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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission Meeting
FWP Headquarters – 1420 East 6th Avenue
Helena, MT

DECEMBER 9, 2010

Commission Members Present: Bob Ream, Chairman; Dan Vermillion, Vic-Chairman; Willie Doll; Ron Moody.

Fish, Wildlife & Parks Staff Present: Joe Maurier, Director, and FWP Staff.

Guests: See December 9, 2010 Commission file folder for names of who signed in.

Topics of Discussion:

1. **Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2010 Commission Meeting**
3. **Approval of Commission Expenses through November, 2010**
4. **Commission Reports**
5. **Director's Report**
6. **Yellowstone River State Park Campground Development Appeal**
7. **Milltown Land Acquisition – Final**
8. **Largent's Bend FAS Land Disposal/Transfer – Endorsement**
9. **Non-Resident Big Game Combination License Rule – Final**
10. **LaMarche Creek 10-Year Water Rights Lease - Final**
11. **2011 Spring Turkey Quotas – Proposed**
12. **Four-year Waiting Period for Some Either Sex Elk Permits – Proposed**
13. **Close Bighorn Sheep HD213 – Proposed**
14. **Limited Either Sex Elk Permits in HD250 – Proposed**
15. **All Party Applications Available for up to Five Persons – Proposed**
16. **License and Permit Application Dates – Proposed**
17. **City of Helena Urban Deer Update and 2010/2011 Proposed Take – Proposed**
18. **Bighorn Sheep Die-off Response Summary – Informational**
19. **Recap of 2010 Hunting Season – Informational**
20. **Open Microphone – Public Opportunity to Address Additional FWP Issues**

1. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Bob Ream called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2010.
Action: Doll moved and Moody seconded the motion to approve the November 18, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the November, 2010 Commission Expense Report.
Action: Vermillion moved and Doll seconded the motion to approve the expense report as presented. Motion carried.

4. Commission Reports.
Doll said his district has been cold and snowy. Ice fishing has picked up. The McNeil Slough project and the project under the Fred Robinson Bridge have not been completed. The new hatchery manager is well liked.
Ream said there has been a lot of snow in his district for elk hunting. Wardens did an outstanding job, and he commended the wardens who likely prevented the murder of a woman.
Vermillion said the weather brought a lot of elk down from the mountains, which brought on a series of bad hunter behavior, including shooting into herds of elk. The wardens worked hard. Good editorials were published that spoke to the problems of people doing non-intelligent things with rifles. Harvest was heavy. Kurt Alt is retiring after more than 30 years with FWP, and he will be greatly missed. He has been an asset and great to work with.
Moody has attended meeting of some sportsmen's groups, and he has been requested to address the issue of the resident big game license packages costing $7 more than all the components individually. That money goes to Habitat Montana fund.

5. Director's Report. Director Maurier said he has been busy conversing with legislators addressing questions and potential proposals. Bills are posted on the Internet. Elk archery and the increased fees for block management participation has come up for discussion and might reduce the number of enrollees. I161 has created a lot of discussion. He is to give an overview of the Department's budget to the committees and to the budget subcommittee to prioritize funding and programs. As FWP does not receive general fund money, the Department may not be impacted as much as other agencies are. He has been involved in several meetings and conference calls regarding wolves. He thanked staff for their hard work. He will meet with EQC on December 17 to talk about wolves and how FWP spends money, among other things.

6. Yellowstone River State Park Campground Development Appeal. Chas VanGenderen, FWP Parks Division Administrator, presented the proposal and introduced Bob Lane, FWP Legal Counsel, who outlined the appeal process.
Lane stated that development of campgrounds and fishing access sites require that a MEPA process be conducted. Part of that process involves a public comment period. Dissatisfied persons can file an appeal to the Region, then to the FWP Director, and then to the Commission, who makes the final decision. Appellants are provided an opportunity to speak at the Commission meeting on the issues of concern, followed by anyone from the general public who also wishes to address the issues brought up by the appellants. The Commission is not required to make an immediate decision, but must take it under advisement for a later decision.

VanGenderen stated that the appeal of campground development at YRS Park is at the third level of appeal by the five appellants. FWP is working with Yellowstone County on this. He noted that it is not the same as a housing development.

Vermillion stated that the Yellowstone County Commissioners could deny permission for FWP to develop a campground.

Chairman Ream asked for comment from appellants.

