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# **GENERAL HUNTING INFORMATION PACKET 2014**



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## **2014 HUNTING GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Includes License & Permit Information**

### **For Detailed Hunt Descriptions and Hunt Prices Refer to Wilderness and Private Land Information Packets**

With the passage of State Initiative, I161, the Outfitter Sponsored Guaranteed License for elk and deer is no longer available. **All non-resident licenses are now available through a draw system.** You can go online to MFWP, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov), to learn more about the new changes. Do not be discouraged, your chances of drawing a combination elk/deer license are quite good. Buying preference points will improve your chances of drawing. The preference point system is explained on MFWP website. You are also allowed to apply as a "party" for the draw if there are two or more of you wanting to hunt together. We are happy to provide clarification or answer any questions you may have about licensing, preference points and party application.

**Applications for the General Draw and Special Permitted areas for elk and deer** can be made online through Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov), (406-444-2950). **The application deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup> for both the General Draw for elk and deer and the Special Permit Draw for elk and deer.** The drawing takes place mid-April. You cannot apply for a special permit without first applying for a general draw license. You may **apply** for a special permit for elk and deer **at the same time** you apply for a general draw license. MFWP's website explains in detail about applying for elk and deer licenses. Do not hesitate to call or email us if you have any questions. Most of our elk/deer hunting can be done with a general license, but, we do have some excellent permitted areas for elk and deer. **These deadlines apply for both residents and non-residents.**

**Applications for bighorn sheep, moose, mountain goat, antelope and bison permits** can be made online through Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov), (406-444-2950). **The application deadline for these permits is May 1<sup>st</sup> with the exception of antelope which is June 1<sup>st</sup>.** The drawing for bighorn sheep, moose and mountain goat takes place the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June. The drawing for antelope is in mid- July and bison mid-September. **These deadlines apply for both residents and non-residents.**



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**ARCHERY HUNTS** \*Season dates subject to change due to MFWP release of 2014 Hunting Information in early February.

**We offer wilderness and private land archery hunts.** Archery only season begins the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in September and runs through mid October. Archery hunters must have a "bow and arrow license" for the archery only season. If you are an archer we can show you some excellent archery country.

**Archery Only Season Dates for Elk/Deer: September 6 - October 19**  
**ArchEquip Only Season Dates for Antelope: August 15 - November 10**  
**Archery Only Season Dates for Antelope: September 6 - October 10**

ABO's offers two wilderness archery hunt locations: **Independence and Greater Yellowstone (Gardiner).** Independence is our backcountry tent camp located up the Boulder Drainage, south of Big Timber, MT. These are 7 day hunts (day in, 5 days hunting, day out). **Greater Yellowstone archery hunts are day hunts in the area north of Yellowstone National Park with cabin accommodations located near Gardiner, MT.** These are 7 day hunts (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day). (For more information about our wilderness hunts refer to the **Wilderness Hunting Information Packet.**)

**Wilderness Archery Hunt Dates:**

Hunt #1 Sept 5-11      Hunt #2 Sept 22-28  
Hunt #3 Sept 30-Oct 6      Hunt #4 Oct 8-14

ABO's private land archery hunts are on ranches near Big Timber, MT and on the **Lazy E-L Ranch near Roscoe, MT.** These ranch hunts are 7 day hunts (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day). Accommodations are in cabins or comfortable tent camp. (For more information about our special permit areas and antelope hunting refer to the **Private Land Hunting Information Packet.**)

**Private Land Archery Hunt Dates:**

Hunt #1 Sept 5-11      Hunt #2 Sept 13-19      Hunt #3 Sept 21-27  
Hunt #4 Sept 29-Oct 5      Hunt #5 Oct 7-13



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## **EARLY SEASON WILDERNESS RIFLE ELK & DEER HUNT**

**We offer early season rifle wilderness hunting from our backcountry camp, Hellroaring.** This is a primary target elk hunt. **However, if you have a deer license or bear permit they are fair game with no extra charge. This hunt books very early!**

Our **early season rifle elk/deer** wilderness hunt is a 7 day (1 day in, 5 days hunting, 1 day out) hunt. We hunt 1 guide to 2 hunters. Camp consists of 8 hunters, 4-5 guides and a cook. This is a challenging hunt in rough terrain and requires long hours in the saddle. **The 2014 dates for the Hellroaring early season wilderness hunt are September 14-20.**

**GENERAL SEASON HUNTING** \*Season dates subject to change due to MFWP release of 2014 Hunting Information in early February.

