

FACT SHEET OF STATES WITHOUT TRANSFERABLE LANDOWNER TAGS

1. Landowner Tags Stay With the Landowner

No resale. No gifting to someone else. No hiring a guide and sending a client. These tags are issued *only* to qualifying landowners or family members — often with rules about how many people on a deed or ownership structure can apply.

- **Idaho:** Landowner appreciation tags are not transferable. Must be used by landowner, family, or authorized employee.
- **Montana:** 454 Agreement permits allow for a *landowner-sponsored hunter* but cannot be sold. Random draw only.
- **Oregon:** Landowner preference tags are not transferable and are limited in number based on land size and game damage history.
- **Arizona:** Landowners don't receive tags at all — they may apply for depredation tags in very limited cases, but all general hunting is through the draw system.

2. Landowner Incentives are Conservation or Access-Based

Instead of “here’s a marketable tag,” these states tend to reward landowners through:

- Game damage payments, access incentives, Co-op programs for allowing public hunters, special depredation or damage hunt tags, with tight oversight

Examples:

- **Montana’s Block Management** pays landowners to allow public hunting access.
- **Idaho’s Access Yes!** provides funds in exchange for public hunting access.
- **Oregon’s A&H Program (Access & Habitat)** does similar work — but no tags are handed out for cash or marketing.
- **Arizona Game & Fish** uses incentive programs for ranchers in the form of grants or conservation credits — *not tags*.

3. Limited Landowner Entitlements in Trophy Units

States that don't offer transferable tags are **less likely to give landowner tag access in high-demand, high-trophy zones**. This preserves quality hunts for the general public and reduces pressure from wealthy tag buyers.

Why it's a Wyoming comparison point:

- Wyoming's elite units (e.g., Area 7 elk, Red Desert antelope) are starting to see upward landowner tag drift.
- States without transferability tend to *cap or restrict* landowner privileges in those elite areas.

Feature	Non-Transferable States (ID, MT, OR, AZ)
Tag resale allowed?	✗ No
Tags tied to private land management?	✓ Sometimes — for damage control or access programs
Used to encourage public access?	✓ Often — Block Mgmt, Access Yes!, A&H
Private tags in trophy units?	✗ Rare — especially in AZ, ID, MT
Market-based tag distribution?	✗ No tag markets
Public draw integrity high?	✓ Very
Legal/legislative drama?	⚠ Less frequent — fewer transferable tag fights
Public perception of fairness?	✓ Generally better than transferable states