

# WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

## CHAPTER 42

### MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING SEASONS

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and W.S. §23-2-101(d).

**Section 2. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) “Bayed” means impeding the movement of a mountain lion such that while a person is present (with or without dogs) the animal is unable to flee the area where it is being held.

(b) “Biological year” means twelve (12) consecutive months from September 1 to August 31.

(c) “Dependent Young” means any mountain lion with visible spots other than those occurring on the inside of its front legs or any mountain lion still traveling with an adult female mountain lion.

(d) “Mortality” means any legal mountain lion harvest or illegal human caused mountain lion death, excluding mountain lions taken by the Department, mountain lions taken under the authority of W.S. §23-3-115(a), and all other mountain lion deaths.

(e) “Reduced price mountain lion license” means a license which may be authorized in specific hunt areas allowing a person to take a mountain lion in addition to what may be taken on a full price mountain lion license.

#### **Section 3. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Mountain lions shall only be taken during open seasons by the use of legal firearms or archery equipment, except as otherwise provided by State statute and Commission regulations.

(b) Use of Dogs. Dogs may be used to pursue mountain lions during the open season. However, dogs shall only be used to pursue mountain lions during open hours for the taking of mountain lions.

(c) After a mountain lion has been pursued or bayed, a properly licensed person shall promptly harvest or release the mountain lion. No person shall in any manner restrict or hinder the mountain lions ability to escape for the purpose of allowing a person who was not present at the time the mountain lion was bayed to arrive and take the mountain lion.

(d) Bag and Possession Limits. The bag and possession limit for any person with a proper license shall be one (1) mountain lion during any one (1) calendar year (January 1-December 31), except as otherwise provided in this Section. Hunters may harvest any mountain lion, except dependent young and female mountain lions with dependent young at side shall not be harvested.

(e) Reduced price mountain lion licenses. A person may receive a maximum of one (1) full price mountain lion license and a maximum of one (1) reduced price mountain lion license during any one (1) calendar year. A person shall possess and exhibit a full price mountain lion license for the current calendar year in order to receive a reduced price mountain lion license for the same calendar year.

(f) Reduced price mountain lion licenses are valid only in hunt areas 5, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 19, 24, 25, 27 and 31.

(g) Registering Kills. Hunters harvesting mountain lions shall retain the pelt and skull from each mountain lion harvested for registration purposes. Even if the skull is damaged, it shall accompany the pelt. Visible external evidence of sex shall remain naturally attached to the pelt. Within three (3) days (seventy-two (72) hours) after harvesting a mountain lion, the licensee shall present the pelt and skull to a district game warden, district wildlife biologist, or Department personnel at a Department Regional Office during business hours for registration. The entire pelt and skull shall be presented in an unfrozen condition in order to allow collection of two (2) premolar teeth to be utilized to determine the age of the mountain lion and to allow examination of the pelt to determine the sex of the mountain lion and lactation status of females. At the time of registration, the licensee shall furnish the Department with his license number, the date of kill, the location of the site of kill to include hunt area section, township and range, or UTM coordinates.

(h) Any person who makes a false statement on the registration form shall be in violation of this regulation and, such violation shall be punishable as provided by Title 23, Wyoming statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

(j) Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons	Mortality Limit	Limitations
1	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	24	
2	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	3	
3	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	8	
4	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	10	
5	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	12	See Section 3(e) and (f)
	Apr. 1 - Apr. 30*		Valid off national forest*
6	Sep. 1 - Apr. 30	15	
7	Sep. 1 - Aug. 31	14	See Section 3(e) and (f)
8	Sep. 1 - Aug. 31	10	See Section 3(e) and (f)
9	Sep. 1 - Aug. 31	12	See Section 3(e) and (f)
10	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	7	
11	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	4	
12	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	6	
13	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	5	
14	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	15	
15	Sep. 1 - Aug. 31	Unlimited	See Section 3(e) and (f)
16	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	6	See Section 3(e) and (f)
17	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	9	
18	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	12	
19	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	20	See Section 3(e) and (f)
20	Sep. 1 - Aug. 31	18	
21	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	20	
22	Sep. 1 - Aug. 31	25	
23	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	20	
24	Sep. 1 - May 31	Unlimited	See Section 3(e) and (f)
25	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	12	See Section 3(e) and (f)
26	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	15	
27	Sep. 1 - Aug. 31	Unlimited	See Section 3(e) and (f)
28	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	3	
29	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	6	
30	Sep. 1 - Mar. 31	12	
31	Sep. 1 - Aug. 31	11	See Section 3(e) and (f)