During the **general season** we offer several elk and deer hunting options. With our general season hunting we have the ability to hunt both public and private land within the same hunt. Our access to both wilderness hunting and local ranches enhances our hunters' chances of harvesting an elk or deer. Some of the ranches we hunt require a special permit but we have several that can be hunted with a general license.

## **GENERAL SEASON WILDERNESS ELK & DEER RIFLE HUNTS**

The general season rifle elk and deer wilderness hunts are run out of our backcountry tent camp at Independence or from private cabins near the wilderness area. **Season dates are: October 25- November 30.**

**The Independence hunt** is a 7 day (day in, 5 days hunting, day out) hunt. We hunt 1 guide to 2 hunters and take 4-6 hunters on a trip. Wilderness hunts from the backcountry camp typically take place the first three weeks of the general season but can extend into other weeks of the general season, weather permitting. We have the use of a cabin near the wilderness area as another option.

### **Independence Hunt Dates:**

**Hunt #1 Oct 24-30    Hunt # 2 Nov 1-7    Hunt # 3 Nov 9-15  
Hunt #4 Nov 17-23    Hunt # 5 Nov 25-Dec 1**



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**The Greater Yellowstone Area hunt** provides hunters an opportunity to hunt the migration corridor near the Yellowstone Park boundary. This is the time of year when the elk typically migrate out of the park to winter range, offering hunters the chance to harvest trophy bulls.

This general season wilderness hunt is a 7 day (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day) hunt out of Gardiner, MT. We hunt 1 guide to 2 hunters and take 4-6 hunters on a trip. This hunt provides the creature comforts of a cabin.

**Greater Yellowstone Area Hunt Dates:**

**Hunt #1 Oct 24-30    Hunt # 2 Nov 1-7    Hunt # 3 Nov 9-15  
Hunt #4 Nov 17-23    Hunt # 5 Nov 25-Dec 1**

**The Greater Yellowstone Area Hunt is a Special Permit area but offers unlimited permits.** An unlimited special permit area means if you apply for this special permit area you will be guaranteed a permit. **The special permit area for the Greater Yellowstone Area hunt is Area 313-40.**

## **GENERAL SEASON PRIVATE LAND RIFLE HUNTS**

**Lazy E-L Ranch – Roscoe, MT**

12,000 acre ranch, borders wilderness, 5 miles of river frontage, abundant wildlife  
Combination Elk/Deer Hunt  
6 hunters – 7 day hunt (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)  
1 guide – 2 hunters

**Hunt Dates:**

**Hunt #1 Oct 24-30    Hunt # 2 Nov 1-7    Hunt # 3 Nov 9-15  
Hunt #4 Nov 17-23    Hunt # 5 Nov 25-Dec 1**

**Big Timber Ranch Hunts - Elk, Deer and Antelope**

Thousands of acres of private ranch land with rolling hills, flowing creeks, elk, deer, and antelope describe the many local Big Timber ranches whose owners have been gracious enough to offer ABO an opportunity to hunt on their properties. One of these ranches is a special draw area for elk but the others only require a general license to hunt elk and deer.



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## **Big Timber Ranch Hunts (continued)**

In order to apply for a special draw permit for elk and deer you must also apply for a general draw elk/deer license. Antelope licenses require a Special Permit as well.

