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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Sage Grouse Translocation

Why are you relocating sage grouse to Alberta Canada but then limiting the season for Montana residents and non-residents because of concerns over bird population. This program makes no sense and should not happen again.

#2

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Sage Grouse Translocation

no sage grouse or any other fish or game to our anti gun niebors to the north

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Sage Grouse Translocation

If the population has shrunk from 118-54 it appears it is not working.

What is the cost of this program vs the results?

Saying release near the international border may have birds migrate back to the US seems illogical when when we could have left them here to begin with.

I doubt a private business would fund this program when the cost-benefit analysis is used. Government should consider the same logic.

This is poor use of taxpayer money.

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Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Sage Grouse Translocation

As an avid outdoorsman and sage grouse hunter, I assure you our sage grouse population is not high enough to remove any. And farther more why would we give anything to Canada?

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Sage Grouse Translocation

I do not support the proposed change. Keep as is!

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Q1

Contact information:

State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on Sage Grouse Translocation

I disagree with the translocation. Sage grouse are sensitive to being translocated and this would not accomplish much other than decreasing the population in Montana. I fear many of the translocated birds will die and I do not think it is worth translocating them at this time.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Sage Grouse Translocation

Providing support and resources between states and provinces is an important act to further wildlife resources for all to enjoy. I encourage MT to continue it's support of the Sage Grouse translocation with Alberta!

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Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Sage Grouse Translocation

The translocation program looks like it's likely to benefit sage grouse.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Sage Grouse Translocation

I can support another batch of birds towards this project as it seems to be having a positive result

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Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Sage Grouse Translocation

The Montana Wildlife Federation supports the translocation of Sage Grouse in this proposal, and has each time it has come up in the past. While we do have concerns over the survival rate of these birds after being relocated, we feel the attempt to connect Canadian populations of Sage Grouse with those in Montana outweighs those concerns. It is in both entities' interest to have healthier populations of Sage Grouse, and it is our hope that this program is effective in helping to do so, while removing a minimal amount of Sage Grouse from our habitat. Thank you.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on Sage Grouse Translocation

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks
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Dear Commission Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2024 Sage Grouse Translocation to Alberta, Canada, in 2024-2026 proposal. The Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) represents ranchers that manage livestock on private, state and federal lands where approximately 33 million acres of sage grouse habitat can be found and where ranchers will be significantly impacted by potential agency decisions based on sage grouse management.

Sage grouse management and conservation is of the utmost importance to our members who have proven that livestock grazing contributes positively to wildlife habitat and is especially compatible and beneficial to greater sage grouse habitat. Our organization has been invested in the conservation of sage grouse since the beginning and has attended and participated in the development meetings while drafting the state management plan.

MSGA supports Alternative B: The commission may amend the number and timing of sage-grouse that may be removed or deny the request for removal, with our preference of denying the request for removal. Landowners, ranchers, and public lands grazers have worked hard to encourage the health and habitat of sage grouse across the state to ensure the species does not receive an ESA endangered status. As such, we oppose the capture and export of Montana sage grouse.

Our organization stands firm on the belief that a removal of birds from Montana's population is counterproductive to the important work that has been done to protect the species and would disagree with the assessment that the bird relocation would have a negligible effect on Montana sage grouse populations. In fact, we believe the removal of birds from Montana could have significant consequences. The removal of birds from our state, especially at a time when there has been a 27% decrease in population over the last two seasons, jeopardizes the success we have seen in population and habitat management thus far (2023 Montana Greater Sage-grouse Population Report).

We thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and appreciate your consideration to not approve the capture and translocation of the greater sage grouse.

Sincerely,
Raylee A. Honeycutt
Executive Vice President
Montana Stockgrowers Association