John Shelhamer, local rancher, said they went through the comment process in 2007. At that time, he, and others, asked that an Environmental Impact Statement be conducted, but they were told that there would not be a change of use of the property, so an Environmental Assessment would suffice. They asked again for an Environmental Impact Statement since this 24/7 trailer campground is a substantial change of use of the property. In 2007 when they asked for an inventory of wildlife to assess the numbers and see what the impact would be on the property, they received a "vanilla-coated report" written by an author who had never even been on the property. They also asked for a detailed fire protection program as there is only one exit from this facility. They believe there should be 24/7 staffing of the property with fire protection equipment on site.

Guy Raidiger hopes the Commission takes this additional testimony and the written appeals into consideration before making a final decision. He is a concerned sportsman who has appeared at three meetings and has written three letters appealing development of this campground. He feels FWP keeps dragging the process out so the appellants will get tired and give up, and that it probably is a waste of time to come before the Department to speak, because FWP is pushing this project forward with complete disregard for the surrounding neighbors and public. He originally supported acquisition of this property for use as a WMA, as that was how it was presented. This campground will run the animals off the property, and all the vehicles will ruin the WMA. In speaking with wardens they have said a campground is not conducive to a WMA. Birds will be displaced from the area. He asked why testimony is being ignored. The only improvements to the property have been to meet requirements for the campground. How is it justified to spend millions of dollars to put a road into this area? There will be no control of public behavior. This campground should be located south of the Yellowstone River near Pompey's Pillar. If this project is for FWP to realize income, this is a poor decision. He asked the Commission to visit the site and to visit with the neighbors. Support the sportsmen and support the neighbors; do not support this project.

Tony Brilz said initially this was proposed as a WMA to protect the animals and to access land. Originally, they were told there would be little or no impact to this area, but that is false as there would be a tremendous impact. Travel and dust would be terrible. FWP promised that fencing would be a priority, but that has not been done. He urged the Commission to look at the area. A campground there is not reasonable. FWP is making this a "my way or the highway" situation.

Annie Rowe, rancher, has land bordering the Circle R on three sides. The county road is the historic Bozeman Trail, and runs through their pastures and near their home. FWP wants to pave the Bozeman Trail, which will increase traffic. There are two blind curves on the road, and it is an open range area. Last year three of their cows were crippled due to vehicles. Fire is a major concern, and FWP's fire plan is the local fire department. FWP is in violation of the Good Neighbor Plan. FWP does not have a great deal of support for this project but it is still going forward. They are also concerned about the lack of privacy and security. Habitat will be negatively impacted.

Bill Rowe, rancher, said he attended the meetings in 2006 regarding this acquisition, and at that time the proposal was represented as a WMA with some primitive campsites. He is very concerned about the road because it passes close to his house; there will be increased traffic, including tour buses, and weeds and dust. There are areas of flood concerns. They cannot continue their ranching methods with development of a campground. They have water rights, which will be disturbed if the road is constructed. They have wells in the area for their cows. Their privacy will be impacted.

Robert Smyth, sportsman, said he works, hunts, and fights fires in this area. He said FWP has not stood behind what they initially said they would do when they bought the Circle R Ranch. The EA was adamant about saving the riparian area. He said it must be FWPs way to save riparian by installing a trailer park. Spending a huge amount of sportsmen's money to pave the road and develop a trailer park is ridiculous. FWP should figure out if this is really the correct spot for the park.

David Otts, sportsman, stated that these people (appellants) have one thing in common – they feel they have been subjected to a "bait and switch" tactic. These people are unanimous in opposing this campground. They accepted the idea of the WMA, but they oppose developing a campground. This side of the Yellowstone River is a natural wildlife preserve from Cabin Creek Ranch to the Waco Diversion Dam. It is a natural riparian area. Putting a campground in the middle of a riparian area is fundamentally wrong. He asked the Commission to consider placing the campground near Pompey's Pillar instead - put the campground where it would best serve the public. He and the others are baffled that this project keeps marching forward in spite of the opposition. Don't do anything that can't be undone.

Michael Bullock, Pheasants Forever, stated that they "have poured a lot of money onto the Circle R". They chose this spot because it is secluded and has a lot of cover and riparian habitat. They have put in food plots. It is great for pheasant habitat, and they have worked with FWP on improving it. Putting a campground there where will displace the pheasants. The year-round pressure of traffic, people, dogs, etc will push the birds out. They feel it is not an appropriate location for a campground. There are other areas on the south side of the river suitable for a campground that are being dismissed. They have not seen a significant group of people in favor of this campground. They worked hard to get the donations for what they have put into this.