Special Permit Areas: Elk Rifle – 580-22 Elk Cow – 580-80  
Antelope Rifle – 510-00, 570-00, 340-00

**\*If you want to apply for one of our special permit areas please check the draw area with us before applying.**

4-6 hunters, 7 days (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)  
Accommodations – In town lodging

**Rifle Season Dates for Elk/Deer: October 25 – November 30**

**Rifle Season Dates for Antelope: October 12 – November 10**

### **HUNT DATES:**

**Hunt #1 Oct 24-30 Hunt # 2 Nov 1-7 Hunt # 3 Nov 9-15  
Hunt #4 Nov 17-23 Hunt # 5 Nov 25-Dec 1**

### **E-E Ranch – Big Timber, MT**

This unique hunting and fishing opportunity allows you to plan your own combination hunting and fishing adventure. The E-E is conveniently located just 5 minutes from Big Timber and offers five miles of Yellowstone River frontage with brush & cottonwood trees, lots of water & channels, a holding place for deer, abundant turkey & waterfowl population and phenomenal fishing.

Combination Hunts Available: Deer, Turkey, Duck & Geese  
Archery or Rifle  
Seasonal Custom Hunts

Licenses Required: Deer – Apply in general draw online, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov), for license.  
Turkey, Ducks and Geese - Purchase licenses online through MFWP [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov)

**Season Dates:** \*2013 dates listed. MFWP will post 2014 turkey, duck and geese dates in the Spring of 2014.

**Deer Season: Oct 25-Nov 30 Application Deadline for General Draw March 15**

**Turkey Season: Spring \*April 13-May 19 Application Deadline March 7  
Fall \*Sept 1-Jan 1 Application Deadline July 25**

**Duck & Geese Season: \*Sept 28-TBD**



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## **Other Species Hunts: Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, Moose, Black Bear, Bison and Wolf**

Our **Bighorn sheep hunts** are in **unlimited sheep areas** north of Yellowstone National Park. These unlimited sheep permit areas guarantee you a license. Bighorn sheep permits can be purchased online from Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks, 406-444-2950, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov). **The deadline for purchasing a bighorn sheep permit is May 1.** You must specify a sheep area when applying for your sheep permit. If you are booking a Bighorn sheep hunt with Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters, please contact us (406-579-3866) for information on our sheep areas before you apply for your permit. The area and the expertise of our guides make it the best opportunity in the lower 48 to kill a ram.

**Our bighorn sheep hunt out of Independence** is a 10 day (day in, 8 days hunting, day out) hunt. **This is a progressive backpacking hunt.** We hunt 1 guide to 1 hunter and only book 2 sheep hunters a year for this area. These hunts often book 2 years out. **The 2014 dates for the Bighorn sheep hunt out of Independence are: September 14-23.**

**Our bighorn sheep hunt out of Gardiner** is an 8 day hunt. This sheep hunt is day hunting. We hunt 1 guide to 1 hunter and book only 2 sheep hunters a year for this area. These hunts are scheduled at the time of booking.

**The season dates for the 2014 Bighorn sheep hunt out of Gardiner are: September 15 –November 30.**

**Mountain goat** permits are by special drawing. Go online to Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks (406-444-2950, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov)) to apply for this special permit draw.

**Make sure you apply for Area 323 or Area 329.** These two areas have the highest probability in the state for drawing a goat permit. **The application deadline for a mountain goat permit is May 1.** Drawings are the third week in June. The permit fee is refundable if you do not draw a goat permit. Our goat hunts are a 7 day (day in, 5 days hunting, day out) hunt. We hunt 1 guide to 1 hunter. Please contact us (406-579-3866) before you apply for a mountain goat permit and we will confirm our permitted areas for you. Once you draw a mountain goat permit we will be glad to schedule your hunt.

**The dates for the 2014 goat season are: September 15-November 30.**

**Black Bear** licenses are available for purchase through Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov). The deadline for purchasing a fall black bear license is August 31.

The fall black bear season is Sept 15-Nov 30. The deadline for purchasing a spring black bear license is April 13. Spring black bear season begins April 15.