Hunt Area	Dates of Seasons	Mortality Limit	Limitations
32	Sep. 1 – Mar. 31	25	

(k) Area Mortality Limit. The mountain lion season in a hunt area shall close when the mortality limit is reached. If the mortality limit is not reached, the season shall close upon the date specified in subsection (j) of this Section. Mortality limits shall be for the biological year. It is the hunter's responsibility to confirm that the hunt area he intends to hunt is open. The status of hunt area closures is available by calling toll free 1-800-264-1280 twenty-four (24) hours a day.

**Section 4. Archery Regulations.** Mountain lions may be taken with archery equipment in all areas as set forth in Section 3 of this Chapter.

**Section 5. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and Number

**Area 1. Bearlodge.** Beginning where Wyoming State Highway 24 crosses the Wyoming-South Dakota state line; southerly along said line to U.S. Highway 85; southwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 585; northwesterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 90; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 14 at the town of Sundance; northwesterly along said highway to Wyoming State Highway 24; northerly and easterly along said highway to the Wyoming-South Dakota state line.

**Area 2. Teton.** Beginning where the Continental Divide crosses the southern boundary of Yellowstone National Park; southerly along said divide to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); westerly and southerly along said road to the Darwin Ranch Road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); westerly along said road to the divide between the Green River and the Gros Ventre River; southwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Gros Ventre River and the Hoback River at Hodges Peak; westerly along said divide to the divide between Flat Creek and the Granite Creek; southwesterly along said divide to Cache Peak; northerly along the divide between Flat Creek and Cache Creek at Jackson Peak; westerly along the ridge between Cache Creek and Twin Creeks to the Bridger-Teton National Forest/National Elk Refuge Boundary; southwesterly along the National Elk Refuge boundary to where Flat Creek crosses U. S. Highway 26-89-191 at the north edge of the town of Jackson; southwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 22; westerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the south boundary of Yellowstone National Park; easterly along said boundary to the Continental Divide, excluding Grand Teton National Park and the National Elk Refuge.

**Area 3. Bridger.** Beginning where the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600) crosses the Continental Divide; southeasterly along said divide to Mt. Nystrom; easterly from Mt. Nystrom to Sweetwater Gap and the headwaters of the Sweetwater River; southerly down said river to U.S. Highway 28; southwesterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 191; northerly along said highway to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim); northerly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Gros Ventre River at Hodges Peak; northeasterly along said divide to the Darwin Ranch Road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); easterly along said road to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); northerly and easterly along said road to the Continental Divide.

**Area 4. Popo Agie.** Beginning where Wyoming Highway 135 crosses the southern boundary of the Wind River Reservation; southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287; easterly along said highway to the Sweetwater River; southwesterly and then northerly up said river to Sweetwater Gap and the headwaters of the Sweetwater River; westerly from Sweetwater Gap to Mt. Nystrom and the Continental Divide; northwesterly along said divide to the south boundary of the Wind River Reservation; easterly along said boundary to Wyoming Highway 135.

**Area 5. Iron Mountain.** Beginning where Interstate Highway 25 crosses the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to U.S. Highway 287; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 34; northerly and easterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line.