Kirk Marzolf, area resident who lives near the Circle R Ranch, said a campground cannot be developed there without impacting the habitat and the land. There are access issues, wildlife concerns, pheasant concerns, fire concerns, and a lack of adhering to the Good Neighbor Policy by FWP. Is this a good decision for a campground? No. He questioned why FWP continues to go forward with this proposal when there is no support from the county, the landowners, or the sportsmen. There are better options where the public would be better served. A campground at the rock would provide better access, a visitor center and a boat launch. FWP made a commitment to the sportsmen when they proposed the WMA there. Now the Department is talking about an investment rather than stewardship.

John Gibson, Public Land and Water Association, said that in the beginning they supported the acquisition of the property for a WMA. He would not put a campground there. A main worry is who is paying for the expensive road. He pays taxes and licenses and hopes that the major portion of the road costs would be on the Parks Service and not on license fees.
Irv Wilke, Billings Rod & Gun Club President, said that Gary Hammond solicited their support for the acquisition as a WMA, not as a campground. He said a letter signed by many people had been sent to the Yellowstone County Commissioners, to FWP Region 5, to Director Maurier, and to the Montana Wildlife Federation expressing opposition to the campground development. The Club hopes the decision to develop will be reversed, and the campground will be put in an appropriate location, but not on the Circle R. From now on the Club will think twice about endorsing any of FWP's proposals.

Mike Penfold said he supports the campground. A campground is needed near Pompey's Pillar. This site is gorgeous, and would be a destination park. A lot more people will be floating the river, and this would be a great place to camp. He has never seen a fire come out of a campground. It has a single access through a gate, but most ranches only have a single access road anyway. Dogs can be walked there. The impact won't be that great. The road should be a gravel road because asphalt roads need to be used twelve months a year. The campground does mean a change in the neighborhood, but he doesn't feel it would be that big of a change. Campers enjoy the state parks.

VanGenderen stated that this is indeed a change in use. He said no hunting and angling monies will be used for this project, and they also are in compliance with the Good Neighbor Policy. This project went before the legislature, who identified the funding source. They are working actively on the road issue with Yellowstone County, and are concerned about dust control. Back country camping is closed when there is a fire danger. Dogs must be on leashes, and staff enforces those regulations, so pheasants won't be impacted.

Doug Haberman, FWP Region 5 Parks Manager, stated that the valley is developed in several areas, but he is not aware of any developments on the north side of the River. This road would cross the Rowe's property.

Vermillion asked if there is river access from this park, to which VanGenderen replied it is walk-in.

Vermillion asked where the public meetings had been held.

Haberman stated that public meetings had been held at the Billings FWP Office during the acquisition and development phase. Staff had also met with neighbors.

Vermillion asked if the concerns about irrigation, crippled cattle, and the access road would be addressed.

Haberman said road issues are a part of the discussion and subdivision review with Yellowstone County. The plan is to widen the road and straighten the blind curves. It is open range so cattle can and may be on the road. There is a consideration to erect fencing. Irrigation issues would be a challenge. He said the County cannot deny the development, but they can put stipulations on it. The road is a dedicated county road.

Moody stated that the appellant's comments assert that the public supported the proposal only as a WMA during the acquisition phase; that they were not made aware that it was for construction of a developed campground.

Haberman said it was a joint process between the Parks Division and the Wildlife Division. It was mentioned that a campground would be part of the process. The management plan was revised for a campground. The final decision notice stated that a campground would be developed. The agency felt it would be a good move.

Moody said good people are saying they were "baited and switched" and he can understand how they could feel that way. They supported acquisition of the property for a WMA for the benefit of wildlife, and now they are looking at an entirely different use. Was that change legitimate under the rules of MEPA?

VanGenderen said he cannot take responsibility for what folks perceive. Thirty-five campsites will not create a significant impact. The site was purchased for all Montanans, and for guests, and for economic purposes.

Moody said he and Commissioner Colton toured the site in November. His opinion is that the design of the campground is good, but he did not come away with a settled position in his mind that a campground should be located there at all. Concerns expressed by the public and by hunters state that this is fundamentally incompatible to protecting wildlife management. Perhaps the purchase might not have been a good idea in the beginning.

