal Member (Member) shall present his/her Blackfeet Tribal member identification card prior to being issued a General Hunting Tag. Blackfeet Tribal Members shall have their tribal identification on their person while hunting and/or fishing.

(a) **General Hunting Tag:** Members will be required to purchase a General Hunting Tag for \$20.00. The tag will authorize the take of one Elk, two Whitetail Deer, and one Mule Deer either Sex.

(b) **Antelope Tag:** Members can purchase one Antelope Tag separate from the general hunting tag for \$5.00.

(c) **Black Bear Tag:** Members can purchase a Black Bear Tag separate from the general hunting tag \$5.00. Black Bear Hunting spring either sex – no females with young April 20<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> for \$5.00.

(d) **Wolf Tags:** Members can purchase a wolf tag for \$10.00 each, with a limit of 3 tags per person, open until wolf quota is met of 20 animals. All harvested animals must be inspected by a game warden within 24 hours of take. No trapping tags will be issued.

2. **Lottery hunts and Special Tags and Culture requests for Blackfeet Tribal Members.**

(i) **Lottery winners are required to report the harvested animals within 24 hours of kill. All lottery tags are non-transferable/refundable.**

(ii) **All lottery winners shall first sign an Acknowledgement and Consent form before receiving the tag. Failure to sign such a form will result in the tag not being issued.**

(iii) **Any lottery winner who successfully fills their lottery tag will forfeit their general hunting elk tag.**

**(a) Tribal Member Moose Lottery:**

A special number of moose tags will be available through a lottery draw. The cost will be \$5.00 per chance with a limit of \$200.00 per person. There will be two lottery tags drawn the day before bow season and five lottery tags will be drawn the day before rifle season opens.

**(b) Tribal Member Elk Lottery:**

A special number of elk tags will be available for Zone 1 (Boulder/Flatop). The cost will be \$5.00 per chance with of \$200.00 per person. There will three lottery tags drawn the day before bow season opens and five lottery tags will be drawn the day before rifle hunting season opens. Lottery tag recipients are allowed two “helpers” to assist them with moving the harvested elk out of Zone 1. The helpers must be Blackfeet Tribal members, and have proof of membership on their person while helping.

**(c) Tribal Member Big Horn Sheep Lottery:**

One Big Horn Sheep tag will be available for Zone 1 and Zone 2. The cost will be \$5.00 per chance with of \$200.00 per person. There will be one lottery tag drawn the day before rifle hunting season opens. Lottery tag recipient are allowed two “helpers” to assist them with moving the harvested Big Horn Sheep out of Zone1. The helpers must be Blackfeet Tribal members, and have proof of membership on their person while helping.

**(d) Culture Requests:** Will be in a written form and approved by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council. The approved member is prohibited from harvesting the request. Such harvest will be fulfilled by the Fish and Game Department (See FWR Chapter 3)

3. **Non-Member Spouses:** Non-member spouses must have identification while hunting/fishing (driver license and marriage certificate). Non-member spouses that reside on the reservation at least six (6) months can purchase a Non-Member General Hunting License/Tag after filling out a form (see Chapter 10, section 4). The License will cost \$35.00 and authorize them to take one cow elk and one whitetail deer; non-member spouse is not eligible for special lottery draw tags. Non-member spouses can purchase wolf tags also (see C (1) (c)).
  
4. **Non-Member Blackfeet Descendant:** The Descendant shall provide a Blackfeet Tribal Descendant identification card (or documentation form) prior to being issued a license/tag and have that card on their person at all times while hunting and fishing. Blackfeet Tribal Descendants can purchase a numbered hunting license/tag which will authorize the descendant to harvest 1 cow elk and 1 whitetail deer. The cost will be \$20.00. Descendant is not eligible for special lottery drawing tags.

**5. NON-MEMBER SPECIAL TAGS:**

- (i) Non-member special tags are non-transferable/non-refundable.
  
- (ii) Non-member can purchase Special Big Game license/tags and must fill out a non-member disclosure form (see Chapter 10, section 3).

**(iii) OUTFITTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CLIENTS FOLLOW THE FISH AND GAME REGULATIONS OF THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION.**

Tags are available for the following prices: (all tags holders are required to have a licensed Outfitter Service, which is not included in the tag fee).

- (a) Bull Elk (brow tined) - **5 tags** sold each year, at a minimum of \$12,000.00; (Exclusive to Zone 1)
  
- (b) Elk (cow) - **10 tags** sold each year for \$1000.00 dollars each (Hunting is not allowed in Zone 1)
  
- (c) Whitetail Deer (either sex) -**5 tags** are available at \$3000.00 each (Hunting is not allowed in Zone 1)
  
- (d) Mule Deer (Bucks) - **5 tags** are available at \$3000.00 each. (Hunting does not include Zone 1)
  
- (e) Black Bear (either sex, no females with cubs) - **10 tags** are available for \$1500.00. (Hunting does not include Zone 1). Spring \$1500, Fall \$1500.00
  
- (f) Moose - **5 tags** are available for \$14,000.00 each. (Hunting does not include Zone 1)
  
- (g) Antelope - **5 tags** available for \$1000.00 each (Hunting does not include Zone 1)
  
- (h) Big Horn Sheep - 1 **tag** sold at starting bid of \$30,000, Auction details to be determined by fall of 2018.

- (i) Mountain Lion Tags - **10 tags** are available for \$500.00 per tag.
- (j) Mountain Goat - **1 tag for sale at \$5,000.00.**

**Licensed Outfitter must report clients' animal harvest with 24 hours of harvest.**

**D. HUNTING OF BIG GAME SEASONS ESTABLISHED.** See Appendix B - Chart labeled "Big Game Season." No firearms authorized during bow season. No hunting allowed ½ hour before sunrise or ½ hour after sunset. Established hunting seasons are subject to change without prior notice at the discretion of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council.

**1. Elk:**

- (a) Zone 1 – Closed except for Non-member Special License/Tag and Member Lottery winners.
- (b) Zone 2 – **Bow Season** – 1st Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October, **Rifle Season** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday of December.
- (c) Zone 3 – same as Zone 2 except when Zone 2 closes, Zone 3 stays open for Tribal Members. Harvest of antlered bulls only and is closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of March through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of July. No tags required after General Hunting season closes. Animals harvested after closure of the General Hunting season must report harvest within 24 hours.
- (d) Zone 4 – Closed except for bow hunting only, bow hunting allowed from 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in September through 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October for elk, deer and bear only.

**2. Whitetail Deer:**

- (a) Zone 1. Closed
- (b) Zone 2 – **Bow Season** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October, **Rifle Season** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.
- (c) Zone 3 – same as Zone 2 except when Zone 2 closes, Zone 3 stays open for Tribal Members. Harvest of antlered bucks only and is closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of March through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of July. No tags are required after General Hunting Season closes. Animals harvested after closure of the General Hunting Season must report within 24 hours.
- (d) Zone 4 – Closed except for Bow Hunting only, Bow Hunting allowed 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in September through the 2<sup>st</sup> Friday of October for elk, deer, and bear only. No Rifle Season in Zone 4.

**3. Mule Deer (either sex):** It shall be unlawful to hunt and kill a mule deer outside the established hunting season.

- (a) Zone 1 - Closed

- (b) Zone 2 – **Rifle Season** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of November.
- (c) Zone 3 – **Rifle Season** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of November.
- (d) Zone 4 – Closed.

