

GUIDE TO TRAPPING ON MONTANA STATE TRUST LANDS

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The following information is provided to you by the Montana Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), the agency responsible for the administration and management of Montana's State School Trust Lands, most commonly referred to as "state land": State lands are shown on maps available from the Bureau of Land Management, the US Forest Service, and also on the DeLorme Montana Atlas and Gazetteer which are sold in many supermarkets and convenience stores.

General Provisions

- Trapping must be conducted in compliance, with applicable Dept. of Fish Wildlife & Parks(s) (DFWP) regulations.
- Prior to trapping on state land, all persons 12 years and older must first apply for and be issued a **Special Recreational Use License for Trapping (SRULT)** by DNRC. Trapping on state land without an SRULT is illegal and violators are subject to civil prosecution, including penalties. (**Exception****- an SRULT is not required for trapping on non-game wildlife or predators by the USDA-APHIS or by state land lessee's or their agents, provided such trapping is necessary for leasehold management purposes.)
- An Application for Trapping (Form - DS-RU3TA) is available from your local DNRC office. During any period in which an agreement exists between DNRC and DFWP pursuant to 77-1-815, MCA, folks must, depending on the type of animal(s) to be trapped, possess either a current Montana Conservation License or State Land Recreational License, both of which are available from DFWP, before being able to obtain an SRULT fee is included in the cost of these licenses. For **furbearer trapping**, you must possess a Conservation License. For trapping only **predators or non-game wildlife**, you may possess either a Conservation License or a State Land Recreational License. During any period when an agreement does not exist between DNRC and DFWP as provided above, trapping on state land would still require folks to obtain an SRULT; however no prerequisite licenses would be required by DNRC. During such periods there may be SRULT fees imposed by DNRC.
- Trapping applications are accepted beginning March 1" of each year in which trapping is requested. The deadline for application submittal is September 30th and any application received after the deadline will not be considered during that license year.
- Trapping applications are date stamped upon receipt by DNRC and SRULT's will be issued on a first-come first-served basis for that license year based on the application receipt date. No preference for license renewal is given to an existing licensee.



- The term of a trapping SRULT will not exceed one year. The expiration date of an SRULT that includes authorization for trapping furbearers will coincide with seasonal use period for the species as authorized by DFWP. SRULT's that authorize trapping of only predators or non-game wildlife will expire on February 28th.
- In general, the number of leased, non-blocked tracts authorized for trapping under an SRULT will not exceed ten (10) and only one SRULT will be issued per tract. However, on unleased tracts or for blocked tracts (state forests or larger areas of state land that are contiguous to each other), determination of the number of tracts or size of area(s) to be authorized under an SRULT, as well as the number of SRULT's to be issued, will be at the sole discretion of DNRC. DNRC reserves the right to deny trapping on any parcel(s) of state land for any reason determined not to be in the best interest of the trust.
- Use of motorized vehicles on state land in conjunction with trapping is only permitted on public roads (county roads, state highways, etc.) and other roads as may be designated open for such use by DNRC or as may be otherwise authorized in the SRULT. Off-road use is strictly prohibited.
- Trapping on state land is prohibited within 1/4 mile of an inhabited dwelling and within 100' of a public or designated road.
- DNRC reserves the right to restrict the type(s) of traps authorized for use on state land as may be necessary to protect human health or safety, or other animals.



FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING STATE LANDS CONTACT YOUR NEAREST DNRC OFFICE:

DNRC LAND OFFICES

DNRC Headquarters

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Forestry Division

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Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 542-4300

Northwestern Land Office

655 Timberwolf Pkwy, Ste 1
Kalispell, MT 59901- 1215
(406) 751-2240

Northeastern Land Office

USDA Bldg., 613 NE Main
Lewistown, MT 59457
(406) 538-7789

Southwestern Land Office

1401 27th Avenue
Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 542-4200

Southern Land Office

1371 Rimtop Drive
Billings, MT 59105
(406) 247-4400

Central Land Office

8001 N. Montana
Helena, MT 59601
(406) 458-3500

Eastern Land Office

St. 321 Main Street
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DNRC UNIT OFFICES area code (406)

Anaconda Unit	563-6078	Kalispell Unit	751-2241
Bozeman Unit	586-5243	Lewistown Unit	538-7789
Clearwater Unit	244-5857	Libby Unit	293-8711
Conrad Unit	278-7869	Lincoln Station	362-4999
Dillon Unit	683-6305	Missoula Unit	542-4201
Glasgow Unit	228-2430	Plains Unit	826-3851
Hamilton Unit	363-1585	Stillwater Unit	881-2371
Havre Unit	265-5236	Swan River Unit	754-2301
Helena Unit	458-3512		