**Moose** permits are by special drawing. The application deadline for a moose permit is May 1. Our permitted moose **area is 516**. However, there are a very limited number of moose permits available for this area so it is not easy to draw a moose permit. Our moose hunts are a 7 day (1 day in, 5 days hunting, 1 day out) hunt. We hunt 1 guide to 1 hunter. **The dates for the 2014 moose season are: September 15- November 30.**

**Bison** permits are by special drawing. The application deadline for a bison permit is May 1. Our bison hunts are 4 day hunts. We hunt 1 guide to 1 hunter. There are 3 hunting time periods for bison, Nov.15 – Dec. 31, Jan. 1 – 22, and Jan. 23 – Feb. 15. The drawn permit specifies the time period you are allowed to hunt. If you draw a bison permit, please call us (406-579-3866) for a guided hunt.

**Wolf** permits are available for purchase through Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov). The 2013 wolf season is September 15-March 15. \*Season dates subject to change due to MFWP release of 2014 Hunting Information in early February.

**Fair chase hunting in the Montana wilderness is a challenging and memorable experience.** We have experienced guides who know the area and very good horse and mule stock for packing and riding in the mountains. ABO operates two **early season camps, Hellroaring and Independence**. Hellroaring is located in Bull Moose Meadow, 8 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. Independence is located 55 miles south of Big Timber at the head of the Boulder River. **Independence is also one of our general season camps along with Bassett Creek**. Bassett Creek is located north of the Yellowstone National Park boundary near Gardiner. Our backcountry camps are some of the best in Montana including comfortable accommodations and a great cook.

**Special note:** We base out of cabins above Yellowstone National Park during the Greater Yellowstone Area/ Bassett Creek hunts. This allows us the flexibility to choose our accommodations based on weather and elk movement.

**Fair chase hunting on private ranches with ABO offers our hunters a unique variety of species in distinctive settings.** The opportunity to hunt elk, mule deer, white-tail deer, antelope, black bear, ducks, geese and turkey is provided to a limited number of hunters. You can choose to hunt on the picturesque **Lazy E-L Ranch** ([www.lazyel.com](http://www.lazyel.com)) just outside Roscoe, Montana or on select Big Timber Ranches. Each of these elite locations offers rolling hills, creeks, river frontage and an abundance of game.

Whether you are looking for the challenge of a wilderness hunt or the exclusive opportunity to hunt on private land, Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters is committed to giving you the best possible hunting experience





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## 2014 OFFICIAL APPLICATION DEADLINES NON RESIDENT LICENSE AND PERMIT PRICES

Dates & Prices for 2014 are released by Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks in early February.  
Check MFWP website [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov) in early February for date and price confirmation.

<b><u>ANIMAL</u></b>	<b><u>PRICE (Non Resident)</u></b>	<b><u>DEADLINE</u></b>
BIG GAME ELK/DEER COMBO * General Draw	\$ 976.00	MARCH 15
ELK COMBINATION * General Draw	\$ 826.00	MARCH 15
DEER COMBINATION * General Draw	\$ 580.00	MARCH 15
ANTELOPE * Special Draw	\$ 205.00	JUNE 1
MOOSE * Special Draw	\$ 755.00	MAY 1
BLACK BEAR Guaranteed permit	\$ 350.00	Spring APRIL 14 Fall AUGUST 31
WOLF Guaranteed permit	\$ 50.00	AUGUST 31
MOUNTAIN GOAT * Special Draw	\$ 755.00	MAY 1
BIGHORN SHEEP Guaranteed permit	\$ 755.00	MAY 1
BISON * Special Draw	\$ 750.00	MAY 1
Youth Big Game License Youths 12-17 years of age - 300 Licenses Available- First come, first served (Adult immediate-family member must possess a deer/elk license.)	\$ 474.50 (Application available online)	March 1

\*The license/permit is not guaranteed but the license/permit price is refundable if not drawn. However, there is a \$5 non-refundable drawing fee.



## STEPS TO RECEIVE YOUR LICENSE

### **For All Hunters**

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### **Non Resident & Resident General Draw Licenses for Elk and Deer**

**For elk/deer**, call for an application or apply online with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, 406-444-2950, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov). You can use a General Elk/Deer License to hunt in most of our permitted areas. However, a few of our areas require a Special Draw Permit so please check with us first before you apply. You cannot apply for a Special Elk or Special Deer Permit without first applying for the General Draw. You can apply for both the general draw licenses and the special permit licenses at the same time. Be sure to buy a preference point when applying for your license. You can find more information on preference points and bonus points on MFWP website [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov). **MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> IS THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR THE GENERAL ELK/DEER DRAW AND FOR SPECIAL PERMITS FOR ELK AND DEER.** The general drawing takes place mid-April. The special permit drawing takes place the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July.