4. **Moose:**

Member Lottery winner(s) and non-member Special License/Tag only, it is unlawful to hunt and kill a Moose without a tag. Recipient must notify game warden within 24 hours of harvest.

- (a) Zone 1 – Closed
- (b) Zone 2 – **Bow Season** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October, **Rifle Season** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.
- (c) Zone 3 – **Bow Season** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October, **Rifle Season** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.
- (d) Zone 4 – Closed

5. **Antelope:**

- (a) Zone 1 – Closed
- (b) Zone 2 – **Bow Season** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October, **Rifle Season** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.
- (c) Zone 3 – **Bow Season** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October, **Rifle Season** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.
- (d) Zone 4 – Closed

6. **Big Horn Sheep:** Bid System – Males only with  $\frac{3}{4}$  curl and greater.

- (a) Zone 1 – Opens on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the last Thursday of February.
- (b) Zone 2 – Opens on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October and closes on the last Thursday of February.
- (c) Zone 3 – Closed
- (d) Zone 4 – Closed

7. **Mountain Goat:**

- (i) \$10.00 Mountain Goat, limit of one License/Tag per Tribal Member.

Members can purchase a separate tag from the general hunting permit.

- (a) Zone 1 – Closed.
- (b) Zone 2 – **Rifle Season** - starts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.
- (c) Zone 3 – Closed
- (d) Zone 4 – Closed

8. **Black Bear:**

No harvesting over bait, no hunting with dogs, no hunting sows with cubs.

**Harvest of Black Bear must be inspected by a game warden within 24 hours of take.**

**(i) Fall Hunt Season starts on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October.**

- (a) Zone 1 – Closed.
- (b) Zone 2 – **Bow Season** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October. **Rifle Season** - starts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.
- (c) Zone 3 – **Bow Season** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October. **Rifle Season** - starts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.
- (d) Zone 4 – **Bow Season** - Tribal Members Only 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October. **Rifle Season** - Closed.

**(ii) Spring Hunt Season starts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of April and closes on June 1.**

- (a) Zone 1 – CLOSED
- (b) Zone 2 – Starts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of April through June 1.
- (c) Zone 3 – CLOSED
- (d) Zone 4 - CLOSED

9. **Mountain Lion:**

- (i) The use of dogs is permitted during the Special Hunting season January 1, through March 31.
- (ii) Non-Members who intend to use Non-Blackfeet Outfitter dogs must pay a \$50.00 fee per dog during the Special Hunting season.

**(iii) NO Hunting Mountains Lions on Snow Machines, ATV or other recreational vehicles.**

- (a) Zone 1 – Closed



(b) Zone 2 – **Rifle season** - starts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December. **Special hunting season** - from January 1 to March 31.

(c) Zone 3 – **Rifle Season** - starts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December. **Special hunting season** - from January 1 to March 31.

(d) Zone 4 – Closed

10. **Wolverine**: Closed

11. **Grizzly**: Closed

12. **Gray Wolf**:

Until the quota of 20 animals is met Reservation wide. Game Warden(s) must inspect harvested animals within 24 hours of take. **Snow machine use is prohibited, no trapping permits will be issued and hunting over bait is prohibited.**

(a) Zone 1 – Closed

(b) Zone 2 – **Rifle Season** - starts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the end of March.

(c) Zone 3 – **Rifle Season** - starts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October through the end of March.

(d) Zone 4 – Closed.

**FWA 2. TRAPPING:** (Referenced in chart labeled furbearers in Appendix B)

A. **PERMITS:** Are Non-Transferable/Refundable and only for Blackfeet Tribally Enrolled Members and Descendants (See page 4 above) of the Blackfeet Tribe, except for Beaver and Coyote. No Bobcats (See section D below).

**Permits Costs:**

(i) \$5.00 Fee for Tribal Members and Descendants.

B. **SEASON:** Trapping season starts on the last Monday of September and closes on April 30th. **Trappers MUST provide a trapping log to the Blackfeet Fish & Wildlife Department for all furbearers harvested.**

C. **Export Permits:** Are required for the transportation of furbearers (no cost).

D. **Non-Members Special Trapping Tag for Beaver:**

Tag cost will be \$100.00

(1) Landowners permission required.

(2) The person named on the permit will be the only authorized trapper.

E. **Non-Member Special Coyote Tag:**

Coyote hunting for predator control only. It shall be unlawful for non-members without a special tag. Tag cost will be \$100.00.

- (a) Tag authorized for predatory control.
- (b) Landowner or Leasee permission required.

- F. **Quotas:**
- (a) **Lynx: Closed** - Endangered Species.
  - (b) **Wolverine: Closed** – Closed all year round
  - (c) **Bobcat:** Closed all year round.
  - (d) **Otter:** Closed all year round.

G. **Closures:** Zone 1 (Boulder Ridge Flattop Area) and Zone 4 (Dog Gun Lake Area) - is closed to trapping (see Cross Referenced in FWR Chapter 9).

### **FWA. 3 FISHING:**

#### **A. NON-MEMBER FISHING REGULATIONS AND PERMITS.**

Non-Member is a person who is not an Enrolled Blackfeet Tribal Member or a Descendant of an Enrolled Blackfeet Tribal Member. (Descendant is defined in FWA1 C above on page 4)

**(i) The established fishing rates and seasons are subject to change by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council without any prior notice given.**

1. **License:** Non-Members thirteen years of age and over must have in their possession a valid Fishing License and a Recreation/Conservation Permit, which must be present upon demand by a Game Warden. A Non-Member child under the age of 13 may fish or recreate without a license when accompanied by a licensed adult; but must observe all fishing rules and regulations and the combined catch must not exceed the legal limit for one individual. **RECREATION/CONSERVATION PERMITS ARE SUBJECT TO CLOSURE BY TRIBAL COUNCIL WITHOUT NOTICE.**

Permit Type and Fees:

- Daily Fishing - \$20.00 (valid for purchase day only)
- 3 Day Fishing - \$45.00 (valid for (3) Three consecutive days only)
- Annual Fishing - \$75.00 (April 1 – March 31)
- Annual Recreation/Conservation - \$10.00 (April 1 – March 31)

#### **2. Fishing Seasons:**

(a) Rivers and Stream Fishing Season – The river and stream fishing season for non-members shall be open the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May through November 30 unless otherwise stated by regulations.

(b) Lakes and Reservoirs – Open entire year unless otherwise stated by Regulations

3. **Non-Member Fishing Hours:** No fishing shall be allowed between ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise. In addition, no watercraft, ice house, or vehicle shall be on a lake during closed hours.

4. **Non-Member Fishing Methods:** Fishing will be allowed by using only one rod or line with no more than two hooks. Exceptions include the use of two rods or lines with no more than two hooks per line while fishing through the ice. All lines must be within immediate control of the angler. All General Fishing Regulations must be obeyed.

5. **Non-Member Fish Species Daily Limits.**

DAILY LIMIT- The number of fish that may be legally taken daily. A fish when landed and not immediately released becomes part of the tag limit of the person originally hooking the fish, even if the fish is donated to another person. If you receive fish from another angler, those fish also become part of your daily limit

Fish Species Possession Limits: Shall Not Exceed two (2) Daily Limits.