Vermillion stated that the testimony is compelling. He wants to visit the site, and he also wants Commissioner Colton involved in the decision, so he feels this decision should be postponed.

Action: Vermillion moved to postpone the decision on YRSP until the January Commission meeting.

Doll suggested that *all* of the Commissioners, as well as FWP staff, should visit the site as a group. He suggested postponing the decision until spring so roads are clear and there is time enough for a tour.

Moody supports postponement, but felt there should be a finite date to do so, such as no later than the April meeting.

Vermillion wished to do it sooner, and requested that the Department put together a good map of the park sot the Commissioners can get a better sense of what it consists of.

Action: Vermillion moved to amend the motion to postpone the decision to the February meeting.

Moody said he would not support the motion to postpone until February. The Commission needs to take time, weigh it out, and make the right decision. He asked that staff present a "Plan B" for locating a campground off of this property.

Action: Ream seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Action: Moody moved and Doll seconded the motion to defer the decision on YRSP to no later than the March Commission meeting. Motion carried.

7. Milltown Land Acquisition – Final. Chas VanGenderen, FWP Parks Division Administrator, explained that FWP proposes to purchase 180 acres near Bonner, fee title, from The Nature Conservancy. The property is divided into four parcels. This Milltown Park proposal is a multi-year project to redevelop and restore the Milltown Dam and Reservoir area at the confluence of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot Rivers. Funds are to be provided by the Natural Resource Damage Program. The parcels are as follows:

- Parcel #1, locally known as Bonner Hill, is east of the Bonner School and is approximately 102 acres; FWP would transfer title to the 102-acre Bonner Hill parcel (Parcel 1) to the Bonner School District.
- Parcel #2 is just north of Bonner, north of the Blackfoot River across from the former Stimson Lumber Company Mill and is approximately 47 acres.
- Parcel #3 is west of Milltown, near the Milltown Dam overlook near the Clark Fork River and is approximately 19 acres.
- Parcel #4 is just northeast of Parcel 1, straddling Montana Highway 200, and south of the Blackfoot River and is approximately 11 acres.

Action: Vermillion moved and Doll seconded the motion that the Department proceed with the TNC land acquisitions at the Milltown site utilizing the Natural Resource Damage Program funding source. Motion carried.

8. Largent's Bend FAS Land Disposal/Transfer – Endorsement. Chas VanGenderen, FWP Parks Division Administrator, explained that in December of 2008, FWP closed on the purchase of the 164-acre fishing access site along the Sun River, west of Vaughn. Initially, the acquisition was to encompass 134 acres, but in a last minute attempt to prevent future gravel mining on the adjacent property, the acquisition was amended to include an additional 30 acres. FWP inadvertently took ownership of sewage lagoons that were located on the added acreage. FWP proposes to look into a means of disposal of this parcel, as it is not a facility FWP wants responsibility for. DEQ representatives informed FWP that although the lagoons are on FWP property, the homeowners are responsible for compliance with DEQ regulations, not FWP. The Department would like to dispose of the property to the homeowners association. There have been no formal discussions with the homeowners association, but they are aware of FWP's desire to dispose of this tract.

Action: Vermillion moved and Moody seconded the motion to initiate the process of disposing of the parcel of property at the Largent Bend FAS that contains the sewage lagoons and associated land. Motion carried.

9. Non-Resident Big Game Combination License Rule – Final. Sue Daly, FWP Finance Division Administrator, stated that this rule reflects the changes made to Title 87 of the MCA as a result of the passage of I161. The Initiative abolishes the Nonresident Variable Priced Outfitter Sponsored licenses, moves their quota to the General drawing category, and increases the General Nonresident Combination license fees. Since this will become law on March 1, 2011, the Commission has no action to take on these issues. However, the Commission has the authority to set the fee for the B-10 Elk Combination license. In the past, the B-10 Elk Combination license fee was set $50 less than the B-10 General Big Game Combination license; the B-10 Outfitter Sponsored Elk Combination license was usually set at $100 less than the B-10 Outfitter Sponsored Big Game Combination licenses. Since the fees for Nonresident Combination license have increased, and in order to keep a consistent margin between the B-10 Elk Combination license and the Big Game

Combination license, FWP recommends a $100 differential between the two license types. The proposed Annual Rule reflects a B-10 Elk Combination license fee of $812, which is $100 less than the statutory price of $912.
Action: Vermillion moved and Moody seconded the motion to adopt the 2011 Annual Rule for the Sale of Nonresident Combination Licenses as proposed. Motion carried.

