



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



12.6.1130 RELEASE OF RAPTORS

- (1) A raptor not native to Montana or a hybrid raptor may not be released into the wild, but may be transferred to another falconry permittee.
- (2) A permittee must have permission from the department to release a captive-bred raptor that is a native species to Montana.
 - (a) The raptor must be hacked to the wild at an appropriate time of year and location;
 - (b) the falconry band must be removed; and
 - (c) the release must be reported by submitting a paper form 3-186A to the department or by submitting the information electronically as authorized by the department.
- (3) A raptor taken from the wild that is a native species to Montana may be released.
 - (a) The raptor must be released to the wild at an appropriate time of year and location;
 - (b) the falconry band must be removed; and
 - (c) the release must be reported by submitting a paper form 3-186A to the department or by submitting the information electronically as authorized by the department.
- (4) Hybrid raptors may not be permanently released to the wild.

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Implementing statute(s): 87-5-204, MCA

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