SPECIES	DAILY POSSESSION LIMIT
Trout (includes Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Cutthroat, and Arctic Grayling)	Daily – 5 fish only 1 may be over 20 Inches and only 1 fish may be Brown Trout.
Brook Trout	Daily – 5 only 1 may be over 13 inches Exception: At Dog Gun Lake only 1 Brook Trout may be retained and it must be 13 inches or greater.
Bull Trout	All waters are closed to Bull Trout angling (Except for Duck Lake in which harvested Bull Trout will be included in the Daily Trout Limit.
Lake Trout	Daily – 2 only 1 may be over 20 inches
Whitefish	Daily – 10
Burbot (Ling)	Daily – 3 only 1 may be over 24 inches
Sauger/Walleye	Daily – 5 only 1 may be over 20 inches
Northern Pike at Hope lake	Daily – NO LIMIT
White Suckers or Longnose Suckers	There shall be NO LIMIT or SIZE Restrictions.

B. **GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO ALL PERSONS**

1. **Fishing Methods** – No person shall catch fish by means of snagging; by use of projectiles fired from a firearm or bow and arrow; by the use of explosive compounds of any corrosive or narcotic poison; by use of electricity; by spear or gig; or, by use of a minnow trap, seine, rill net, trap net, or weir unless authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Director. **Violators may be subject to no less than a \$500.00 nor more than \$1000.00 fine, confiscation of all equipment involved in the infraction, and paying a liquidated damage amount of up to \$250.00 per illegal fish in possession regardless of species as stated in the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Code. Only hooks with a maximum of 5/8-inch gap between shaft and point may be used when fishing for trout species.**

2. **Introduction of Fish** – No person shall fish with live minnows and no person will empty live minnow buckets into water on the Reservation. No person may hold any live fish in a live well, bucket, cooler, or any other device used for the purpose of live transport while traveling into, away from, or within the external boundaries of the Reservation without authorization from the Fish and Wildlife Director.

3. **Catch-and-Release and Closed Areas:**

(a) Catch-and-Release only fishing for Cutthroat Trout on Midvale Creek, tributary to the Two Medicine River.

(b) Catch-and-Release only fishing for Cutthroat Trout on Wild Creek, tributary to the St. Mary River.

(c) **All feeder canals and streams flowing into the following waters shall be CLOSED** to fishing from March 15 until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May to protect vulnerable stock of fish.

1. Dog Gun Lake (Deep Creek)
2. Four Horns Lake (entire Four Horns Feeder Canal)
3. Mission Lake (Feeder Canal from the Two Medicine Main Canal to mouth)
4. Kipp Lake (Feeder Canal from Willow Creek to mouth)
5. Duck Lake
6. Hidden Lake

(d) It shall be unlawful to take or have in possession a Bull Trout in any waters with the exception of Duck Lake.

(e) Temporary species or water closures may be established by regulation. The Fish and Wildlife Director may declare any stream or lake closed to fishing for a period of up to fifteen days in order to protect fish recently introduced. Other area fishing closures may be established by regulation.

(f) Flattop Lake shall be closed to fishing between September 3<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>.

(g) Goose Lake shall be closed to fishing between September 3<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>.

4. **Chumming** – No person shall use chopped fish or introduce into the water any food substance or matter that may concentrate or attract fish.

5. **Ice Fishing Holes** – No person may cut holes larger than twelve (12) inches in diameter for ice fishing. Any type of chainsaw use is prohibited.

6. **Ice Fishing Houses** – No person shall allow an ice fishing house to be frozen in any lake, fail to identify an ice fishing house or have an ice fishing house on a lake between the hours of ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise. FW A3-D-6.

7. **Seasons and Limits** – Seasons and limits will be determined by regulation.

8. **The Legal Measurement** – Method used to determine a fish's length will be the total length taken from the tip of its snout to the tip of the tail (tip to tip).

9. **It shall be unlawful to fillet or otherwise process** – A fish taken into possession at a lake or stream in a manner that would prevent a game warden from identifying it to species and from measuring its Total Length.

10. **Felt Bottom Boots** – Shall not be worn in any lake or stream on the Blackfeet Reservation FWA-3-B-10.

11. **No person shall URINATE or DEFECATE within the high water mark of any Lake or Stream, including ice covered lakes and streams.**

12. **It shall be unlawful to litter** – Violators will be prosecuted.

13. **Any Vehicle falling through the ice** – Shall be subject to environmental assessment of cleanup costs and fined. (Excerpt 2014-90 – Automobile). When vehicle fall through the ice, \$1000.00 fine/day for two (2) days, if no arrangements have been made those 2 days, BFWD will take whatever necessary steps to extract the vehicle and violator will be charged by BFWD.

14. **Some Lakes may have Aerators** – Use caution and beware of open water and ice conditions during winter months.

15. **It shall be unlawful to interfere with, retrieve or molest any Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department net, trap, weir, buoy, or other piece of equipment or property.**

16. **There shall be no limit to size restrictions in the harvest of white suckers or longnose suckers.**

17. **Absolutely no aircraft shall be allowed to land upon lakes or reservoirs** on the Blackfeet Reservation. An aircraft is defined as being any machine or device capable of atmospheric flight. Exceptions would include emergency use landings that would otherwise result in a catastrophic event.

C. **COMMERCIAL GILL NETTING** – CLOSED FOR THE 2016-2017 SEASON.

D. **FISHING CONTESTS AND/OR DERBIES**

Any event where an entry fee is charged or where people may win prizes for catching fish in any waters within the external boundaries of the Blackfeet Reservation is considered a fishing contest. Any member or organization, excluding a Blackfeet Tribe sponsored event, establishing or sponsoring a fishing derby or contest which involves greater than twenty (20) participants and cash or prizes worth more than \$200.00 shall provide the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department (BFWD) a completed Fishing Contest Application, within thirty (30) day notice of the planned event and a deposit fee of \$200.00. After the contest is over \$100.00 will be refunded only after the contest area/lake has been cleaned up at the satisfactory of the BFWD; the remainder of balance (\$100.00) to be kept by BFWD for administrative costs. The contest deposit must be paid with a cash, money order or cashier check made payable to the Blackfeet Tribe.

E. **FISHING CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS:** (These rules do not pertain to a tribal sponsored event which will have rules and regulations specially approved by the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Commission).

- 1 Fishing contests and contestants must comply with all rules and regulations stated in the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department's Sportsman Regulations (including fish limits).
- 2 Winners of fishing contests or derbies shall only be determined by 1) greatest length of a single fish; or 2) greatest weight of a single fish; or, 3) a combination of both 1 & 2.
- 3 No contest will be allowed in which the winner is determined by catching the most total fish or having the greatest total weight of harvested fish.
- 4 No contests may be held in rivers or streams.

- 5 Fishing contests may only be held on waters stocked by the BFWD with sport fish for recreation opportunity. Consult the BFWD for a list of stocked waters.
- 6 No contests will be allowed involving catching or harvesting of any listed species of special concern such as Bull Trout.
- 7 Organizers of fishing contest must provide sanitary latrines during fishing contests for participants.
- 8 Organizers of fishing contests must remove all trash and litter at the fishing contest site within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the derby or forfeit the refundable \$100.00 deposit. Litter/Garbage PACK IN and PACK OUT.
- 9 Organizers of fishing contests must submit a Fishing Contest Report detailing the results of the contest, to the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department within fourteen (14) days of the completion of the contest.
- 10 Non-Compliance to BFWD Fishing Contest Rules and Regulations may result in the loss of any future fishing contest opportunities by an organizer or organization.

