



DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
BRANDS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

INSTRUCTIONS: APPLICATION FOR BRAND RECORDING

PO BOX 202001
HELENA MONTANA 59620-2001
OFFICE: (406) 444-3812
Or: (406) 444-2045
<https://liv.mt.gov>

Checklist and instructions for completing a Montana Dept of Livestock Brand application.
Please return this checklist with your application.

- All fields on the Application for Brand Recording are required unless specified otherwise.
- An incomplete application will be returned to the applicant, including this checklist.
- By submitting this Application for Brand Recording, you are acknowledging that you have read and understand the instructions and information provided in this document.

Owner <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Separate owner name(s) with a comma. Do not use "and", "or", "and/or".• Business name(s) must be registered with Montana Secretary of State.• When recording a brand to a company, corporation, partnership, etc., at least one bill of sale signer must be printed on the bill of sale signer line
Type of Ownership – Select only one <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sole Owner: the applicant is applying for the brand as a single or sole owner or one entity (if a ranch/business/company is the only owner listed)• When recording a brand to multiple owners, designate either tenants in common or joint tenancy on the application.• Joint Tenancy: a brand recorded in "x or y" designates joint tenancy.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ If recorded in joint tenancy, any owner may sign bills of sale for branded livestock on behalf of all recorded owners.◦ When transferring a brand with a deceased owner, if joint tenancy is marked, in place of the notarized signature, a copy of the death certificate is required• Tenants in Common: a brand recorded in "x and y" designates tenants in common.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ If recorded as tenants in common, all recorded owners must sign bill of sale for branded livestock, unless each individual is listed (please print) as a bill of sale signer on the bill of sale signer line◦ When transferring a brand, if tenants in common is marked, in place of the notarized signature, if there is not a personal representative, all surviving heirs must complete an additional form
Physical MT Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary physical address or location of livestock that will bear this brand• Include city and county• Applicant must have a physical Montana address to apply for a MT livestock brand.
Mailing Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Address where you receive your mail.• This could be your Physical MT Address or a PO Box.• Address, City, State and Zip code is required.
Phone number <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide both a home phone and a cell phone.• If you have only one phone number, specify if it is a home phone or a cell phone.• Phone number is optional, however providing a phone number helps the Dept of Livestock in notifying you if there is an issue or concern with your livestock brand or your livestock.
Email <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email is optional; however, we are moving to a less paper and more electronic communication process and an email address will help us to better communicate with the brand applicant.
Bill of Sale Signer(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required if Owner is a business.• Bill of Sale signer(s) are those individuals authorized to sell livestock.
Additional Montana county(ies) of range <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not required.• List county(ies) other than the county associated with your Physical MT Address.• Only list county(ies) where you have livestock, do not list counties where you may have livestock in the future
Identifying Marks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not required.• Ear notches, waddles, etc.
Species <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check the box which the brand will be applied to.• The application includes a maximum of one cattle, one horse, one sheep, and one bison brand.

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	<p>Sheep and Bison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If applying for sheep or bison, list the preferred brand location for each species. • If more than one location is acceptable, list them in preferential order. • For Sheep, include your Paint Color choice.
	<p>Brand Choices – See page 2 of application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carefully draw one brand image in each box. List choices IN PREFERENTIAL ORDER. • The first available brand choice listed on this application will be issued to the applicant. • Indicate the position on cattle, horses, or both for each image. • Per 81-3-103, MCA, new brands must be distinguishable with reasonable certainty from all other marks and brands.
	<p>Optional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you prefer to have MT Dept of Livestock select and assign a brand to you, using the criteria listed below, please select the box below and follow the instructions. • Only one character in each box. A bar, slash or quarter circle cannot be drawn in the boxes • Finish the process by printing, signing, dating, and returning the form with your payment. • By selecting the box, you are stating that you will accept any brand with the two characters (with a bar, slash or quarter circle added) you designate on the position you choose. • Selecting this option, if a brand is assigned to you, that brand cannot be refused.
	<p>Freeze Brands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you want to add a freeze brand for cattle, select YES and an additional fee of \$10.00 is required. • Freeze brand is already included with a horse brand.
	<p>Application Fee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standard Brand Recording Fee of \$200.00 ○ Brand Recording Fee with Cattle Freeze Brand is \$210.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Fees are subject to change</i> ▪ <i>\$100 of the application fee is nonrefundable.</i>
	<p>Applicant's signature and date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application must be signed and dated. • If you are applying for a brand for another person, you may sign the application
	<p>Do you own livestock in Montana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select Yes or No • Livestock owners are required to pay a Per Capita Fee • Do NOT include per capita payment with your application. Per capita payments are made to the Department of Revenue on a separate form. • Visit the webpage for additional information: https://liv.mt.gov/Centralized-Services/Per-Capita-Fees
	<p>Make check payable to: MT Dept of Livestock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment is required at time of application.
	<p>Mail Application & Payment to:</p> <p>MT Dept of Livestock Attn: Brand Recorder PO Box 202001 Helena, MT 59620-2001</p>
	<p>Applications cannot be processed in person and may not be submitted electronically.</p> <p>Applications are processed in the order they are received.</p>

