

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ON THE FORT BELKNAP RESERVATION ^{TWS}

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The goal of wildlife management on Fort Belknap Reservation is to maintain populations within habitat carrying capacity. Harvest management objectives are established within the constraints of the population objectives. Hunting regulations are the primary tool used to fulfill management objectives. Hunting fees for tribal members are set a level comparable to Montana state resident fees. Non-member hunting license fees are market driven. An estimate of receipts for 1995 is \$86,500. Other examples of hunting regulations, income generated through license sales and evaluation of harvest management results are provided. Habitat management, law

enforcement, and education are also important components of wildlife management on Fort Belknap. The Fish and Wildlife program has grown from one full-time employee to 6 full-time employees during the past decade.