

## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 5, 2024 7:18 AM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Re: Signature blocks on emails  
**Attachments:** image001.png; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png;  
image006.png; image004.png; image003.png; image002.png; image005.png;  
image001.png; image006.png

Will do, thanks for the heads up.

On Thu, Jan 4, 2024, 4:25 PM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Sir,

We are streamlining signature blocks on commissioner emails. I have already formatted them for each commissioner. Please use this going forward.

Thank you!

~E

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 5:41 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Special Meeting - Friday, January 5th @ 1:00 p.m.

Happy New Year!

On Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 2:06 PM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Thanks for letting me know, sir! HAPPY NEW YEAR! 😊

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <[commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:04 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Cc:** Clerget, Sarah <[sclerget@mt.gov](mailto:sclerget@mt.gov)>; FWP COMMISSIONERS <[FWP\\_COMMISSIONERS@mt.gov](mailto:FWP_COMMISSIONERS@mt.gov)>; Graham, Robin <[rgraham@mt.gov](mailto:rgraham@mt.gov)>; Kujala, Quentin <[gkujala@mt.gov](mailto:gkujala@mt.gov)>; Rechhoff, Kevin <[Kevin.Rechhoff@mt.gov](mailto:Kevin.Rechhoff@mt.gov)>; Wakeling, Brian <[Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov](mailto:Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Special Meeting - Friday, January 5th @ 1:00 p.m.

Sorry I won't be able to make it.

Bill

On Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 1:59 PM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon, commissioners,

Thank you to those who were able to respond so quickly! We have a quorum for this meeting:

Vice Chair Tabor

Commissioner Cebull

Commissioner Burrows

Commissioner Brooke

The meeting is set for Friday, January 5, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. I will send the Zoom link later today.

Additional information will follow shortly. Thank you, everyone!

Respectfully,

~E

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:03 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: \*\*\*Special Meeting Required\*\*\*

We are set for Friday, sir. If you can attend, it's at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:02 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Cc:** Clerget, Sarah <sclerget@mt.gov>; FWP COMMISSIONERS <FWP\_COMMISSIONERS@mt.gov>; Graham, Robin <rgraham@mt.gov>; Kujala, Quentin <qkujala@mt.gov>; Rechkoff, Kevin <Kevin.Rechkoff@mt.gov>; Viereck, Mackenzie <Mackenzie.Viereck@mt.gov>; Wakeling, Brian <Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: \*\*\*Special Meeting Required\*\*\*

I can be available on Thursday.

Bill

On Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 8:01 AM Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good morning, commissioners,

There is a rather urgent need to schedule a special commission review based on the incidental capture of a lynx by bobcat trappers (see page 15 of trapping regs) over the recent holiday weekend.

While the details are different, this review will be similar to the commission review of wolf harvest in WMU 313, and is required by regulations.

Given time for public notice, Thursday would be the earliest but not later than this coming Friday, January 5th. The Vice Chair is 3 hours behind our time due to travel so the meeting will not be scheduled before 1:00 p.m. our time.

I am seeking availability time windows for each of you either Thursday (4<sup>th</sup>) or Friday (5<sup>th</sup>) between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be Zoom only and should not take long.

I have attached the Trapping Regs for ease of reference. You will find the information relevant to this incident on pages 12 through 15.

Once we have a meeting time set, with the required quorum of at least 4 commissioners, I will send out the Zoom link to all involved. Apologies for the late notice, but the incident occurred recently over the holiday weekend.

Please respond with your availability as soon as possible for this special meeting. I will also begin making phone calls after Noon today to assist with scheduling attendance.

Thank you!

~E

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 6:41 AM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Re: Special Meeting this week  
**Attachments:** image003.png; image005.png; image001.png; image004.png; image002.png

Sorry. I cannot make it.

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On Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 2:52 PM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon, commissioners,

So far, I have three commissioners who can attend on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Tabor

Commissioner Cebull

Commissioner Brooke

I just need one more who can attend at that time and we will have a quorum and I can set the meeting.

Thank you!

~E

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 4:26 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Special Meeting

I remembered that too late. Thank you, sir!

~E

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 4:08 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Special Meeting

I am out of the country until Tuesday.

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On Tue, Feb 6, 2024 at 5:32 PM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon, commissioners,



After discussing things with Legal, having the meeting tomorrow is too soon (not enough time for public notice). We are looking at Friday at 2pm now. This meets Legal's recommendations for proper public notice and is still a reasonable time to respond.

Additionally, since we are already at 70% of quota in R2, the review will encompass both Regions 1 and 2. This will also eliminate the need for an additional special meeting just for Region 2.

Please advise of your availability for Friday overall, and if 2pm works for you.

Thank you!

~E

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2024 1:15 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Cc:** FWP COMMISSIONERS; Kujala, Quentin  
**Subject:** Re: Tuesday, January 30th  
**Attachments:** image001.png; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png;  
image003.png; image001.png; image002.png; image004.png; image005.png

I'm available.