**FWA. 4 BIRDS:** (Referenced in chart labeled “other licenses” in Appendix B)

A. **UPLAND GAME BIRDS/MIGRATORY WATERFOWL**

1. **Zones 1 and Zone 4** – Closed to Upland Game Bird/Migratory Waterfowl hunting.
2. **Permit Costs** –
  - Non-Member, Non-Montana Resident permits \$125.00.
  - Non-Member Montana Resident \$60.00/proof of Driver’s License.

B. **UPLAND GAME BIRDS**

1. **Season** – Begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September through the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, EXCEPT FOR MALE RING NECKED PHEASANTS WHICH BEGINS October 2 THROUGH End of November (Cross references FWR Chapter 6)
2. **Limits** – The daily limit shall be 5 Hungarian Partridges, 3 male Ring Necked Pheasants, 3 Ruffed and/or Sharp Tail, Sage or Mountain Grouse. (Cross references FWR Chapter 6). Possession limit is 2x daily limit.

C. **MIGRATORY WATERFOWL**

The Season and limits are set by Federal Regulations which the Blackfeet Tribe has adopted. Tribal Members and Non-Members shall refer to the Federal Pacific Flyway Regulations, which may be viewed at Blackfeet Fish & Wildlife Office.

**FWA. 5 OUTFITTERS:** (Referenced FWR Chapter 8)

(i) Outfitters and their employees are responsible for their clients’ compliance with the Blackfeet Fish and Game Regulations. Ignorance of the law is no excuse.

- A. **OUTFITTER LICENSE COST** – An Outfitter license shall cost \$500.00. The licensed outfitter must have his/her license on his possession at all times.

- B. **INSPECTION** – Outfitters are required to have a Blackfeet Game Warden inspect their clients’ Big Game takes within 24 hours of the take.
- C. **PROFESSIONAL GUIDE LICENSE COST**– A Professional Guide License shall cost \$50.00. The license guide must have in possession his/her license at all times.
- D. **It is Unlawful for the Use of Drones during Hunts or any Hunting Activity.**

**FWA. 6 SMALL GAME**

A. **TAG COST**

- 1. **Members and Descendants** – Free for hunting of small game.
- 2. **Non-Members** - \$30.00 fee for Non-Members to hunt ground squirrels, with landowner or leasee permission (Cross referenced FWR Chapter 4).

B. **SEASONS**

- 1. **Members and Descendants** – Year round and only in Zone 2, 3.
- 2. **Non-Members** – March 1 through September 30 of each year in Zone 3 only.

C. **LIMITS**

- 1. **Members and Descendants** – No limit.
- 2. **Non-Members** – No Limit

D. **GENERAL RESTRICTIONS for ALL SMALL GAME HUNTERS**

Ground Squirrel hunters can hunt only ground squirrels with land owner or lessee permission, using a firearm of 22 caliber or lower/smaller caliber. (Cross references FWR Chapter 4). **It is unlawful to hunt small game with High Powered Rifles at or near Recreational Areas and/or Lake.**

**FWA. 7 HABITAT PROTECTION – SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS – SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS.**

- A. **MANAGEMENT AREAS** – Hunting is prohibited year round in the Boulder Ridge/Flattop area (Zone 1) and Dog Gun Lake area (Zone 4). EXCEPTION: Lottery winners and Special permit holders during the General Hunting Season (Cross reference FWR Chapter 9). No motorized access of Management Areas

**1. Carrying a firearm**

- (a) Firearms are prohibited in Zone 1, unless recipient of a Lottery permit or a Special permit to hunt Bull Elk.
- (b) Firearms are prohibited in Zone 4.
- (c) Members only; when accessing through Zone 4, to get into Ceded Strip, firearms must be unloaded or encased during transport through Zone 4.

**2. Driving Wildlife/Antler Hunting**

- (a) No person shall enter upon Zone 1 & 4; driving wildlife out of zones.
- (b) No person shall drive or harass any antlered animals to make antlers fall off.
- (c) Antler hunting is allowed for Members and Descendants.
- (d) No antler hunting until February 14 for Members and Descendants;
- (e) Antler hunting is prohibited for Non-Members.
- (f) All antlers taken off reservation must have export permit.
- (g) All Buyers must have an export permit and list those persons who they bought the antlers from. Antler buyers need a Tribal Business Permit and list to provide BFWD who they purchased antlers/shed from.

**3. Flattop Lake and Flattop Area:**

- (a) Fishing is permitted except during the general hunting season.
- (b) Enter by horseback or on foot only.
- (c) Closed to motorized vehicles.

**4. Grazing Permits – No grazing permit will be issued in Zone 1.**

**5. Gathering of animal parts:**

Only Tribal Members and Descendants can gather, retrieve or hunt antlers on the Blackfeet Reservation. It shall be illegal to hunt/gather Big Horn Sheep Heads or skulls on the Blackfeet Reservation. (Cross reference Chapter 4)

**6. Gathering or Collecting Mushrooms:**

Only Members and Descendants can gather, pick or collect any type of Mushrooms on the Blackfeet Reservation. (Cross reference Chapter 4)



## **FWA 8. RECREATION/CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES AND CONVEYANCES.**

### Fish and Wildlife

#### A. **DEFINITIONS**

1. **Conveyance** – A recreation conveyance will be certain types of watercraft, snow machines and all-terrain vehicles that are used for recreational purposes, a permit may have to be purchased and identifiable decal will be placed upon said conveyance if provided by the Department.
2. **Backcountry** – Any and all lands in the rural areas of the Reservation that is not within the rights of ways of the main highways, improved or unimproved roads and main thoroughfares or trails. Access to these areas is for the purposes of hiking, hunting, fishing, skiing. All roads not right away.

#### B. **RECREATION/CONSERVATION PERMIT COSTS**

1. **Members and Descendants** – No cost (See definition of Descendant page 4 above).
2. **Non-Members** - \$10.00 permit fee per person for outdoor recreational activity on the Blackfeet Reservation. **The Fee does not include camping.**

#### C. **ATV/SNOWMOBILE**

An all-terrain vehicle (ATV), also known as a quad, quad bike, three-wheeler, four-wheeler, or quadricycle, and Tandem ATV.

An snowmobile a motor vehicle, especially one with runners in the front and caterpillar tracks in the rear, for traveling over snow.

1. Blackfeet Tribal Members and Descendants – No Cost
2. Non-Members - **\$50.00 fee** and Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife will provide the Decal.
3. Children 12 years of age are permitted to drive with supervision.
4. ATV/Snow Mobile can be used in retrieval of harvested Big Game kill (**with advance permission by Blackfeet Fish & Wildlife**) to Tribal Members only; proof of kill is required before entering this area. (i.e gutted and tagged)

#### D. **WINDSURFING:**

Permitted lakes for windsurfing are: Four Horn Lake, Mission Lake, Duck Lake, and Lower St. Mary's Lake. Recreation/Conservation permit required by Non-Members (Cross Reference Chapter 3).

E. **SNOWMOBILE USE:**

1. Zone 1 Boulder/Flattop Area is CLOSED to Snow machine use for all persons.
2. No Hunting in any other area of the Blackfeet Reservation with a snow machine.
- 3 Back country riding of snowmobiles is permitted to Non-Members for a \$50.00 fee, good for one(1) year. Non-Members may not snowmobile during the Tribal hunting season. With purchase of fee, Non-Members are allowed to ride snowmobiles on Tribally owned land, including leased Tribal land. Non-Members must get land owner permission to ride on private land.