**Area 6. Laramie Peak.** Beginning where Interstate Highway 25 crosses the North Platte River at the city of Douglas; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 34; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30; northerly and westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 487; northerly and westerly along said highway to the Lone Tree Road (B.L.M. Road 3141); northerly along said road to the Spring Creek Road; easterly to the Bates Creek Road (Natrona County Road 402); northeasterly along said road to the Squaw Springs Trail Road; northeasterly along said road to U.S.F.S. Road 660; southeasterly along said road to Curry Creek; northwesterly down said creek to Deer Creek; northeasterly down said creek to the confluence of Deer Creek and the North Platte River; easterly down said river to Interstate Highway 25.

**Area 7. South Snowy Range.** Beginning at the city of Laramie and U.S. Highway 287; southerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 230 (west of the North Platte River); northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130; easterly along said highway to the city of Laramie.

**Area 8. Seminoe.** Beginning at the junction of Wyoming Highway 220 and Wyoming Highway 487; southerly along Wyoming Highway 487 to U.S. Highway 30; westerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287 in the city of Rawlins; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 220; northeasterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 487.

**Area 9. Sierra Madre.** Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and Wyoming Highway 130; southerly along Wyoming Highway 130 to Wyoming Highway 230; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Continental Divide; northerly along said divide to the Sage Creek Road (Carbon County Road 401); northerly along said road to Wyoming Highway 71; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 130.

**Area 10. Haystacks.** Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and Wyoming Highway 789; easterly along Interstate Highway 80 to the junction of Wyoming Highway 71; southerly along said highway to the Sage Creek Road (Carbon County Road 401); southerly along said road to the Continental Divide at Middlewood Hill; southerly along said divide to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 789; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80.

**Area 11. Red Desert.** Beginning at the junction of Wyoming Highway 73 and U.S. Highway 287; southerly along U.S. Highway 287 to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to Creston Junction and U.S. Highway 789; southerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Cow Creek-Powder Wash Road north of Powder Wash, Colorado; northwesterly along said road to the Bitter Creek Road (Sweetwater County Road 19); northwesterly along said road to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to the Green River; northerly up said river to Big Sandy River; northeasterly up said river to U.S. Highway 191; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 28; northeasterly along said highway to the Sweetwater River; northeasterly down said river to U.S. Highway 287; easterly along said highway to the Bison Basin Road; southerly along said road to the Alkali Creek Road (B.L.M. 2317); easterly along said road to the Wamsutter-Crooks Gap Road; southerly along said road to the Bairoil Road (Sweetwater County Road 22); easterly along said road to Wyoming Highway 73; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287.

**Area 12. Flaming Gorge.** Beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 80 and the Bitter Creek Road (Sweetwater County Road 19); southeasterly along said road to the Cow Creek-Powder Wash

Road; southeasterly along said road to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to the Wyoming-Utah state line; westerly along said line to Flaming Gorge Reservoir and the Green River; northerly up said river to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to the junction of the Bitter Creek Road (Sweetwater County Road 19).

**Area 13. Wasatch.** Beginning where Interstate Highway 80 crosses the Green River; southerly down said river to the Wyoming-Utah state line; westerly and northerly along said line to Interstate Highway 80; easterly along said highway to the Green River.

**Area 14. Lincoln.** Beginning where the Green River crosses Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Utah state line; northerly along said line to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the divide between the Salt River and Bear River; easterly along said divide to the divide between the Salt River and the Smiths Fork River; northeasterly along said divide to Commissary Ridge; southeasterly along said ridge to the head of LaBarge Creek; southeasterly down said creek to the Green River; southeasterly down said river to Interstate Highway 80.

**Area 15. Kaycee.** Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 16 and Interstate Highway 25 at the town of Buffalo; southerly along Interstate Highway 25 to U.S. Highway 20-26 at the city of Casper; westerly along said highway to the town of Waltman and the Waltman-Arminto Road (Natrona County Road 104); northerly along said road to the Buffalo Creek Road (Natrona County Road 105); northeasterly along said road to the Big Horn Mountain Divide Road/Hazelton Road (Natrona County Road 109-Washakie County Road 81-Johnson County Road 3); northerly along said road to the Gold Mine Road (U.S.F.S. Road 452); northerly along said road to the Canyon Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 25); northerly along said road to U.S. Highway 16; northeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25.