**If you are sure of the hunt you want to pursue you can secure your spot with a \$750 deposit which will be fully refunded if you do not draw.** We take a limited number of hunters per hunt so this is the best way to secure your spot and avoid the chaos at the time of the draw. Most hunters put in for the Big Game Combo license which allows you to hunt both elk and deer. However, check with us first to make sure this is the right license for the area you plan to hunt. If you have questions about the online application process we will be glad to assist you.

### **Non-Resident & Resident Special Draw Permits for Other Species**

**For mountain goat, moose and bison**, apply online for the draw with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, 406-444-2950, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov) or call for an application. **The deadline for applying for these species is May 1.** Our special permit areas for mountain goat are 323 and 329. Special permit area for moose is 516. If you draw a special permit (permit drawings for these species are the last week of June), please contact us with the dates you want to hunt. Once the dates are confirmed, you book your hunt by sending us a 50% deposit.



**For antelope**, apply for the special permit draw online with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov) or call for an application, 406-444-2950. **The deadline for applying for antelope is June 1.** The drawing takes place mid-July.

**For black bear or wolf**, call for an application or apply online with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, 406-444-2950, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov) to purchase a guaranteed permit. The deadline for purchasing a fall black bear license is August 31. The deadline for purchasing a spring black bear license is April 14.\* (This date is not confirmed by MFWP until early February of 2014.) Check the MFWP website for the most current information on rules and regulations, season dates and application deadlines on wolves. Currently, wolf permits can be bought over the counter and are \$50 for non-residents, \$19 for residents.

**For Bighorn sheep**, call for an application or apply online with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, 406-444-2950, [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov) . **You must apply for a specific area. Be sure to check with Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters (406-579-3866) before applying to verify our bighorn sheep areas.**

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### **DEPOSIT & PAYMENT POLICY**

A partial deposit of \$1000 is required to book your hunt. The \$1000 partial deposit will be refunded if you do not draw a license. The drawing takes place in mid-April. The remainder of the deposit (50% of the cost of the hunt) is due when the draw is posted. The balance of the hunt is due 30 days prior to your hunt and is non-refundable. Hunts not fully paid by this date will be considered cancelled. Trip Cancellation Insurance, which we recommend, is available at:

[http://www.travelguard.com/agentlink.asp?ta\\_arc=150573&pcode=GREAT](http://www.travelguard.com/agentlink.asp?ta_arc=150573&pcode=GREAT)

We accept Credit Cards (Visa/MasterCard only) and Checks

Make Checks Payable to: Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters, Inc.

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### **THE MOGA HUNTER/ANGLER DEFENSE FUND**

In 2012 Montana Outfitters and Guides Association established the Hunter/Angler Defense Fund to ensure that non-resident sportsmen would be able to continue to have the opportunity to hunt and fish in Montana. As a board member of MOGA I believe our establishing the Hunter/Angler Defense Fund (MHADF) is the best way to support our industry in the fight for your right to hunt and fish in Montana. When you book a hunt with Absaroka Beartooth Outfitters, \$50 of the cost of your hunt goes to the MOGA Hunter/Angler Defense Fund. Thank you for your participation!