F **ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES**

1. Zone 1 Boulder/Flattop Area is CLOSED to all-terrain vehicle use for all persons.
2. No hunting with an all-terrain vehicle.
3. Back country riding of ATV's is permitted to Non-Members for a \$50.00 fee good for one (1) year. Non-Members may not ride ATV's during the Tribal hunting season. With purchase of fee, Non-Members are allowed to ride ATV's on Tribal established two track roads, including those through leased Tribal land. Non-Members must get land owners permission to ride on private land and must stay on an established roadway.

G. **CAMPING**

**(i) CAMPING ALONGSIDE OF HIGHWAY OR ANY OTHER UNAUTHORIZED LOCATIONS IS PROHIBITED.**

Camping, other than camping on private lands with the owner or occupant's permission, is permitted only at designated privately owned or tribally owned campsites. The following regulations shall be followed at tribally owned campgrounds.

1. **Care of Property** – The defacement or destruction of signs, tables or improvements is prohibited.
2. **Vehicles** – All wheeled vehicles, including trailers, must be kept on the designated parking area.
3. **Firewood** – Only dead and downed wood in designated areas may be gathered for firewood. Campers should check with the campground manager to locate these areas. Bundles of firewood may be purchased at or near concessionaire facilities.
4. **Disturbance of Plant or Animal Life** – Plants or animals shall not be disturbed in any way. The driving of nails into trees or the stripping of bark, leaves, or branches from trees or shrubs is prohibited.

5. **Digging** – The natural terrain shall not be altered in any way. The leveling of the ground or digging for any purposes is prohibited.
6. **Dogs, Cats, and Pets** – All dogs, cats, or other pets must be kept on a leash or under physical restrictive control at all times while in a campground.
7. **Draining and Refuse from Trailers** – Trailer owners must provide receptacles to contain waste water. Such water shall be disposed of only at public restrooms, at holding tank disposal units in major campgrounds, or at tribally owned disposal units for a fee. Any other disposal is prohibited within the boundaries of the Reservation.
8. **Quiet Hours** - Quiet hours must be maintained between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. During these hours, radios, generators, television sets, and any other noise producing devices must not be operated to the annoyance of others.
9. **Clean Camps** – Remember, this is Bear country. Campers are responsible for maintaining a clean camp at all times and for cleaning their campsites, including the removal of all camping equipment, food, debris and refuse before leaving.
10. **Unattended Camps** – Camps may not be left unattended for more than 12 hours.
11. **Use of Hydrants** – NO cleaning of fish and washing of dishes or clothes at Water Hydrants.
12. **Members and Non-Member NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING AT LAKES.**

#### H. **WATERCRAFT.**

1. **Definition** – “Watercraft” shall be defined as any boat or floating device or rigid or inflatable construction which is designed to carry people or cargo on the water, and which is propelled by machinery, oars, paddles, or wind action on a sail; exceptions include makeshift contrivances constructed of inner tubes or other floatable material and not propelled by machinery, and personal floatation units held in hand or other objects used as floating or swimming aids, float tubes, belly boats, pontoon boats and kick boats are considered watercraft.
2. **Permits** – It is unlawful for a non-tribal member to fail to possess either a BFWD Recreation/Conservation Permit or a BFWD Fishing Permit while using watercraft on the Reservation.
3. **Watercraft Inspection** – All watercraft entering the Blackfeet Reservation MUST have an inspection Certificate from the State of Montana that it has been inspected for any and all invasive species.
4. **Watercraft Rules** – (Any violation of these rules set down below shall be unlawful).

(a) **Personal Floatation Devices (PFD's):**

Children 12 years of age and under must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD on all watercraft. There must be a wearable U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD for each person on any vessel. All persons being towed by a boat, windsurfing, or riding a personal watercraft must wear a PFD. Note: The use or presence of a PFD is not required but is highly recommended while using a non-motorized belly boat or float tube on Reservation waters.

(b) **Use of Motorized Watercraft.:**

It shall be lawful to use electric motors on all lakes and reservoirs EXCEPT for Flattop Lake. Use of gasoline fueling internal combustion motors shall be allowed on the following waters: Duck Lake, Four Horns Lake, Kipp Lake, Lower Two Medicine Reservoir, Lower St. Mary Lake, Mission Lake and Swift Reservoir. Any use of gasoline fueled internal combustion motors on anybody of water not listed above is strictly prohibited. Exceptions include BFWD or other administrative or emergency response use.

(c) **Speed Limits** – The speed limit for watercraft shall be ten (10) miles per hour on Duck Lake, Four Horns Lake, Kipp Lake, Mission Lake and Swift Reservoir.

(d) **Use of Alcoholic Beverages** – It is unlawful to operate a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or other intoxicating substances whose use is prohibited on the Reservation.

(e) **Water Skiing** – Water skiing is only permitted on Lower St. Mary lake and Lower Two Medicine Reservoir. Water skiing on any other body of water is prohibited and both watercraft driver and skier may be cited for a violation.

(f) **Sail Boating** – Sail boating is only permitted on Lower St. Mary lake and Lower Two Medicine Reservoir. Sail boating on any other body of water is prohibited.

(g) **Wind Surfing** – Wind surfing is allowed on Four Horns Lake, Mission Lake, Lower St. Mary Lake, Lower Two Medicine Reservoir, and Duck Lake. Wind surfing on any other body of water is prohibited.

(h) **Passing Rule and Right of Way** – It is unlawful to fail to act in the following manner when passing, approaching, or overtaking another watercraft:

(i) When two vessels are approaching each other head-on or nearly so, so as to create the risk of collision, each vessel shall bear to the right, and pass the other vehicle on its left side.

(ii) When vessels approach each other obliquely or at right angles, the vessel approaching on the right side shall have the right-of-way.

(iii) One vessel may overtake another on either side, but shall grant right-of-way to the overtaken vessel.

(iv) When a sail boat/windsurfer and motorboat are operating so as to involve a risk of collision with each other, the motorboat shall yield in all cases.

**FWA 9. ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED** (Cross references Chapter 4)

- A. **ELDERLY** – Blackfeet Tribal members over the age of 65 will receive a General Hunting Permit free of charge. Individuals claiming such permits will be allowed vehicle access into certain hunting zones. If an elderly tag holder is using helpers the helpers cannot possess firearms in Goose Lake area. The tag holder can have up to 2 helpers. Helpers must be Tribal Members.
- (i) Elderly descendants over the age of 65 can purchase a General Hunting Permit for \$20.00. Individuals claiming such permits will be allowed vehicle access into certain hunting zones. If an elderly tag holder is using helpers the helpers cannot possess firearms in Goose Lake area. The tag holder can have up to 2 helpers. Helpers who must be a Member and/or Descendant.
- B. **HANDICAPPED** – Members claiming handicap status must complete handicap/disabled application for limited mobility must provide the department a Current/Up-to-date blue or red handicap placard or produce vehicle registration with handicap status. Descendant handicap fee \$20.00. Individuals claiming such permits will be allowed access into certain hunting Zones. The tag holder can have up to 2 helpers; the helpers cannot possess firearms in the Goose Lake area. Helpers must be Tribal Member and/or Descendant.
- C. **ALLOWABLE VEHICLES ACCESS:** Persons with authorized Handicapped permits will be allowed vehicle access into hunting zones 2A East (Goose Lake)

**All Documentation Will Be Evaluated Prior To Receiving a Handicap Permit & Elderly Permit.**

**FWA 10. LAND USE**

A **CAMPING ALONG THE ROADWAY IS PROHIBITED.**

B **HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING AND CAMPING OR PRIVATE LAND.**

It is unlawful for any person to hunt, fish, trap or camp on private land which is posted with sign or painted gate post (Painting Posts - 18” of top post at all gates) stating no trespassing in such a manner as to give notice that the land is closed to such activity, without the consent of the landowner. Exempt: Tribally owned land is considered public access to tribal members, including leased Tribally owned land. Does not include Fee or Patent Land.