**Area 16. Gas Hills.** Beginning at the city of Casper and Wyoming Highway 220; southwestwesterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 287; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 73; westerly along said highway to the Bairoil Road (Sweetwater County Road 22); westerly along said road to the Wamsutter-Crooks Gap Road (Sweetwater County Road 23N and Fremont County Road 318); northerly along said road to the Three Forks-Atlantic City Road (B.L.M. Road 2317); westerly along said road to the Bison Basin Road (Fremont County Road 281 and B.L.M. Road 3221); northerly along said road to U.S. Highway 287; westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 135; northerly along said highway to the boundary of the Wind River Reservation; easterly and northerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 20-26; easterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 220 in the city of Casper.

**Area 17. Piney.** Beginning where U.S. Highway 191 crosses the Green River; southeasterly along said highway to the Big Sandy River; southwestwesterly down said river to the Green River; northerly up said river to LaBarge Creek; northwestwesterly up said creek to the Greys River Road at Tri Basin Divide; northerly along said road to the divide between the Green River and the Greys River; easterly and northerly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim); easterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 191; southerly along said highway to the Green River.

**Area 18. Wind River.** All of the drainage of the Wind River, which lies west of the west boundary of the Wind River Reservation.

**Area 19. Northwest.** All of the Clark's Fork River drainage, Soda Butte Creek drainage, Shoshone River drainage, Wood River drainage and Yellowstone River drainage, outside Yellowstone National Park and west of Wyoming Highway 120.

**Area 20. Owl Creek/Bighorn Basin.** Beginning where the Big Horn River crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly up said river to the north boundary of the Wind River Reservation; westerly along said boundary to the divide between Owl Creek and the South Fork Wood River; northeasterly along said divide to the divide between Cottonwood Creek and Gooseberry Creek; northeasterly along said divide between Gooseberry Creek and Grass Creek; easterly along said divide

Wyoming Highway 120; northerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said state line to the Bighorn River; in addition, all non-Indian fee title lands in that portion of Hot Springs County within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation.

**Area 21. Shell.** Beginning where the Big Horn Mountain Divide crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along said divide to U.S. Highway 16; westerly along said highway to the Big Horn River; northerly down said river to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to the Big Horn Mountain Divide.

**Area 22. Ten Sleep.** Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 16 and the Canyon Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 25); southerly along said road to the Gold Mine Road (U.S.F.S. Road 452); southerly along said road to the Big Horn Mountain Divide Road-Hazelton Road (Johnson County Road 3-Washakie County Road 81-Natrona County Road 109); southerly along said road to the Buffalo Creek Road (Natrona county Road 105); southwestly along said road to the Waltman-Arminto Road (Natrona County Road 104); southerly along said road to the town of Waltman and U.S. Highway 20-26; westerly along said highway to the east boundary of the Wind River Reservation; northerly then westerly along said boundary to the Big Horn River; northerly down said river to U.S. Highway 16; easterly along said highway to the Canyon Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 25). Also included are all lands of the Wind River Reservation within the Bureau of Reclamation Riverton and Boysen Unit boundaries and Boysen State Park, excluding Indian sole occupancy lands north of Cottonwood Creek.

**Area 23. Sheridan.** Beginning where Interstate Highway 90 crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16; southwestly along said highway to the Big Horn Mountain Divide at Powder River Pass; northerly along said divide to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to Interstate Highway 90.

**Area 24. Rochelle.** Beginning where the Rocky Point Road (Crook County Road 145) crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along said road to the "D" Road (Crook County Road 68); southerly along said road to Interstate Highway 90; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16; southeasterly along said highway to the Wyoming-South Dakota state line; southerly along said line to the Wyoming-Nebraska state line; southerly along said line to U.S. Highway 20; westerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; northwesterly along said highway to the North Platte River at the town of Douglas; westerly along said river to the city of Casper and Interstate Highway 25; northerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 90; northerly along said highway to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to the Rocky Point Road (Crook County Road 145).

