

**FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date: December 10, 2018**

**Agenda Item: In appreciation of contributions to wildlife conservation (Janet Ellis)**

**Division: Wildlife**

**Action Needed: Informational**

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Minutes**

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**Background:**

Janet Ellis recently retired after almost 3 decades with Montana Audubon. Janet has been a tireless advocate for wildlife and habitat conservation in Montana. Highlights from her career include: advocating for the Nongame Wildlife Tax Check-off, protection against the commercialization of wildlife, recommendations to conserve wetland and riparian habitats, advocating for wildlife in wind energy siting decisions and subdivision regulations, support for the Montana Bird Conservation Partnership, the Exotic Species Classification and Review Committee, and participation on the Greater Sage-grouse Habitat Conservation Advisory Council.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:**

N/A

**Alternatives and Analysis:**

N/A

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale:**

MFWP and the Wildlife Division would like to take the opportunity to recognize Janet's many contributions to wildlife conservation. Janet has vigorously supported MFWP's mission, and at times, we were also challenged to highlight less visible wildlife and habitats. Her conservation efforts are legendary, and we are grateful for her enduring legacy.

**Proposed Motion** (Draft language the commission could use to adopt the agency recommendation):

Present Janet Ellis with a framed photo with inscription:

*Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks*

*Presented to*

*Janet Ellis*

*December 2018*

*In appreciation for outstanding contributions to wildlife and habitat conservation*