



OPEN FIELDS FOR GAME BIRD HUNTERS

APPLICATION

To Apply: To determine your eligibility, refer to the *Open Fields for Game Bird Hunters* Fact Sheet. Submit your signed application and maps to the address located on Page 2 of this form **no later than Friday, April 14, 2023**. Applicants will know their enrollment status by June. Applications must include USDA Farm Service maps that (1) outline the CRP tracts offered and (2) acreage open to public access.

Funding is limited this year and applications will be processed on a “first come--first served” basis. Get your application(s) in soon!

Enrollment will be based on eligibility, priority, and available funding.

1. Your contact information.

Full Name:

Address:

City, State:

Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

Legal name assigned to CRP (if applicable). (Example: Johnson Family Trust; Valley Farms, Inc; Edward Brothers, LLC):

Are you the landowner? Yes No

If no, please list the landowner’s name and contact information below:

2. CRP Offer. The CRP (and any additional acres—see #3 below) must be legally accessible from a public right-of-way.

Is your CRP offer legally accessible on land you own? Yes No

You may enroll up to 320 CRP acres per application. More than one application may be submitted if properties are uniquely separated by at least 1/4 mile.

New CRP (N) Re-enrolled (R)	Reseeding (Y/N)	Tract #	Year CRP Expires	# CRP Acres	County	Legal description (T, R, S, ¼- Section)

Please indicate in the table above if the CRP tract is NEW (N) or a RE-ENROLLMENT (R). Applicants who are re-seeding will receive a one-time bonus payment of \$5/acre (up to 320 acres) when accepted for enrollment. Unsure about your re-seeding requirement? No problem, just add a note in the Additional Notes section on Page 2.



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3. **Re-enrolled CRP.** If you are re-enrolling an existing CRP field, would you be willing to use a beneficial management practice, such as ground disturbance (light disking), to reinvigorate the old CRP stand? There may be additional incentives for performing these practices, and willingness to do so may give you a higher ranking score.


Yes No

4. **Access Acres.** In addition to the CRP acres listed in #2, you can also include more acres for public access to help create clearly identified boundaries to manage walk-in access. Please draw access boundaries around the CRP and additional acres, if any, on the map(s) you provide. Applicants who offer additional access acres may receive a higher ranking score.

How many additional access acres would you like to enroll?

Additional Notes, if needed:

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

 *Applications & maps must be received by **April 14, 2023**.* Please mail your completed application and maps to:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
ATTN Debbie Hohler
P.O. Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620

Thank you for your interest in Open Fields for Game Bird Hunters. If you have questions, please contact FWP staff in your area.

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