**Area 25. Hartville.** Beginning where U.S. Highway 20 crosses the Wyoming-Nebraska state line; southerly along said line to the Wyoming-Colorado state line; westerly along said line to Interstate Highway 25; northerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 20; easterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Nebraska state line.

**Area 26. Greys River.** Beginning at the Wyoming-Idaho state line on the Snake River; easterly up said river to Bailey Creek; southeasterly up said creek to Dry Wash Draw; easterly up said draw to the divide between Bailey Creek and Willow Creek (Greyback Ridge); southerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Willow Creek; southerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and the Hoback River; southerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and the Green River; southerly and westerly along said divide to the Greys River Road at the Tri Basin Divide; southerly along said road to La Barge Creek; northwesterly up said creek to Commissary Ridge; northwesterly along said ridge to the divide between the Salt River and the Smiths Fork River; southwestly along said divide to the divide between the Salt river and the Bear River; westerly along said divide to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the Snake River.

**Area 27. Casper Mountain.** Beginning at the confluence of the North Platte River and Deer Creek at the town of Glenrock; southerly up said creek to Curry Creek; southeasterly up said creek to

U.S.F.S. Road 660; northwesterly along said road to its termination at the Squaw Springs Trail Road; southwesterly along said road to the Bates Creek Road (Natrona County Road 402); southwesterly along said road to the Spring Creek Road; westerly along said road to the Lone Tree Road (B.L.M. Road 3141); southerly along said road to Wyoming Highway 487; northerly and westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 220; northerly and easterly along said highway to the Casper city limits; northerly along said city limits to the North Platte River; easterly along said river to Deer Creek.

**Area 28. Crowheart Butte.** All non-Indian owned fee title land within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation excluding Mountain Lion Hunt Area 22, those areas of the Spence and Moriarity Wildlife Management Area that lie east of the East Fork of the Wind River, and those lands within Hot Springs County.

**Area 29. Hoback.** Beginning where U.S. Highway 191 crosses Flat Creek at the north edge of the town of Jackson; due east to the National Elk Refuge boundary; easterly along said boundary to the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary and the ridge between Twin Creeks and Cache Creek; easterly along said ridge to Jackson Peak; southerly along the divide between Flat Creek and Cache Creek to Cache Peak; easterly along the divide between Flat Creek and Granite Creek to Pyramid Peak; southerly along the divide between the Gros Ventre River and the Hoback River to Steamboat Peak; southeasterly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River at Hodges Peak; southeasterly along the divide between the Hoback River and Green River; southwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Hoback River; northeasterly and westerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Willow Creek; northerly along said divide to the divide between the Bailey Creek and Willow Creek (Greyback Ridge); northerly along said divide to Dry Wash Draw; westerly down said draw to Baily Creek; northwesterly down said creek to the Snake River; southerly and westerly down the Snake River to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 191; northeasterly along said highway to Flat Creek.

**Area 30. Newcastle.** Beginning where U.S. Highway 85 crosses the Wyoming-South Dakota state line; southerly along said line to U.S. Highway 16; northwesterly along said highway to the town of Moorcroft and Interstate Highway 90; easterly along said highway to the town of Sundance and Wyoming State Highway 585; southeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the Wyoming-South Dakota state line.

**Area 31. Elk Mountain.** Beginning at the city of Laramie and Wyoming Highway 130; westerly then northerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 30; easterly and southerly along said highway to the city of Laramie.

**Area 32. Hulett.** Beginning where the Montana-Wyoming state lines crosses the Rocky Point Road (Crook County Road 145); easterly along said line to where the Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota state lines meet; southerly along the Wyoming-South Dakota state line to Wyoming State Highway 24; westerly and southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 14; southeasterly along said highway to the town of Sundance and Interstate Highway 90; westerly along said highway to the town of Moorcroft and the D-Road (Crook County Road 68); northerly along said road to the Rocky Point Road in Campbell County; northerly along said road to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

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