



Black Bear

- You may hold only one black bear license per year but the license may be used in either Spring or Fall.
- Hunters must take and pass a bear identification test before purchasing a 2010 black bear hunting license. There are two ways to take the test and receive your certification:
 - ONLINE at FWP's Web site at <http://fwp.mt.gov> and click on 'Take Bear ID Test' OR
 - MAIL IN - Request a mail-in test by calling 406-444-2535.
- License providers will not process the test or return them to FWP.
- If you previously passed the Bear ID test AND purchased a black bear license in Montana, you do not need to submit a bear certificate.

License Purchase Restrictions:

- Spring Season:
 - A black bear license purchased after April 15 may not be used until 5 days after the license is issued AND may be purchased only at an FWP office
 - A validated license is required for Spring Bear hunters in Bear Management Units (BMUs) 100, 102, 104, 105, and 108. These districts are located in northwestern Montana in the Cabinet Yaak side of Highway 93. Validating your license will restrict your Spring Black Bear hunting to only those BMU units. During the Fall season, you may hunt in any BMU.
- Fall Season:
 - A black bear license purchased after August 31 may be purchased only at an FWP office AND may not be used until 5 days after the license is issued.