- C. **HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING AND CAMPING ON TRIBAL LAND.** – It is unlawful for any person to hunt, fish, trap or camp on tribal land leased for farming or grazing without the consent of the landowner.
- D. **TRESPASS IN PRIVATE OR TRIBAL LAND.** – It is unlawful for any person to enter or remain upon any private or tribal land which is posted in such a manner as to give notice that the land is closed to such activity, or refuse to immediately leave the land upon the request of the individual owner, occupant or an agency of the Tribe, as the case may be. In addition to any penalty prescribed for the violation of this rule, any trespasser shall be liable to the landowner is a civil suit in Tribal Court for any damages which were incurred because of the Trespass. Except: Tribally owned land is considered public hunting access to tribal members, including land owned by the Tribe that is leased to individuals. Painting Posts - 18” of top post at all gates = Signs No Trespassing.
- E. **TRIBAL CLOSURE TO TRIBAL LAND:** The Blackfeet Tribal Business, as it’s discretion, may restrict hunting, ATV and snowmobile access to certain portions of Tribally owned land at any time, without prior notice being given.

**Damage to Property:**

1. It is unlawful to tear down, break or injure any fence or other enclosure of another or of the Tribe without the consent of the owner, occupant or the Tribe.
2. It is unlawful to build a fire upon the land of another or of the Tribe without consent of the owner, occupant or the Tribe.
3. It is unlawful to sever from the land of another or of the Tribe any tree, grass, or other product, or take any other thing attached to the land without the consent of the owner, occupant or the Tribe.
4. All persons opening gates on country roads are encouraged to close the gates as a courtesy to the landowners and the leaseholder
5. Littering, unlawful to litter within the Exterior Boundaries of the Blackfeet Reservation. **PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT!**

- F. **ACCESS TO LANDS** – The Tribal Council may permit access to or through particular closed Tribal lands for hunting, fishing or trapping under special circumstances, and with permission of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council.

**Non-Member** - No nonmember Access to Lewis and Clark National Forest from Reservation from September 3rd through December 18<sup>th</sup>. Fine is \$500.00 for Non-Members.

**Members** - With the purchase and/or buying of Tribal hunting tags, tribally owned lands is considered Public Access to Tribal Members for hunting and fishing purposes, including Tribal land leased to individuals.

G. **RESTRICTION ON LANDOWNER LIABILITY** – The Tribe or any person holding a Tribal grazing permit, farm lease or tenant on any reservation land, shall not be liable, when permission is granted by act or implication to any person to enter upon the property for recreation purposes (hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, pleasure driving, winter sports, hiking or other purposes determined by BFWD to be recreational) where consideration has not been paid and accepted, for any injury to the person or his property resulting from any act or omission of such owner or permittee or lessee unless such act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. The Tribe and/or its permittees or leases’ does not, by granting such permission extend any assurance that such property is safe for any purpose to confer upon such a person the status of invitee or licensee to whom any duty of care is owed.

H. **INTERFERING WITH ANY OFFICER OR DULY APPOINTED OFFICIAL**

It shall be **unlawful** for any person to **willfully interfere with the duties of a law enforcement officer or a duly appointed representative of the Tribe** while enforcing any of the laws set forth by these rules and regulations.

I. **WILDLIFE FRIENDLY FENCES:**

It shall be unlawful for property owner to build high fences that are not wildlife friendly. Fences designed without consideration for wildlife creates hazards and barriers blocking or hindering daily wildlife free movement, seasonal migrations and access to forage, water and shelter. It is unlawful to build high fences to trap wildlife for possible private hunts by land owner. Land owners must do everything possible to allow free movement of wildlife and contact the proper authorities’ Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Departments, Blackfeet Law Environments Office for assessments before construction. Those fences already constructed which violate this section must be removed in consultation with the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department.

## **FWA 11 CITATION**

Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Code Rules shall be cited as FWR – Chapter Number – Section and Subsection numbers, for example: “FWR 3-2-A, Annual Regulations shall be cited as FWA – Section and Subsection number, for example: “FWA 7-A-1

## CITATION TO ANNUAL REGULATIONS

FWA. 1-B (I thru 4)	Failure to observe designated Hunting Staging Area.	\$ 500.00
FWA. 1-C (1 thru 4)	Failure to observe big game season and limits For Permit holders and lottery.	\$1,000.00
FWA. 1-C-5 (A thru 1)	Failure to observe big game season and limits Special permit holders.	\$12,000.00
FWA. 1-D (1 thru 12)	Failure to observe big game hunting season in Managed hunting zones.	\$1,000.00
FWA. 2-B (1)	Failure to provide trapping log	\$100.00
FWA. 2-(A thru F)	Trapping Season and limits for Non-Members	\$1,000.00
FWA. 3-A-2	Non-Members Failure to observe Stream Season	\$200.00
FWA. 3-A-5	Non-Member over limit violation	\$100.00 a fish
FWA. 4-A (1 thru 3)	Failure to observe upland Game Bird Season And Limits.	\$500.00
FWA. 4-A (1 thru 3)	Failure to observe Waterfowl Regulations.	\$100.00
FWA 5-A	Failure to have a Valid Outfitters License	\$1,000.00
FWA. 5-B	Failure to have a Valid Guide License	\$500.00
FWA. 6 (A thru D)	Failure to observe small game season and Limits and rifle caliber	\$300.00
FWA. 7-A	Hunting in a closed area	\$1,000.00
FWA. 7-A-1	Boulder Ridge /Flattop – Carrying a firearm	\$400.00
FWA. 7-A-2	Boulder Ridge/Flattop – Driving Animals	\$1,000.00
FWA. 7-A-4	Boulder Ridge/Flattop – using road while closed	\$400.00
FWA. 7-6	Non-Members collecting, gathering or Hunting Antlers.	\$500.00
FWA. 7-7	Non-Members collecting or gathering/retrieving Mushrooms.	\$500.00



FWA. 8-A	Non-Member Failure to have Recreational/ Conservation permit.	\$100.00
FWA. A-8-C	Windsurfing on non-designated lake	\$250.00
FWA. 8-D1	Boulder Ridge/Flattop – Snowmobiling	\$1,000.00
8-D2	No Hunting with ATV/Snow machine	\$1,000.00
FWA. 8-E1	Boulder Ridge/Flattop All-Terrain Vehicle	\$1,000.00
FWA. 8-E2	Hunting with All-Terrain Vehicle	\$1,000.00
8-E3	Non-Member Antler hunting with ATV/ Machine	\$1,000.00
8-E4	Non-Member back country ATV/Snow Machine	\$1,000.00
8-E5	Non-Member horn hunting	\$300.00-\$500.00
8-E6	Trapping and Restricting free wild life movement.	\$5,000.00/animal
8-E7	Hunting and drones	\$1,000.00
FWA. 8-F13	Non-Member camping at lake for more than 7 days.	\$100.00
FWA. 9-A	Elderly member tag Violation.	\$500.00
FWA. 9-B	Handicap Tag Violation	\$500.00

Penalties can include a suspension of hunting and/or fishing privileges for violators and can be imposed for 1 year up to a lifetime.