## **Hunter/Angler Access Defense Fund**

### ***Outfitters Defending Nationwide Right to Hunt and Fish in Montana***

*“In a civilized and cultivated country, wild animals only continue to exist at all when preserved by sportsmen. The excellent people who protest against all hunting and consider sportsmen as enemies of wildlife are ignorant of the fact that in reality the genuine sportsman is by all odds, the most important factor in keeping the larger and more valuable wild creatures from total extinction.” - Theodore Roosevelt*

**The MOGA Hunter/Angler Defense Fund (MHADF) was established to ensure that non-resident sportsmen will continue to have the opportunity to hunt and fish in Montana.**

Trophy hunting and sport fishing, particularly by non-residents, is under increasing pressure in Montana from radical groups both within the state and animal rights activists outside of the state. Although these groups differ in their composition and tactics they both seek the same outcome; reduced hunting and fishing opportunity. The in-state contingent, who purport to be “sportsmen” seek to fracture the hunting and angling community along lines of residence and then significantly restrict non-resident hunting and fishing opportunity. The anti-hunting group just seeks to reduce hunting opportunity and will take what gains they can. In both cases, success is measured by a net loss in opportunity in Montana. Unfortunately they are both making gains.

The anti-hunting pressure from the “anti-everything” organizations is strong and well organized. They have unlimited resources and are using new strategies and building alliances to lobby their agendas. Their relentless efforts to prevent delisting of wolves and grizzly bears and thwart effective and professional management for these species are but one example.

Fringe groups, led by the Montana Wildlife Federation, believe that outfitting services equate to the commercialization of wildlife and profess it to be the same as the outlawed practice of market hunting of years ago. They claim that fees paid for Outfitter services, leasing of land for quality hunting and fishing access, and the purchase of outfitters services for fishing constitute a breach of the Public Trust and that jeopardizes the public’s opportunity to enjoy the natural bounty of Montana.



They see reducing the guided non-resident opportunity as a means to enhance their personal opportunity at the expense of others. They ignore the huge contribution to Montana's wildlife and fisheries management system that non-residents make and the vital economic contribution they sustain. Their tactics of misinformation and fear mongering fracture and weaken the overall hunting community; jeopardizing funding for effective management of natural resources in Montana.

Unfortunately, much of the public are misinformed or under informed. As hunters and anglers, we must be vigilant and diligent about relaying the benefits of hunting and fishing to the 70% of people who sit "in the middle". MOGA will continue to take the lead in supporting sound, scientifically based resource management, and our members will continue to serve as active stewards of Montana's natural and cultural heritage.

MOGA is the only organization within Montana that is dedicated to preserving sporting opportunities for nonresidents, including the opportunities for guided hunts, floats, and fishing trips.

If we want hunting to be around for future generations we must have our story told; that hunters and anglers, regardless of where they live, are the true conservationists because hunters pay for conservation and have willingly done so for years. It is a certainty that our opportunity to hunt and fish will be lost if we are fragmented by where we are from, the equipment we use, the species we pursue or the reasons we hunt.

### **About the MOGA Hunter/Angler Defense Fund**

**MOGA members charge their sportsmen clients a \$50.00 fee. This contribution is collected by the outfitter, held in-trust for MOGA, and remitted at year end.**

In the last decade, MOGA has successfully beaten back efforts that would have:

- decreased the number of nonresident hunting licenses available by 10% a year for four years;
- increased the price of the moose, sheep, and goat licenses to over \$1,000,
- placed a cap on non-resident bird licenses
- fought to preserve the non-resident Outfitter Sponsored license
- provided a full time lobbyist during legislative sessions to maintain and extend non-resident opportunities in Montana.



In recent legislative sessions MOGA sponsored and supported legislation that will:

- protect outfitter businesses from frivolous lawsuits through the passage of legislation that recognized inherent risk and waivers of liability in Montana
- created a First Responders program that placed HIGHLY experienced legal council in my corner should my business suffer as serious accident
- allow non-residents to participate in a preference point system; useful in making hunting plans to Montana far more predictable
- split off a portion of the combination licenses for a refund should they be unsuccessful in special permit drawings
- provided greater opportunity for non-resident youth hunter
- reduced significantly the workers compensation payments required by small businesses like mine resulting in a direct savings to me
- reduced the tax burden on business equipment; another direct savings for me as a small business operator

In recent FWP Commission Action MOGA successfully argued for:

- Liberalized black bear seasons
- Extended wolf hunting opportunity
- Adoption of a hybrid (permit/quota) system in Region 2
- Increased limited archery elk permits in the Breaks and outside the Breaks