10. LaMarche Creek 10-Year Water Rights Lease - Final. Bruce Rich, FWP Fisheries Division Bureau Chief, explained that LaMarche Creek is a tributary, critical to Arctic grayling, that enters into the Big Hole River west of Wise River. LaMarche Creek Ranch has agreed to allow FWP to pursue a "change of use" from irrigation to instream flow, and have agreed to cease irrigation from the creek and limit irrigation to provide instream flow to benefit the fishery through October, 2020. LaMarche Creek Ranch will receive no monetary compensation for the water lease. Because the water right is the most senior in priority on the stream, it will help protect instream flows during water shortages. DNRC will complete an Environmental Assessment and provide an opportunity for other water users to comment.

Action: Vermillion moved and Moody seconded the motion to approve the Water Right Lease Agreement with LaMarche Creek Ranch and authorize FWP to file the associated water right change with DNRC. Motion carried.

11. 2011 Spring Turkey Quotas – Proposed. Quentin Kujala, FWP Wildlife Management Section Chief, explained that there are no recommended changes from the 2010 quotas and limits.

Action: Vermillion moved and Doll seconded the motion to adopt the proposed 2011 Spring Turkey quotas and limits as presented by FWP. Motion carried.

12. Four-year Waiting Period for Some Either Sex Elk Permits – Proposed. Quentin Kujala, FWP Wildlife Management Section Chief, explained that FWP proposes to implement a four-year waiting period on "either sex" elk permits. The permits would include limited entry antlered/brow-tined/either sex elk permits with drawing odds of 10 percent or less. The odds would be based on first choice resident and nonresident applicants from the previous year's application/drawing results. If an applicant receives <u>any</u> either sex elk permit that had a drawing success rate of 10 percent or less the previous year, that hunter must wait four years before applying for <u>any</u> either sex elk permit with a 10 percent or less drawing success rate based upon the previous year's drawing results. (For instance, any applicant receiving one of these either sex elk permits in 2011 would not be eligible to apply for any other either sex elk permit with a drawing success rate of 10 percent or less until 2016). The list of specific permits with drawing odds of 10 percent or less would be updated annually and may change annually based upon the previous year's drawing results.

Currently available antlered/brow-tined/either sex elk permits that fall into this category based upon the 2010 drawing are: 282-20, 283-20, 310-20, 339-20, 380-20, 401-20, 410-20, 426-20, 441-20, 447-20, 500-20, 502-20, 620-20, 621-20, 622-20, 631-20, 632-20, 690-20, 690-21. Any person receiving one of these elk permits in 2011 would have to "wait" four years before applying for any either sex elk permit that has drawing odds of 10 percent or less based on the previous year's drawing results. The proposed waiting period applies to the person, not the land. A landowner who qualifies for landowner preference would not be exempted from the proposed four-year waiting period. The land, however, would remain eligible for use every year of the wait period for the landowner's designee who has not drawn one of these permits in any of the previous four years.

For each or any year of the waiting period, a qualifying landowner may secure an either sex elk permit valid only on his/her deeded land via a hunting access contract as defined by "HB 454 access agreements". This option—already available for implementation—requires FWP Commission approval to allocate a permit to a landowner in exchange for agreed-to public elk hunting access.

Action: Moody moved and Vermillion seconded the motion to adopt the proposed four-year waiting period for some elk permits as presented by FWP.
Vermillion stated that the Department has been down this road before, and landowner issues arise. HB454 is being emphasized, which will help. He suggested an aggressive outreach to landowners for HB454.

Moody stated that PLPW has held discussions on why HB454 is not working. HB454 may be missing something that landowners do not like. He will make this a high priority at the next PLPW meeting.

Doll said we should bend over backwards to work with landowners, as they provide a great deal of dollar value to sportsmen, through wildlife forage, maintaining fences etc. He said to leave the landowners out of this.

Dave Risley, FWP Fish & Wildlife Division Administrator, said this is essentially a HD380 issue.