For additional information on applying for a Montana Livestock Brand, visit the Dept of Livestock webpage:

<https://liv.mt.gov/Brands-Enforcement/Livestock-Brands>

For additional information about Per Capita Fees, visit the Dept of Livestock webpage:

<https://liv.mt.gov/Centralized-Services/Per-Capita-Fees>

For Dept of Livestock use only:

Application complete – yes or no: _____

If incomplete, date application is being returned to applicant: _____

Brand Record: Initials and date: _____



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OFFICE USE ONLY

CC/CHECK/MO _____

AMOUNT REC'D _____

TRANSMITTAL # _____

All fields are required unless specified otherwise.

Print legibly and clearly.

Owner: _____

Separate owner names with a comma. Do not use "and", "or", "and/or".

Business names must be registered with Montana Secretary of State.

Type of Ownership:
(Select only one)

Sole Owner

Joint Tenancy

Tenants in Common

See **Instructions: Application for Brand Recording** for information about ownership types & authorized bill of sale signers.

Physical MT Address:

Primary physical address or location of livestock that will bear this brand

City _____

County _____

Mailing Address:

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone #:

Home Phone number

Phone #:

Cell phone number

Email:

Email is optional; however, we are moving to a less paper / more electronic communication process / an email address will help us to better communicate with the brand applicant.

Bill of Sale Signer(s): _____

Required if Owner (above) is a business.

Additional Montana county(ies) of range: _____

(Not required)

Identifying Marks:

(i.e. ear notches, waddles, etc.) (Not required)

Species:

Cattle

Horse

Sheep

Bison

Sheep and Bison:

If applying for sheep or bison, list the preferred brand location for each species.

If more than one location is acceptable, list them in preferential order.

- Preferred position(s) for sheep: _____ Paint Color for sheep: _____
- Preferred position(s) for bison: _____

Brand Choices:

See page 2

Freeze Brands:

Add cattle freeze brand? **Additional \$10.00 fee required.**

YES

NO

Application Fee:

Standard Brand Recording Fee: \$200.00*

Brand Recording Fee with Cattle Freeze Brand: \$210.00*

**\$100 of the application fee is nonrefundable. Fees are subject to change.*

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

Do you own livestock in Montana?

YES

NO

If so, you are required to pay a PER CAPITA FEE.

Visit www.liv.mt.gov for more information

Make Check Payable to: MT Dept of Livestock

Mail Application & Payment to: MT Dept. of Livestock

ATTN: Brand Recorder

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For More information: (406) 444-2045 or www.liv.mt.gov.

APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED IN-PERSON AND
MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY.

PLEASE ALLOW 4-6 WEEKS FOR PROCESSING.

Application approved by: _____



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1)	2)	3)	4)
Cattle: _____ Horse: _____	Cattle: _____ Horse: _____	Cattle: _____ Horse: _____	Cattle: _____ Horse: _____
5)	6)	7)	8)
Cattle: _____ Horse: _____	Cattle: _____ Horse: _____	Cattle: _____ Horse: _____	Cattle: _____ Horse: _____
9)	10)	11)	12)
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Finish the process by printing, signing, dating, and returning the form with your payment.

If none of the above brand choices are available, I will accept **ANY BRAND** with the following two (2) characters on the position listed. Enter one character in each box, no not use a bar, slash or quarter circle.

NOTE: There will be a Bar, Slash or Quarter Circle added to your chosen characters to complete your Brand.

Character

Character

Circle any position you will accept:

Position on cattle: LS RS LR RR LH RH

Position on horses: LS RS LT RT LJ RJ

Applicant's printed name: _____

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____