



MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

CAC MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2022

In Attendance:

Members: Louie Bouma, Clayton Elliott, Kit Fischer, Matt Fregerio, Everett Headley, Denley Loge, Tracy Manley, Bill Mitchell, Kylie Paul, Ron Skinner, Pat Sweeney, Susan Thraen

R2 Staff: Randy Arnold, Vivaca Crowser, Liz Bradley, Pat Saffel, Loren Flynn, Morgan Dollinger, Joe Jaquith, Dori Schiele, Desiree Cozad, & Alyssa Janicsek

Other FWP staff & guests: Emily Cooper, Jessica Plunkett, Dillon Tabish, Ron Howell, Commissioner Jana Waller, and Tim Aldrich

Welcome, overview & introductions

Vivaca Crowser welcomed all in attendance and Zoom worked well for those joining online. Randy introduced two new managers for Region 2: Liz Bradley as Wildlife Manager and Morgan Dollinger as Regional Maintenance Manager. Region 2 also has two new wardens for the Upper Clark Fork and we are fully staffed at the front desk. Still have three wildlife vacancies to fill.

MYFWP APP

- Jessica Plunkett, Emily Cooper, and Dillon Tabish went through frequently asked questions and screen-shares of the new myfwp app.
- The app is essentially a digital wallet for now. It shows items held, e-tags and has a general profile area where you can update personal information and link a minor's accounts if needed.
- Wardens and taxidermists will use the confirmation number issued when you validate an e-tag
- Federal waterfowl stamps will still be physical stamps for now but will more than likely move to digital in the future.
- By law, we cannot collect a user's exact location, but we can see location down to the hunting district if they decide to opt in.
- Emily also talked about a new system for FWP; 75% of which will be funded by federal grants. Releasing the app is phase one of the new system. There will be about eight phases total.
- The new system will be owned and maintained by FWP, not a third party.

Everett Headley: Private Lands/Public Wildlife Update

- Everett provided a quick update on the last PLPW meeting that he attended. He is part of this council.
- He welcomed CAC members to reach out to him with ideas or questions.

Loren Flynn: Recreation

- Fish Creek Watershed: we partnered with the University of Montana, and they picked up the contract to bring in a team and help. We'll be working on planning for the area over the upcoming year.

Joe Jaquith: Muzzleloader Season

- Overall, the first season went well.
- No way to know the exact numbers, however, participation in the muzzleloader season last year seemed small.
- There are pretty specific weapon restrictions and only traditional muzzleloaders are allowed.

Liz Bradley: Mountain Lion Proposals

- The Commission has new proposal for season structure
 - The winter season may see the biggest change; anyone could buy an unlimited license and watch the quota or put in for a special tag and that would allow them to hunt the entire season regardless of the quota.
 - The Commission will meet to decide on this change.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. Next quarterly meeting is June 6, 2022.