On Fri, Jan 26, 2024, 3:17 PM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

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,

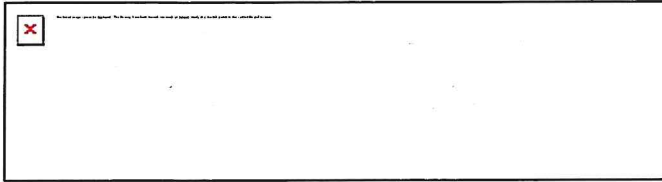
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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 18, 2023 4:31 PM  
**To:** Dorak, Brett  
**Subject:** Re: Upland Game Bird Meeting - R7  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Thanks Brett! I will try to make the meeting!

Bill

On Mon, Dec 18, 2023 at 2:26 PM Dorak, Brett <[Brett.Dorak@mt.gov](mailto:Brett.Dorak@mt.gov)> wrote:

Commissioner Lane,

As you know the upland game bird regulations were pulled from the Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting last week and will be discussed during the February meeting. Part of the process is to have additional public meetings to discuss the Department's proposal (the hunting season dates that were outlined on our website for the December meeting) and discuss survey numbers and hunter harvest associated data. Region 7 will hold the meeting on the evening of Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> in Glendive. Right now we anticipate hosting it at Dawson Community College, but we have not finalized that yet.

I would like to invite you to the meeting if you can attend and will provide the meeting room information once that is finalized. If you have any questions or need anything from me prior to then please let me know.

I hope you have a wonderful day!

-Brett

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**Brett Dorak**

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2024 8:01 PM  
**To:** Anthony VonRuden  
**Subject:** Re: Upland Game Bird Season Setting - Proposed Amendment

Anthony,

Thank you for taking the time to voice your concerns about the proposed amendments. I will take them into consideration as we move forward. This isn't an easy decision to make due to how it affects different people from both the outfitters and the sportsmen.

Once again, thank you.

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On Mon, Jan 22, 2024 at 4:58 PM Anthony VonRuden <[anthonyvonruden@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyvonruden@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello Commissioner William Lane,

I own and operate Montana Upland Outfitters, a hunting based business in Terry Montana. I am reaching out concerning the proposal to move the non-resident start date to September 15th.

I already have my season booked at this point and the rule change would significantly impact my business and our long time clients.

I sympathize with the residents of NE Montana and do believe that we do need to address their concerns. I just don't feel that this proposal is the best way to alleviate the problem, my concern is that it will just consolidate the number of non-resident hunters into a smaller window which will only compound the crowding issue on publicly accessible lands.

The key issue in my opinion isn't the number of hunters but instead how long they are able to hunt. By limiting them to smaller hunt windows you would force them to move on and relieve overhunting any one area.

By shortening the out-of-state season you will be hurting the small businesses in the area that depend on tourism dollars to stay afloat.

Best,  
Anthony

**Anthony VonRuden LLC**

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[www.MontanaUplandOutfitters.com](http://www.MontanaUplandOutfitters.com) [montanauplandoutfitters.com]

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2024 8:15 AM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Meeting  
**Attachments:** image005.png; image004.png; image002.png; image003.png; image001.png

Thank you so much.

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On Mon, Feb 12, 2024 at 9:00 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

No issues here, sir. I will cancel your hotel reservation today.

~E

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <[commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2024 4:33 AM  
**To:** [commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org); Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Meeting

It doesn't look like I will be able to make the Feb. 16 meeting in person. I will, however, plan on attending via zoom. Sorry for the short notice. If this is an issue please let me know.

Thank you.

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <[commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 8:19 AM  
**To:** O'Connor, Erin  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Phone numbers

Will do, thanks!

On Wed, Jan 17, 2024, 8:15 AM O'Connor, Erin <[eoconnor@mt.gov](mailto:eoconnor@mt.gov)> wrote:

Excellent, glad you found it. Let us know if we can help with anything else.

Thanks!

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <[commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 4:53 PM  
**To:** O'Connor, Erin <[eoconnor@mt.gov](mailto:eoconnor@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Phone numbers

Disregard the last message. I just found it again!

Bill

On Tue, Jan 16, 2024, 4:51 PM FWP Commissioner Region 7 <[commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org)> wrote:

Hi Erin,

I'm embarrassed to even ask this, but could you please resend the phone number list to me? I can't seem to find it.

Sorry! Thank you so much.

Bill

## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2024 7:57 PM  
**To:** m-m.mcveigh@netzero.net  
**Subject:** Region 7 Antelope changes

Mr. McVeigh,

I received your letter today in the mail. My apologies for not responding to your original email. We receive a vast amount of emails on a daily basis and unfortunately I am unable to respond to all of them.

Anyhow, I proposed splitting region 7 basically in half for several reasons. 1.) To allow for closer management of the resource, and 2.) To hopefully spread out the hunting pressure.

