

## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Brett French <Brett.French@lee.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:34 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: Still own ranch land in Carbon County

Thank you Brian.

**From:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org [mailto:commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:13 PM  
**To:** Brett French <Brett.French@lee.net>  
**Subject:** RE: Still own ranch land in Carbon County

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You have not previously corresponded with this sender.

Brett,

That is correct.

Thanks,

Brian

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**From:** Brett French <[Brett.French@lee.net](mailto:Brett.French@lee.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:57 AM  
**To:** [CommissionerRegion5@mtfwp.org](mailto:CommissionerRegion5@mtfwp.org)  
**Subject:** Still own ranch land in Carbon County

Hi Brian, I'm writing a story about the changes to elk hunting following the Robertson Draw fire and wanted to confirm that you still own the Grove Creek Ranch and have more than 15,000 acres of BLM grazing leases. Thanks.

**Brett French**  
Outdoors editor

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**From:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2024 7:22 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** RE: Tuesday, January 30th

Erik,

I will be on a plane Tuesday afternoon so will be unavailable.

Thanks,

Brian

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2024 3:17 PM  
**To:** FWP COMMISSIONERS <FWP\_COMMISSIONERS@mt.gov>  
**Cc:** Kujala, Quentin <qkujala@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** Tuesday, January 30th  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon, commissioners,

We are now late in the day on a Friday and Legal is no longer comfortable with the lead time between notification to the public and the meeting date on Monday.

**For that reason, we are looking for your availability for a meeting on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.** Commissioner Burrows, I saw that you were available at 3 pm.

I apologize for the redirection, but would everyone let me know their availability on Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup>, please. Legal believes that if we get the public meeting notice out today or early tomorrow, a Tuesday meeting will be sufficient notice.

Thank you, and again...apologies for the change up.

Respectfully,

~E

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**From:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 2:03 PM  
**To:** bphoppe@outlook.com  
**Subject:** Updated elk management plan

Bill,

Please see the link to the updated elk management plan which can be found on the FWP website: [Statewide Elk Management Plan | Montana FWP \(mt.gov\)](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Brian Cebull

## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2024 11:31 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] 2/16 Commission Meeting via Zoom

No problem, sir! Thanks for letting me know. The Zoom link will go out middle of next week.

~E

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2024 11:03 AM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 2/16 Commission Meeting via Zoom

Erik,

Due to a work schedule conflict, I need to participate in the meeting next Friday via Zoom instead of in-person. Please let me know if there are any issues.

Thank you,

Brian

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**From:** Wakeling, Brian <Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 29, 2023 9:51 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org; Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Amemdments to Black Bear

Commissioner:

I left you a voicemail message, but feel free to call me on my office or cell phone. Cell is probably more dependable!  
602-561-3732.

### Brian Wakeling

*Game Management Bureau Chief*  
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**From:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 26, 2023 6:37 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Cc:** Wakeling, Brian <Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Amemdments to Black Bear

Erik,

I would like the Department to weigh in on my amendment to change the Black Bear close statewide to June 15 each year, especially as it relates to the hound chase season? I did not include any language related to hound chase but am open to doing so as to avoid confusion. I would appreciate Department input on this.

Thank you,

Brian



**From:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 26, 2023 10:13 AM  
**To:** [commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org)  
**Cc:** Wakeling, Brian <[Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov](mailto:Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** Amemdments to Black Bear

Good morning, sir,

You had originally submitted amendments to Black Bear Season Setting. It is now coming to you for the February 2024 meeting and I wanted to check with you on the amendments:

Could you let me know if your amendments have changed at all, or if they are ready to go as you originally submitted them? I will get the amendments posted as soon as I hear from you, if you still want to propose the amendments.

Respectfully,

~E

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2024 1:59 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Black Bear Amendments

Received, sir! I have forwarded these to Brian Wakeling and Quentin for review. I will notify you as soon as they are ready to post.

~E

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**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2024 1:51 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Black Bear Amendments

Erik,

Please see the attached amendments to the proposed Black Bear regulations.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Brian

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**From:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2024 7:32 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik; commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: BMU 520

Erik,

I am getting caught up on Commission emails and will get back to you by Tuesday at the latest after I read thru everything.

Thanks,

Brian

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2024 10:15 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org; commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** BMU 520

Good morning, commissioners,

The document we received is excellent information. Could you clarify if what you sent along is the actual amendment language, or if that was sent only to represent rationale?

Sorry for my confusion. I just want to make sure I get it right for you.

Respectfully,

~E

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2023 3:59 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] December Expenses

Received. Thank you, sir!

~Erik Wickman  
Commission Coordinator



Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2023 2:44:58 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] December Expenses

Erik,

Here are my expenses for December 2023:

December 13- Training session (attended virtually)  
December 14- Commission meeting (attended virtually)  
December 19- Region 5 CAC meeting  
Reimbursable mileage for CAC meeting- 25 miles

Thank you,

Brian

## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Eric Christophersen <16mileoutfitting@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 5, 2024 2:57 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** Re: Introduction and Support

Commissioner Cebull-

Thank you so much for your reply on this. I am still trying to learn this whole process, so I apologize if I am jumping the gun on any of this. The black bear proposals getting moved from December to February, has me a little off track on how I had things lined out. I will look forward to seeing the amendments to the regulations that you may have.

Can you offer any insight on the updates you may be making to your original amendments? MOGA is preparing comments based on the amendments that were made for the December meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing the amendment and getting our membership to support your amendments.

Thanks again for your time,

16 Mile Outfitting  
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MT OUT #49011  
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On Jan 5, 2024, at 2:16 PM, <[commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org)> <[commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org)> wrote:

Eric,

Thanks for the email. I spoke with the Department, and we will resubmit any amendments for items moved from the December meeting, including proposed changes to the Black Bear regulations, so they can go thru the public comment process again for the February meeting. I am working on updating my previous amendments so those should be available for public comment shortly, hopefully by next week.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you,

Brian

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**From:** Eric Christophersen <[16mileoutfitting@gmail.com](mailto:16mileoutfitting@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024 5:08 PM  
**To:** [commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org)  
**Subject:** Introduction and Support

Commissioner Cebull-

First and foremost, I wanted to thank you for serving on the FWP commission. What a large task you all have, especially in todays climate and so many varied opinions and ideas. So Thank You for your time on this commission.

My name is Eric Christophersen and I operate 16 Mile Outfitting here in Montana. I have recently been elected to the board of directors of Montana Outfitters and Guides Association. This is a first for me and I am still trying to navigate the role and what is in front of me. I am excited to be in this position and learn more about how things are done in the State involving wildlife, our public lands and the sporting opportunities that are all around us and ever changing.

I am currently trying to learn the commission agenda and how things go through the process. Mac Minard has been steadfast in walking me through things and laying it out for me.

I am working on some language for our membership to use in the comment period for some of the changes that are going to be proposed, regarding the black bear season setting proposals. I understand that you are proposing an amendment to these proposals that would put in place a statewide black bear season closure of June 15th and the "required" submission of 2 teeth for those successful black bear hunters in Region 1. There has been some confusion as to whether that amendment has already been submitted or if it will get submitted after the public comment period for those proposals out now? The feeling is that the amendment was already submitted in December, but everything got pushed to February for the black bear stuff.

I am just trying to form my timeline on all this and am trying to get some language together for our membership to support your amendment.

Thank you for your time on this and your time on the commission.

Thanks,  
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