Public Comments Mt Haggin WMA Grassy Mountain Addition

Mon 12/9/2019 7:07 AM

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Public Comment: Grassy Mountain Addition to Mt. Haggin WMA Fee Title Acquisition EA

To Boccadori, Vanna

You replied to this message on 12/10/2019 9:34 AM.

Dear Fish Wildlife & Parks Commission,
I support Alternative B the Proposed Action. The FWP should purchase in fee title the proposed addition to Mt. Haggin WMA, the price is fair and it will make a great addition to the WMA.
Thank You Bert Otis

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Sun 12/8/2019 9:45 AM

B

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Public Comment: Grassy Mountain Addition to Mt. Haggin WMA Fee Title Acquisition EA

To Boccadori, Vanna

You replied to this message on 12/10/2019 9:26 AM.

After reading the report re: Grassy Mt. Addition, I concur with its findings and agree that this acquisition be completed as proposed.

Great Job!
Cliff

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Tue 12/3/2019 3:35 PM

J

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[EXTERNAL] RE: Grassy Mtn Addition comments

To Boccadori, Vanna

You replied to this message on 12/5/2019 12:43 PM.
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FWP- THIS LOOKS LIKE A GRAT OPPORTUNITY OR ALL SPORTSMEN AND SHOULD BE ACTED ON. THIS ADDITON TO MT. HAGGIN IS AN AREA CLOSE TO HOME FOR MANY OF US AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THE AREA ONE OF THE MOST FAMILY FRIENDLY LOCATIONS TO RECREATE. JOE F. MALONEY

Wed 12/4/2019 1:29 PM

SF

scot franklin <scot_franklin@hotmail.com>

[EXTERNAL] grassy mtn

To Boccadori, Vanna

You replied to this message on 12/5/2019 12:45 PM.

I am in favor of FWP acquiring the 244-acre Grassy Mountain parcel. The more public land the better.

- Scot Franklin, Butteamerica

Wed 12/4/2019 4:10 PM

TB

Tom Bowler <mttompb@charter.net>

[EXTERNAL] EA Comment

To Boccadori, Vanna

You replied to this message on 12/5/2019 12:51 PM.

Hello,

I wish to express my enthusiastic support for the Grassy mountain land acquisition proposal associated with the Mt Haggin WMA.

This remarkably fortuitous opportunity to both expand the WMA for the public and make the recent acquisition of adjacent lands more robust for wildlife and fisheries is an opportunity that simply should not be missed. Though the primary driver for the purchase appears to be big game habitat and hunting access — the location of Oregon Creek on the property would seem to be an amazing addition to the enhancement of the native trout fishery project and public access to that awesomely unique resource that is unfolding. The lay of the stream through the area looks to open up a significantly greater stretch of stream for improvements to the WMA fishery along with future public access to enjoy that effort. The fisheries work taking place in the drainage has the potential to alleviate a tremendous burden on the Big Hole River system with respect to the Grayling issues and huge loss of historic range for Westslope Cutthroat trout and it would be black mark on all of us to pass on an opening to aid those species on public lands.

The expansion also allows for a larger area of contiguous land without fencing to facilitate wildlife movements. Hopefully, if the land can be included in the WMA, any new perimeter fencing will be constructed to a wildlife friendly standard.

The habitat value of this parcel along with the relatively easy access to public use, and prospect of increasing the power of ongoing upgrades to the WMA are invaluable compared to the prospect of seeing the land chopped up for a subdivision. I cannot help but feel that these two hundred and some acres will have a butterfly effect on the overall ecology of the wild lands of the area near and far.

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Martin Balukas
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RE: Grassy Mountain Addition

Dear Mr. Balukas:

The Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission would like to express its support for the Grassy Mountain Addition to the Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area. The purchase will benefit the people and wildlife of the area. It will protect habitat and provide recreational opportunities for future generations as well as enhanced public access to the existing Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area.

Respectfully,

Terry Vermeire
Commission Chair

Kevin Hart
Commission Vice-Chair

Steve Gates
Commissioner

Paul Smith
Commissioner

Mike Huotte
Commissioner

To Vanna Boccadori

Subject: Grassy mtn. addition

I'm speaking on behalf of the Anaconda Sportsmen club as Vice President. We are in total support of this 244 acre aqusition to the Mt. Haggin W.M.A.