Vermillion agreed that it is predominantly a HD380 Elkhorn Mountains issue. He attended a meeting where this issue came up, and the folks were talking specifically about the Elkhorn HD380 area. He said not to antagonize landowners. Perhaps if this is truly a HD380 issue, the proposal should be refined. It is premature to act on this proposal now. He suggested tabling this for a month.

Action on Motion: Moody withdrew his motion.

Action: Vermillion moved and Moody seconded the motion to table action on the Four-year Waiting Period for Some Either Sex Elk Permits until the January, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

13. Close Bighorn Sheep HD213 – Proposed. Quentin Kujala, FWP Wildlife Management Section Chief, explained that Bighorn Sheep in Hunting District 213 near Anaconda have recently suffered significant mortality related to a disease/die-off event that included some agency culling. FWP proposes to close HD 213 until such time as population recovery is sufficient to maintain biological viability and reasonable hunter opportunity.

Action: Vermillion moved and Moody seconded the motion to adopt the proposed bighorn sheep hunting district 213 closure as presented by FWP. Motion carried.

14. Limited Either Sex Elk Permits in HD250 – Proposed. Quentin Kujala, FWP Wildlife Management Section Chief, explained that the elk population in HD 250 has experienced a significant decline. The Commission adjusted the elk management plan in accordance with this proposed change to limited permits. The proposal is to require a permit to hunt bull elk in Hunting District (HD) 250, the West Fork of the Bitterroot. Permit-only hunting for bulls would apply to the archery-only as well as the general rifle season. The permit quota would be set for 25 permits for the 2011 season, with a quota range of 10-100. This is consistent with the wolf 10j proposal recently approved by the FWP Commission and submitted to the USFWS.

Action: Vermillion moved and Ream seconded the motion to adopt the proposed season adjustment in elk HD 250 as presented by FWP. Motion carried.

15. All Party Applications Available for up to Five Persons – Proposed. Quentin Kujala, FWP Wildlife Management Section Chief, explained that FWP proposes to implement party applications for up to five persons for all deer, elk and antelope license and permit applications, for residents and nonresidents alike. This would create a consistent number of applicants for all party applications, as a party application is only entered once into any drawing. If one bid is successful, all applicants of the party are successful. The difference between four and five persons has been a source of heated contention with nonresidents.

Action: Vermillion moved and Doll seconded the motion to adopt the proposed party application size of five persons as presented by FWP. Motion carried.

16. License and Permit Application Dates – Proposed. Quentin Kujala, FWP Wildlife Management Section Chief, explained that FWP proposes to change the application deadline for all resident and nonresident antlered/brow-tined/either sex elk & deer permits from June 1 to March 15 to coincide with current nonresident license drawing deadline. If adopted this change would be available for the 2012 hunting season application process. There is no change proposed to the 10 percent nonresident allocation process.

Action: Vermillion moved and it was seconded to adopt the proposed antlered/brow-tined/either sex elk & deer permit application deadline adjustment as presented by FWP. Motion carried.

17. City of Helena Urban Deer Update and 2010/2011 Proposed Take – Proposed. Quentin Kujala, FWP Wildlife Management Section Chief, stated that the City of Helena is requesting a take of 25 any deer, beginning right away and ending no later than the end of March.

Ron Alles, Helena City Manager, said he appreciates FWPs support. Citizen complaints have gone down. They propose the take of 25 head of deer.

Action: Vermillion moved and it was seconded to adopt the proposed take of urban deer by the City of Helena as presented by City staff and FWP.

Action: Ream moved a substitute motion for a quota range from 25 to 50 head. Vermillion seconded the motion. Motion carried.

18. Bighorn Sheep Die-off Response Summary – Informational. Mike Thompson, FWP Region 2 Wildlife Manager, and Jennifer Ramsey, FWP Wildlife Veterinarian, narrated power point presentations describing threats to sheep, status of sheep, data and statistics.

19. Recap of 2010 Hunting Season – Informational. Quentin Kujala, FWP Wildlife Management Section Chief, stated that check station provided data as the season progressed. Harvest surveys are being conducted now. The season began with a mild start and then the wintery conditions closed some opportunities down. The Saturday opener was received positively, and the youth day seems to have been accepted.

20. Open Microphone – Public Opportunity to Address FWP Issues Not on Agenda. There were no comments.

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Action: Moody moved and Doll seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.
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Bob Ream, Chairman

Joe Maurier, Director