I know that when this proposal first came out, it appeared like it was a push from MOGA. In all honesty, this was brought to my attention over a year ago from several ranchers and landowners at a Stockgrowers meeting. It, in my opinion, makes sense.

I hope this helps.

Thank you.

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwf.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024 4:54 PM  
**To:** mtskyking@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Region 7 Managers Phone Info for Commission.docx  
**Attachments:** Region 7 Managers Phone Info for Commission.docx

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:38 AM  
**To:** O'Connor, Erin  
**Subject:** Re: Region 7 Phone Contacts  
**Attachments:** image003.png; image001.jpg; image005.png; image006.png; image004.png; image002.png

This is great, thank you!

Bill

On Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 1:13 PM O'Connor, Erin <[eoconnor@mt.gov](mailto:eoconnor@mt.gov)> wrote:

Hi Commissioner Lane,

Attached is a quick list I put together of the Region 7 Managers and their office and cell numbers. If you would like anyone else's contact info, please just let me know.

Hope this helps! Have a great weekend.

**Erin O'Connor**

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**From:** Kujala, Quentin <qkujala@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 3:55 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Proposed Amendment to modify BMU 520  
**Attachments:** cebull\_bmu-520-split-amendment\_final-for-posting-02072024.pdf

Sir –

Has been posted on the website at  
[https://fwp.mt.gov/binaries/content/assets/fwp/commission/2024/february/amendments/cebull\\_bmu-520-split-amendment\\_final-for-posting-02072024.pdf](https://fwp.mt.gov/binaries/content/assets/fwp/commission/2024/february/amendments/cebull_bmu-520-split-amendment_final-for-posting-02072024.pdf)

The PDF is attached.

Regards and thank you.

Q

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 2:49 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>; Kujala, Quentin <qkujala@mt.gov>; Wakeling, Brian <Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Proposed Amendment to modify BMU 520

Gentlemen,

I am just checking in to see where we are at on this proposed amendment? I want to make sure we have time for the public to review and comment prior to the meeting.

Thank you,

Brian

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**Sent:** Friday, February 2, 2024 5:01 PM

**To:** Wickman, Erik <[erik.wickman@mt.gov](mailto:erik.wickman@mt.gov)>; 'Kujala, Quentin' <[gkujala@mt.gov](mailto:gkujala@mt.gov)>; 'Wakeling, Brian' <[Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov](mailto:Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov)>

**Subject:** Proposed Amendment to modify BMU 520

**Importance:** High

Gentlemen,

Please see the attached proposed amendment to create a new BMU within the current BMU 520. I realize we only have 2 weeks until our February Commission meeting, but I expect we'll still get meaningful public comment on this proposal- I look forward to that.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this proposed amendment.

Thank you,

Brian

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**From:** commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org  
**Sent:** Monday, February 5, 2024 10:51 AM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** RE: Region 1 Wolf Harvest Review

I am available Wednesday afternoon before 3 PM. Thanks, Brian

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**Sent:** Monday, February 5, 2024 7:12 AM  
**To:** FWP COMMISSIONERS <FWP\_COMMISSIONERS@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** Region 1 Wolf Harvest Review  
**Importance:** High

Good morning, commissioners,

Over the weekend, Region 1 passed the 75% level for wolf harvest quota. As you know, the rule you created last year requires a special meeting to review that wolf harvest, just as we did with WMU 313 in December and Region 3 last week.

Please indicate your availability for a special meeting this coming Wednesday or Thursday afternoon via Zoom.

Respectfully,

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**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Cc:** Clerget, Sarah; FWP COMMISSIONERS; Graham, Robin; Kujala, Quentin; Rechkoff, Kevin; Viereck, Mackenzie; Wakeling, Brian  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: \*\*\*Special Meeting Required\*\*\*

I can be available on Thursday.

Bill

On Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 8:01 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Good morning, commissioners,

There is a rather urgent need to schedule a special commission review based on the incidental capture of a lynx by bobcat trappers (see page 15 of trapping regs) over the recent holiday weekend.

While the details are different, this review will be similar to the commission review of wolf harvest in WMU 313, and is required by regulations.

Given time for public notice, Thursday would be the earliest but not later than this coming Friday, January 5th. The Vice Chair is 3 hours behind our time due to travel so the meeting will not be scheduled before 1:00 p.m. our time.

I am seeking availability time windows for each of you either Thursday (4<sup>th</sup>) or Friday (5<sup>th</sup>) between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be Zoom only and should not take long.

I have attached the Trapping Regs for ease of reference. You will find the information relevant to this incident on pages 12 through 15.

Once we have a meeting time set, with the required quorum of at least 4 commissioners, I will send out the Zoom link to all involved. Apologies for the late notice, but the incident occurred recently over the holiday weekend.



Please respond with your availability as soon as possible for this special meeting. I will also begin making phone calls after Noon today to assist with scheduling attendance.

Thank you!

~E

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