

# DRAW CODE 39

# Bison Special Licence Draw

Residents Only

Price (GST not included): \$59.95

Resident hunters successful in drawing a Bison Special Licence may designate a resident (adult or youth) partner to hunt with them and share the special licence tag. (See page 13 for details).

WMU	Season	Enter This Code
Bison Hunting Zone 1	December 1, 2017 - February 28, 2018	861

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) continue to offer a hunting season as a management strategy for the Hay-Zama wood bison herd. The population goal for this herd is 400 – 600 bison. These bison are at risk for contact with diseased bison moving westward from Wood Buffalo National Park and surrounding area. There are concerns involving collisions between bison and vehicles on area roads.

A hunter successfully drawn in Bison Hunting Zone 1 is authorized to hunt in WMUs 536 and 539 with the exception of a core bison protection area, consisting of 6 townships (Townships 112 to 114, Ranges 2 and 3, West of the 6th Meridian).

A resident of Alberta may apply for a Resident Bison Special Licence in the 2017 Alberta Hunting Draws in June of 2017.

**Group applications are not valid for this draw. Applicants must apply individually.**

The bison hunting season will be from December 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018. Hunters drawn for a Resident Bison Special licence will be eligible to take only one bison regardless of age or sex. **At this time it is recommended that hunters select for adult males.** Successful bison hunters will be required to register their kill at an AEP Office.

Because this is a unique hunting opportunity with a limited number of licences available, **the draw priority system will not be applied to this draw.** Each licence will be selected on a random basis and no priority will be assigned to the applicants not drawn.

**Hunters should be prepared to hunt off-road during winter conditions that can be severe.**

**All bison must be registered at an AEP Office within 5 business days of kill.**

Over 300 bison from this herd have tested negative for bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis. Blood testing in 2016-17 season provided an additional 78 negative results for Brucellosis. **Samples will not be collected during the 2017/18 season.**

Successfully drawn applicants will receive an information package in the mail, be sure to provide current mailing address and contact information.

