

Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission

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January 29, 2024

RE: Proposal to Amend Upland Bird Non-Resident Starting Date Change

Commissioners:

As a farmer/rancher, land owner and hunter in Stillwater County (Region 5), we welcome all hunting opportunities on our land. I am contacting the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission to **OPPOSE** the proposed amendment.

I **SUPPORT** leaving the non-resident opening date at September 1 for public **AND** private land.

This amendment if passed would have a negative economic impact not only on small Montana businesses but also on many outfitters and the guide industry throughout the state who depend on the upland bird hunting season.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maureen Davey". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Maureen Davey

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