



General Rules

Kittens, Female With Young: Neither spotted mountain lion young nor female mountain lions accompanied by spotted young may be taken.

Evidence of Sex must be left attached to the hide of any mountain lion taken. For mountain lions, external evidence of sex (either scrotum, penis, or testicles for males, or vulva for females) must be left naturally attached to the hide until the mandatory check requirement has been satisfied.

Retrieving Meat: Hunters are not required to retrieve meat from a harvested lion.

Bag Limit: No person may take more than one mountain lion per legal tag in his or her possession.

Capturing Mountain Lions: No person may trap, snare or otherwise capture or hold any mountain lion.

Big Game Feeding Sites: It is unlawful to hunt or pursue mountain lions within one-half mile of any active Fish and Game big game feeding site.

Mandatory Check and Report: Any hunter harvesting a mountain lion must check and report their kill **within 10 days of the date of kill**. To check their kill hunters must:

- Present the skull and portion of the hide to an Idaho Fish and Game conservation officer, Idaho Fish and Game regional office or other official checkpoint for removal and retention of a premolar tooth and to have the hide tagged with an official state export tag. No person may have in possession, except within 10 days of the date of kill, any raw mountain lion pelt without an official state export tag attached, unless that person possesses a fur buyer or taxidermist license or appropriate import documentation.

- A hunter may authorize another person to comply with the mandatory check and reporting requirements if that person possesses enough information to accurately complete the necessary form. Proxy statement required, see page 101
- **Please thaw your mountain lion hide and skull before bringing it in for tagging. Staff members may not be able to check a frozen hide or skull.**

Fish and Game's headquarters office is not equipped to check in mountain lions. For regional office locations and phone numbers see page 4.

Hound Hunting

Please see the section on hound hunting rules on page 99.

Electronic Calls

Electronic calls may be used to attract mountain lions for the purpose of harvest; **except** the use of calls are limited in Units 1, 60, 60A, 61, 62, and 62A to avoid potential conflicts with grizzly bears.

Resident Second Tags

Residents may purchase a second mountain lion tag for Units 4, 4A, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, 27, 41, 42 and those portions of Units 21 and 28 within designated wilderness.

Nonresident Reduced and Second Tags:

Nonresident tag prices are reduced for mountain lion in Units 4, 4A, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, 27, 33, 34, 35, 36, 41, 42 and those portions of Units 21 and 28 within designated wilderness. Nonresidents may purchase up to two (2) general season mountain lion tags. General season full-priced and reduced-price tags may be used as described below:

- Two (2) reduced-price mountain lion tags for use in Units 4, 4A, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, 27, 41, 42 and those portions of Units 21 and 28 within designated wilderness. **These are the only units where a second mountain lion tag may be used.**
- **OR** One (1) full-priced mountain lion tag in any general season in the state and one (1) reduced-price mountain lion tag valid in areas where a second mountain lion tag may be used.
- **OR** One (1) reduced-price mountain lion tag for use in Units 33, 34, 35, and 36 and one (1) reduced-price mountain lion tag valid in Units where a second mountain lion tag may be used.

Option to Use Nonresident Deer/Elk Tags: An unfilled nonresident deer/elk tag may be used in the same hunt unit/zone/area to harvest a black bear, mountain lion, or gray wolf instead of a deer/elk, as long as the season for black bear, mountain lion, or gray wolf is also open at the same time and location as the deer/elk hunt, see page 111.

**July 2023 - June 2024
Mountain Lion Seasons**

Units	Take Season	Dogs Prohibited	Notes
1	Aug 30 - Jun 30	Aug 30 - Dec 1 Apr 1 - Jun 30	<i>Electronic calls may be used Dec 2 - Mar 31 only</i>
2, 3, 5	Aug 30 - Jun 30	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Dec 1	
4, 4A, 6	Aug 30 - Jun 30	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Second lion tag may be used</i>
7, 9, 10, 12	Aug 30 - June 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31	<i>Second lion tag may be used</i>
8, 11A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Dec 1	
8A, 10A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Dec 1	
11	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Dec 1	<i>Second lion tag may be used</i>
13	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Nov 3	
14, 15, 16	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Nov 20	<i>Second lion tag may be used</i>
16A, 17, 19, 20	Aug 30 - June 30	Sep 15 - Oct 31	<i>Second lion tag may be used</i>
18	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Nov 20	
19A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 24	
20A, 26	Aug 30 - Apr 30	Sep 15 - Oct 31	<i>Second lion tag may be used</i>
21A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Nov 8	
21, 28	Aug 30 - June 30	Oct 10 - Nov 8	<i>Second lion tag may be used in those portions of Units 21 and 28 within designated wilderness only, Remainder of units: 1 lion tag</i>
22, 31, 32	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Aug 30 - Nov 24	<i>See note 1, Page 79, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Unit 32, See Pages 104 - 106</i>
23	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 24	
24, 25	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 5 - Nov 24	
27	Aug 30 - June 30	Sep 15 - Nov 8	<i>Second lion tag may be used</i>
29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 8	<i>See note 1, Page 76, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 104 - 106</i>
32A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Aug 30 - Nov 3 Nov 10 - Nov 24	<i>See note 1, Page 76, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 104 - 106</i>
33, 34, 35, 36	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 5 - Nov 8	
36B	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 10 - Nov 8	
38	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 5 - Nov 30	
39	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 5 - Nov 9	
40	Aug 30 - June 30	Oct 5 - Nov 24	
41, 42	Aug 30 - June 30	Oct 5 - Nov 24	<i>Second lion tag may be used</i>

MOUNTAIN LION

**July 2023 - June 2024
Mountain Lion Seasons**

Units	Take Season	Dogs Prohibited	Notes
43, 44, 46, 48, 54, 55, 57, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 67, 68, 68A, 71, 73A, 74	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 30	
45, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 52A, 53, 56, 58, 59, 59A, 66, 66A, 69, 70, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 78	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 30	<i>See note 1, Page 76, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 104 - 106</i>
60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A	Aug 30 - Mar 31	Oct 1 - Nov 30	<i>Electronic calls may be used Dec 1 - Mar 31 only</i>

Notes:

1. Motorized vehicle use as an aid to hunting for mountain lion is restricted August 30 through December 31 to established roadways open to motorized vehicle traffic capable of travel by full-sized automobiles - any motorized vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 1,500 pounds, see pages 104 - 106.

LEAVE TRAPS AND TRAPPED ANIMALS ALONE

Hunters and others may encounter a legally set trap, and possibly wildlife caught in a trap. It is illegal to disturb traps, remove wildlife caught in them, or kill any wildlife in a trap. Violators can be punished under state law.

If you are concerned about a trap or captured animal you encountered, contact a regional Fish and Game office.

People hunting with dogs, or people walking pets off leash in areas where trapping may occur, should become familiar with how to safely remove a pet from a trap. **For guidance on how to release a pet from a trap go to idfg.idaho.gov/media/release-pet**

Regulated trapping is an important management tool and a legal activity in Idaho. Trapping provides many benefits to Idahoans by reducing wildlife damage to crops and property, mediating threats to human health and safety, and trapping is also used to monitor many species of furbearing mammals.