### **Reference Appendix A**

#### **Fish and Wildlife Criminal Violations and Sentences for Members.**

Criminal Violations – If a member commits any offense, the officer may elect to charge the member with a criminal violation as provided in Chapter 11, Section 5B. In addition to a criminal fine equal to the civil fine penalty, a member criminal violator may have imposed upon him or her by a Tribal Judge, a jail term of up to six (6) months, per offence.

HUNTING REGULATIONS  
2016

1. Big Game must be tagged immediately after kill and tag must be notched out before being transported. 3-7-M
2. A person whose tag is attached to a big game animal must be present while the animal is being transported from the field. 3-7-M (1)
3. Big Game Tags/Special Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable. 3-7-M (2)
4. Non-Members with special number spouse big game permits may hunt in Zone2, 2A East and West, and Zone 3, but only during the time in which hunting season is open. 4-2-E
5. Harassment or driving of big game animals by any means will be prohibited. Violators will be fined \$300.00. 3-9-G
6. Only Tribal Members and Descendants are allowed to gather, retrieve or hunt antlers and mushrooms on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Non-Members are prohibited and violators will be fined \$300.00.
7. A Transport Permit is required for meat. An Export Permit is needed for Antlers, Heads & Furs, (Animal parts). 3-3-A
8. All Hunters shall make food, including garbage and livestock food, (excluding Hay) unavailable to bears. 3-17-B
9. During daylight hours all camps should be attended or food shall be stored in a bear resistant manner. 3-17-B
10. During nighttime while camping, all food not in use or being prepared shall be stored in a bear resistant manner. 3-17-B
11. Big Game gut piles shall be removed at least 100 yards from any camp or designed hiking trail. 3-17-E
12. Big Game carcasses should be removed from the field as soon as possible. If left overnight, carcasses should be stored in a bear resistant manner if possible. 3-17-F
13. If a grizzly bear claims a hunter's big game carcass, the hunter should contact a Tribal Game Warden. Upon verification that hunter will be issued a replacement big game tag. 3-7-F
14. Special Lottery Tag Moose and Elk that are taken by hunters MUST be inspected by a Tribal Game Warden. This is for the purpose of identification of sex and age. (No Exceptions). 3-7-G
15. Hunter must submit to a game inspection at check stops set up by Game Wardens. 11-13

16. To get from one staging area to another in Zone 2A, hunters cannot drive through; they are required to drive around the perimeter. FWA-1-B-(1)
17. Zone 2A west is restricted to foot and horseback traffic only. FWA-1-A-(3)
18. Zone 2A east is restricted to foot and horseback traffic, This Zone is also a designed hunting zone for the elderly and handicap which allows vehicle use. FWA-1-A-(4)
19. BOW SEASON – The use of Cross Bows for Big Game will be ILLEGAL. 3-7-K (1)

**NOTE:**

BEAR RESISTANT MANNER means stored in bear resistant containers, suspended at least 10 feet above ground and 4 feet from any supportive structure (tree trunk, etc.), unavailable due to human attendance, or any combination of these.

BEAR RESISTANT CONTAINER - means a securable container constructed of solid material. When secured under stress the container will not have any cracks, openings, or hinges that would allow a bear to gain entry by biting or clawing. Wood containers are not considered bear resistant unless they are reinforced with metal. Locked vehicles with closed windows are considered bear resistant.

**SAFETY REMINDERS:**

All **Big Game Rifle** hunters must wear 400 square inches of hunter orange. Hunters orange must be visible enough to be seen by other hunters. **(See FWA 0).**

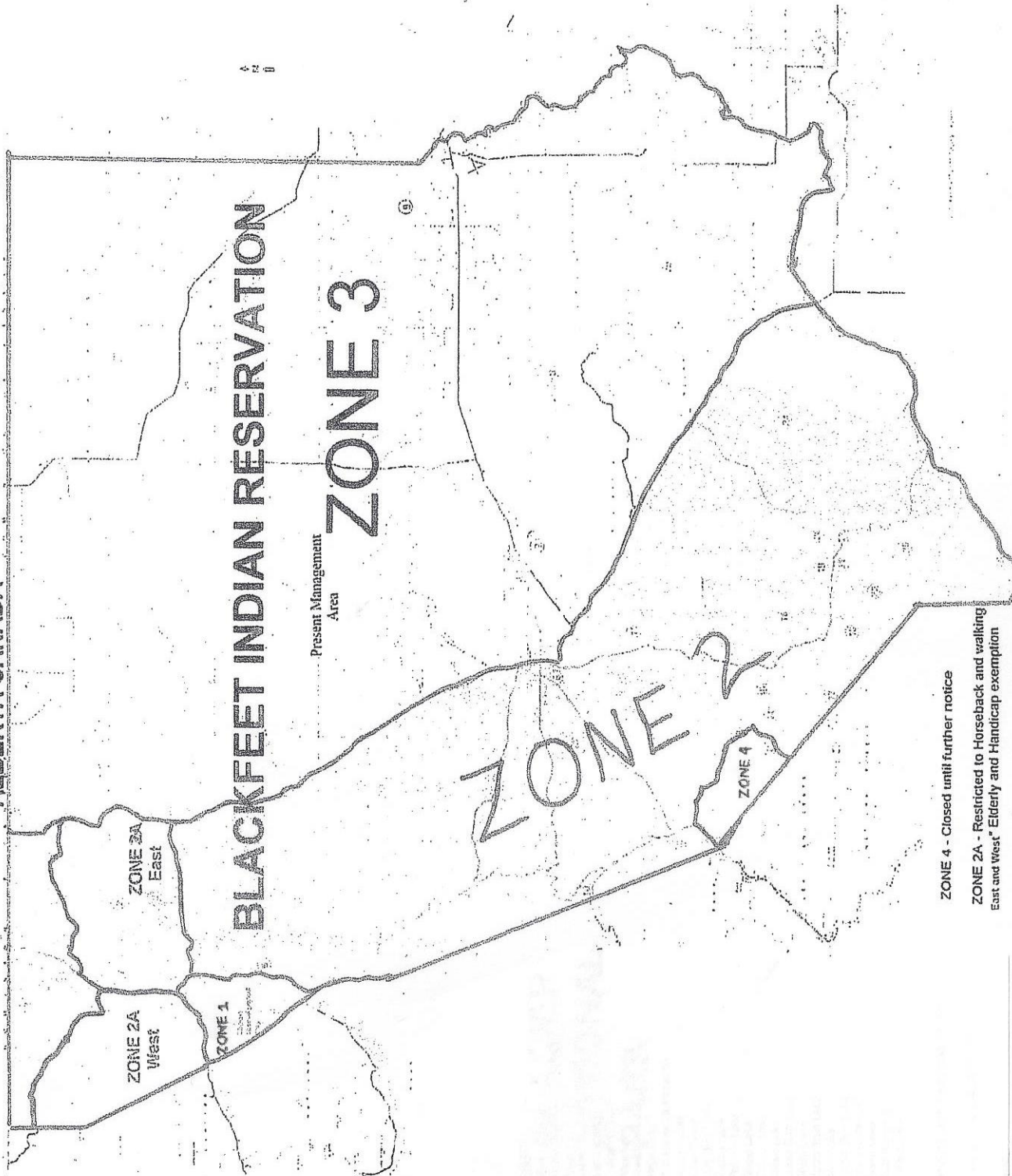
The Southern Piegan Diabetes Project advises that “walking and exercise does a body good.”

Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department provides Hunter Safety classes if anyone is interested, contact Tony Sinclair the Blackfeet Environmental office at: (406) 338-7421.

APPENDIX B

**CHARTS AND MAPS**

ALBERTA CANADA



ZONE 4 - Closed until further notice

ZONE 2A - Restricted to Horseback and walking  
East and West\* Elderly and Handicap exemption

## 2016 BIG GAME SEASON AND LIMITS

Species	SEASON DATES				LICENSES		
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Animal Limits	Members	Non-Members
<b>ELK</b>	<b>CLOSED</b> Except for Special Permit and lottery winner <b>Restricted to foot &amp; horseback only</b> <b>Camping is prohibited</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October (Sunset) <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October (Sunset) <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of Oct.  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	1 Per Member - if member is a recipient of a lottery tag and successful they will forfeit their general elk tag.	Part of numbered General Hunting Permit - \$20.00  Lottery Ticket for the Boulder/Flattop area. \$5.00 per ticket \$200.00 limit. Only one tag per member	Non-member Spouse and Descendant ( <b>Cow Only</b> )  Special Permit Holders hunting only in Zone 1, (5) Tags awarded, \$12,000.00  10 Cow elk (not in Zone 1)
<b>WHITE TAIL DEER</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October (Sunset) <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October (Sunset) <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of Oct.  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	2 Per Member 1 Per Descendant & Non-Member Spouse	Part of numbered Hunting General Tag \$20.00	Non-member Spouse and Descendant ( <b>Cow Only</b> )  Special Permit Holders hunting only in Zone 2 and Zone 3 5 Tags Awarded, \$3,000.00
<b>MULE DEER (Either Sex)</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Nov.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Nov.	<b>CLOSED</b>	1 Per Member	Part of number Hunting General Tag \$20.00	Special Permit Holder Hunting only in Zone 2 and Zone 3, 5 Tags Awarded, \$3,000.00
<b>MOOSE</b>  <b><u>Lottery and Special permit only</u></b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October (Sunset) <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October (Sunset) <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b>CLOSED</b>	1 Per Lottery tag - 7 Lotteries drawn  Special Permit Hunting only 5 tags awarded	Lottery Ticket \$5.00 per ticket \$200.00 Limit. Only 1 tag awarded per member. Seven lottery tags drawn	Special Permit Holders Hunting only in Zone 2 and Zone 3, 5 Tags awarded, \$14,000.00
<b>ANTELOPE</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October (Sunset) <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October (Sunset) <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec	<b>CLOSED</b>	1 Per Member	Numbered Hunting tag separate from General Tag \$5.00	Special Permit Holder Hunting only in Zone 2 and Zone 3, (5) Tags Awarded, \$1,000.00

## 2016 BIG GAME SEASON AND HUNTS

Species	SEASON DATES				Animal Limits	LICENSES	
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4		Members	Non-Members
<b>BIG HORN SHEEP</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	One Big Horn sheep every other year	Lottery Ticket \$5.00 per ticket \$200.00 Limit. Only 1 tag awarded per member. One lottery tag drawn.	Special Permit Holder Hunting only in Zone 1, 1 tag awarded \$30,000.00
<b>MOUNTAIN GOAT</b>	CLOSED	<b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December	CLOSED	CLOSED	1 Per Member	Numbered Hunting tag separate from General Tag \$10.00	Special Permit Holder Hunting only in Zone 2, 1 tag awarded, \$5,000.00
<b>BLACK BEAR ( 10 )</b>	CLOSED	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October (Sunset) <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December <b><u>SPRING SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of April to June 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Must harvest within the Spring Season</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October (Sunset) <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December <b><u>SPRING SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of April to June 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Must harvest within the Spring Season</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in Oct.  TRIBALMEMBERS ONLY  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	1 Per Member for Spring Hunt  1 Per member for General Hunting Season	Numbered Hunting tag separate from General Tag \$5.00	Special Permit Holders hunting only in Zone 2 and Zone 3, \$1,500.00 Per Bear
<b>MOUNTAIN LION ( 10 )</b>	CLOSED	Year round for depredation and nuisance control. Member and guide dog use only. <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Oct. to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec. <b><u>SPECIAL SEASON</u></b> Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> to March 31, 2015 (Sunset)	Year round for depredation and nuisance control. Member and guide dog use only. <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Oct. to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec. <b><u>SPECIAL SEASON</u></b> Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> to March 31, 2015 (Sunset)	CLOSED	Depredation and nuisance control. Contact Fish and Wildlife for Tags.  1 per member	Depredation and nuisance control. Contact Fish and Wildlife for Tags.  Numbered Hunting tag separate from General Tag \$5.00	Special Permit Holders hunting only in Zone 2 and 3. \$500.00 Per Animal  Trophy fee - \$1,500 additional successful take (Boone Crocket score)
<b>GRAY WOLF</b>	CLOSED	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to end of March	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to end of March	CLOSED	3 Per Member	Numbered Hunting tag separate from General Tag \$10.00 No Trapping	Non-member spouse and descendent 3 tags

Species	SEASON DATES				LICENSES		
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Animal Limits	Members	Non-Members
<b>WATERFOWL</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	Federally Established	Federally Established	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	Non-member/non-Montana Resident - Upland /Waterfowl Bird Permit \$125.00 Non-member/Montana - Resident \$60.00
<b>UPLAND BIRDS</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> - Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>  Except Male Ring Necked Pheasants Season Begins Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> – Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> - Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>  Except Male Ring Necked Pheasants Season Begins Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> – Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>	5 Partridge, 3 Ruffed and/or Sharp Tail, Sage/Mountain Grouse 3 Cock Male Ring Necked Pheasants	<b>None</b>	Non-member/non-Montana Resident - Upland /Waterfowl Bird Permit \$125.00 Non-member/Montana - Resident \$60.00
<b>SMALL GAME</b>  <b>Ground Squirrels</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	March 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	March 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>  Land Owner Permission	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	Special Permit Holders \$30.00 <u>Land Owner Permission</u>
<b>FURBEARERS HUNTING &amp; TRAPPING</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> - April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> - April 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>	Non-Member Beaver trapping & hunting Coyotes Only BOBCAT CLOSED	Permit Required \$5.00 Trapping Log Required Export Permits Required	\$100.00 Permit Required. Trapping Log Required Export Permits Required <b>Non Transferable</b>
<b>COYOTES</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	Open Year round for Tribal Members	Open Year round for Tribal Members	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<del>\$100.00</del> permit with restrictions and seasons  <u>Season for non-members Nov.1 to March 31 Land owner permission Allowed Only in Zones 2 &amp; 3</u>
<b>WOLVERINE</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>BOBCAT</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>