It compliments the newly aquired Schmeller property addition next to it. This gives the public access to an area that is currantly enjoyed by only a few from private property. This property is becomming more and more part of the elk migration path. There are whitetale deer here and many elk. There are Riparian areas there which moose use. Also there are bear and many small wildlife on this property.

Development on this property would ruin the peacefulness and move wildlife off of it.

Therefore we the A.S.C. strongly urge the F.W.P. to aquire this property.

Dave Stone
Vice President +
Board Member.

December 21, 2019

Jefferson Valley Sportsman's Association
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To: FWP Butte Area Wildlife Biologist

The Jefferson Valley Sportsman's Association supports the proposed Grassy Mountain Addition to the Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area. The addition would secure corridors for big game and other wildlife migration. It has diverse habitats including fishery and other water associated values. We have seen the development of the I-90 corridor and believe that this proposal is timely and prudent.

If you have questions or seek further input, please contact me at 406-490-1551.

Sincerely,

/s/DON DRAKE

President

MONTANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Protecting Montana's wildlife, land, waters and hunting & fishing heritage for future generations.

Dec 16, 2019

Vanna Boccadori
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Region 3
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Attn: Grassy Mtn Addition

Dear Ms. Boccadori,

The Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF) is our state's oldest and largest state-based wildlife conservation organization. We were formed in 1936 when hunters joined landowners to restore depleted wildlife in Montana, and for 83 years we have worked on key issues affecting wildlife, habitat, and access.

MWF is strongly supportive of the proposed purchase of approximately 244 acres of private land adjacent to the Mt. Haggin Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Deer Lodge County by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) and the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). This location is an important migration pathway for mule deer and elk that connects their wintering range with calving and fawning grounds. Additionally, this habitat supports calving and fawning within the WMA, as well as providing security for elk in the fall. Other non-game and game species such as moose, black bear, sandhill crane, and many species of songbird can be found in this area.

This location also has potential fisheries values as it borders Oregon Creek. FWP plans to reintroduce native westslope cutthroat trout as well as arctic grayling as soon as 2020. These plans, as well as the recreational potential presented through hunting and fishing, make this addition an exemplary conservation effort by FWP and RMEF.

MWF considers this an excellent use of Habitat Montana funds and commends the Department for preserving this land. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and voice our support of this project.

Sincerely,

Dave Chadwick
Executive Director

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Richard Miller
519 Hickory St.
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November 1, 2019

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Dept. to purchase the 244 acre Grassy Mountain Addition from James and Connie Haddox. This is an extremely attractive addition to the Mt. Haggin WMA. The property provides for a large diversity of wildlife such as elk, deer, bear and moose. It also offers exceptional recreational opportunities to the public such as hiking, photography, hunting, and x-country skiing.

The access by being close to the Mill Creek Highway, allows more of the general public to enjoy this area. It is user friendly for family and individual outings as the terrain is not overly rugged. The proximity and access to Oregon Creek is an additional positive feature.

I believe the ~~acquiti~~ acquistion of this land by Fish, Wildlife and Parks will make Deer Lodge County more of an attraction to outdoor recreationists. The general public will also have more opportunity to enjoy an outdoor experience.

This as a fortunate chance to acquire a real beautiful parcel of land that benefits both wildlife and the public. Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Sincerely,
Richard Miller
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Southwestern Wildlands Chapter ~ Montana Wilderness Assn. ~ PO Box 142; Butte, MT 59703

Vanna Boccadori, Biologist
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29 December 2019

Dear Vanna,

On behalf of the 140 members of the Southwestern Wildlands Chapter of the Montana Wilderness Association, I would like to share our full support in favor of the Grassy Mountain Addition to the Mount Haggin Game Range. Our membership is made up of a multitude of recreational users, including hikers, cross country skiers, hunters, and horsemen, all of whom would enjoy this addition.

Any roadless and/or non-motorized acres will benefit the diverse habitat that supports the large and small wildlife that thrive in this landscape. This addition would benefit conservation, the local economy, and create new opportunities for Montanans to enjoy spectacular recreation in this wild landscape. Due to this addition's close proximity to the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness, the USFS recommended additions to the Wilderness, the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, and the many sections of surrounding USFS public lands, it makes good sense and good public policy for this proposal to move forward. We stand in full support of this proposed addition. If we may be of further assistance in making this happen, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Frances Galvin

Frances Galvin . President
Southwestern Wildlands Chapter
Montana Wilderness Association