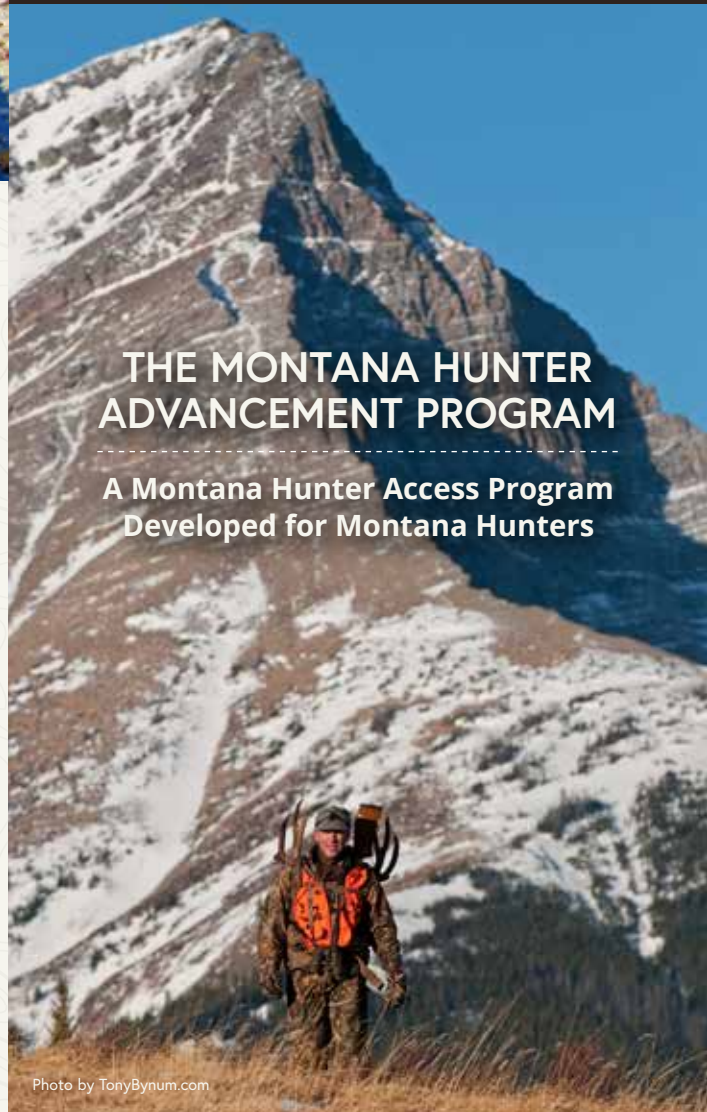




MONTANA  
**MASTER  
HUNTER**

A PROJECT OF ONE MONTANA



## THE MONTANA HUNTER ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

A Montana Hunter Access Program  
Developed for Montana Hunters

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### BENEFITS FOR MONTANA HUNTERS

- **INTRODUCTION TO AND INCLUSION IN A NEW PRIVATE LAND** hunting access program for Montana.
- **INDIVIDUALIZED SHOOTING** and marksmanship instruction.
- **ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE OF CONSERVATION** and wildlife management history and wildlife management specifically related to big game in Montana.
- **OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE HUNTING SKILLS** and overall knowledge of hunting techniques, hunt planning and use of specialized gear, GPS, onX maps, etc.
- **OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE HUNTER/LANDOWNER RELATIONS SKILLS** and knowledge of farming and ranching in Montana.
- **OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING** of state and federal public land access and the importance of public lands to Montana's hunters.
- **OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH PARTICIPATING LANDOWNERS** and obtain access to private farms and ranches in Montana where very limited or no public hunting access is currently allowed.
- **ACCESS TO HUNTABLE**, an online hunting access/reservation system, for reserving access days on participating private Montana ranches.
- **OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND COLLABORATE** with like-minded hunter/conservationists who share your land and hunting ethics and values.

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## DESIGNED BY MONTANA FARMERS, RANCHERS AND SPORTSMEN

For several years, One Montana has been facilitating Common Ground, a partnership of Montana landowners, outfitters and sportsmen, who are committed to building trust and developing creative, viable solutions concerning access and land stewardship in Montana. In addition to creatively addressing access and stewardship, Common Ground also tackled hunter behavior, which led to the development of the Montana Hunter Advancement Program. The mission of the MHAP is to provide advanced hunter education that increases hunter competence, ethical hunting behavior, private land access and knowledge of agriculture and land stewardship. Landowners participating in our program will have the confidence that a MHAP certified hunter will be respectful and knowledgeable, and help you address the specific wildlife management issues on your property.



## ETHICAL, COMPETENT HUNTERS WHO UNDERSTAND FARMING AND RANCHING

The mission of MHAP is to provide advanced hunter education that increases hunter competence, ethical hunting behavior, private land access and knowledge of agriculture and land stewardship. The program's intent is to create a partnership between landowners and the sportsmen community which will not necessitate regulatory authority from Fish, Wildlife and Parks or the Legislature.

The goals of the program are:

- **TO INFORM HUNTERS ABOUT LANDOWNER ISSUES** and concerns related to hunter access, including but not limited to, respect for private property, appropriate use of ranch roads, weeds, safety, intrusion on landowner's time, etc.
- **TO EDUCATE HUNTERS REGARDING THE ECONOMICS OF RANCHING/FARMING** and the impacts that wildlife have on the operation of a farm or ranch.
- **TO INCREASE HUNTER KNOWLEDGE OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE HUNT**, including ethics, shooting skills, care of game, woodsmanship, first aid, survival skills, etc.
- **TO BUILD MUTUAL RESPECT AND COOPERATION** between landowners and sportsmen.
- **TO INCREASE THE POTENTIAL FOR BETTER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES** for landowners.
- **TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES** for more quality land access for hunters who are certified by the Montana Hunter Advancement Program.



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## BENEFITS TO LANDOWNERS

- **A WELL-TRAINED, QUALIFIED POOL OF HUNTERS TO DRAW FROM** when considering who to allow on their property. Currently, many landowners may not wish to allow general public hunters onto their property as they have no way of knowing the competence or ethics of those individuals.
- **OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH SELECTED HUNTERS** prior to hunting so hunters will be informed of all landowner expectations, ranch rules, property boundaries, safety zones, etc.
- **ABILITY TO USE THE MONTANA HUNTER ADVANCEMENT MANAGEMENT/RESERVATION SYSTEM TO MINIMIZE THE "HASSLE FACTOR"** of dealing with hunters asking for permission via phone or in person on a daily basis.
- **ABILITY OF LANDOWNERS TO SELECT THE SPECIES AND SEX OF THE ANIMALS TO BE HUNTED**; the time periods that hunting is allowed; the areas of the ranch where hunting is allowed; the number of hunters allowed; what, if any, roads may be used; requirements for road use such as washing vehicles prior to hunting for weed control, retrieval, etc.
- **LANDOWNERS MAY GRANT HUNTING ACCESS TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY** not enrolled in the Montana Hunter Advancement Program.
- **LANDOWNERS MAY CHARGE A FEE** which can be collected via the Montana Hunter Advancement registration process.
- **OPPORTUNITY TO CONTROL WILDLIFE POPULATIONS** under strict guidelines in a safe environment with well-trained, respectful hunters.

