

Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group | Agenda

Thursday, July 7, 2022

12:00 – 5:00 pm MST

<https://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/elk-management-citizen-advisory-group>

Please note all times on the agenda are approximations.

The purpose of the Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group is to forge new relationships among stakeholders and collaboratively develop new and creative ideas and recommendations for issues surrounding elk management in Montana to balance hunter and landowner interests.

Meeting Objectives

- Review and finalize recommendations to balance hunter and landowner interests and forge new relationships among stakeholders
- Develop an understanding of the public perception of elk management in Montana

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| I. | Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review | 12:00 – 12:20 pm MST |
| | a. Opening the Meeting, Communication Updates, and Agenda Review | |
| II. | Public Comment/Discussion on Elk, Hunting, and Issues in Montana | 12:20 – 12:50 pm MST |
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| | b. Full Group Discussion | |
| III. | Vote to Finalize Recommendations | 12:50 – 2:00 pm MST |
| | a. Pick Your Weapon, Pick Your Area (Heath and Chuck) | |
| | b. Promote Focused Damage Hunts (Stephanie) | |
| | c. Reduce the Length of the Hunting Seasons in Montana (Race) | |
| | d. Expect the FWP biologist to sit down with landowners in a working group style to discuss elk (Druska) | |
| | BREAK | 2:00 – 2:15 pm MST |
| IV. | Review Sounding Board Feedback and Vote to Finalize Recommendations | 2:15 – 3:30 pm MST |
| | a. Develop an education program for the non-agricultural community owning large tracks of land or hobby ranchettes (Staci) | |
| | b. Understand and Mitigate the Disease of Brucellosis in Elk (Druska) | |
| | c. Develop an Education Campaign to Improve hunter/landowner ethics/relationships (Staci and Ian) | |
| | d. Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespass Violations and Other Bad Behaviors (Aaron) | |
| V. | Review and Vote to the Sounding Board for Feedback | 3:30 – 4:00 pm MST |
| | a. Special tag for use only on private land for cow elk in over object areas (Scott T. and Matt) | |
| | b. Type Three Block Management (Ian) | |
| | c. FWP Communication/Amplify Use of Currently Available FWP resources (Druska) | |
| | d. Manage Elk Where They are Not (Ian) | |
| | e. Annual Agency Meeting (Chuck) | |
| | f. FWP & USFS/ Collaboration between FWP and Forest Service for Habitat (Staci, Stephanie, and Ian) | |
| | g. Develop user friendly and effective methods to collect data (Ian) | |
| VI. | Review Key Issues to Develop Recommendations | 4:00-4:50 pm MST |
| | a. Develop New Recommendations | |
| | Full Group Discussion | |

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| VII. | Next Steps | 4:50 – 5:00 pm MST |
| | a. Summary of Meeting and Action Items | |
| | b. Confirm Follow Up Actions | |
| VIII. | Adjourn | 5:00 pm MST |