

**FWP TRACKING SUMMARY**  
**2017 LEGISLATION**  
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The following are bills FWP is tracking that pertain, in most instances, to the FWP resources we are responsible for managing in trust for the citizens of Montana.

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*\* Bills that were Tabled in Committee, Missed Transmittal date, etc.*

<b>BILL #</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>SUMMARY AND STATUS</b>
*HB 69	Court	Extends the Paddlefish Roe Donation Program, which allows those legally taking paddlefish from the Yellowstone to donate the roe to a Montana non-profit. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
HB 82	Bachmeier	Would revise the vertebrate pest management program, including revising the list of vertebrate pests. Signed by Governor 2/23/17
*HB 96	Z. Brown	Revises laws related to the issuance of free elk hunting license and permits to landowners who offer free public elk hunting. Died in Process 4/28/17
HB 97	Loge	Increases the maximum payment a landowner who participates in the Block Management Program may receive from \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year. Signed by Governor 4/20/17
*HB 98	Ellis	Revises predatory animal definitions by adding striped skunk and removing civet cat. Died in Process 4/28/17
*HB 107	Glimm	Creates a surface water assessment and monitoring program. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
HB 108	B. Smith	Reauthorizes the allocation of wild buffalo licenses to tribes for traditional purposes. Signed by Governor 4/13/17
HB 128	Shaw	Revises the waiting period for persons taking Bighorn Sheep in unlimited districts. Signed by Governor 4/11/17
HB 150	White	Would clarify resident hunting and fishing license criteria for armed forces members, their spouses and dependents. Would add the spouse of a military member stationed in Montana to certain privileges. Signed by Governor 2/22/17
*HB 151	Ballance	Revises laws related to shooting range grant funds including requiring the expenditure or obligation of funds within the year they are appropriated and providing penalties. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 154	Curdy	Would limit the possession and use of exploding targets on state lands. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 164	Flynn	Increases the amount of base hunting license revenue that is dedicated to the hunting access enhancement programs from \$2 to \$5 for residents also increases the nonresident base hunting license fee from \$15 to \$20 of which \$15 versus \$10 goes to the hunting access enhancement programs. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 204	Redfield	Would require a \$25 access site maintenance decal for each vessel using an FAS and establishes uses of revenue. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
HB 211	Hamlett	Would require a sage grouse population report. Signed by Governor 3/14/17

HB 214	Brown	Would revise laws related to the production of fish at the Fort Peck Hatchery, including eliminating the prohibition of FWP producing more than 750,000 cold water fish at the hatchery each year. Signed by Governor 3/27/17
HB 228	Keane	Would revise funding for the Montana Greater Sage Grouse Stewardship Act. Signed by Governor 5/8/17
*HB 234	Ellis	Would revise laws related to the use of personal floatation devices. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
HB 240	White	Would clarify allowed uses of groomed snowmobile trails with snowmobile trail passes. Signed by Governor 4/11/17
*HB 243	Jacobson	Would prohibit outfitting on State Lands that are inaccessible to the public. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 263	Fitzgerald	Would revise an adverse effects analysis for water right permits on Muddy Creek of the Sun River. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
HB 286	Shaw	Would allow the livestock loss board to address livestock loss for lion predation in addition to reimbursement for wolf and grizzly bear depredation. Signed by Governor 3/20/17
*HB 290	Jacobson	Would revise the powers and duties of the board of outfitters, require and establish annual outfitter reporting requirements. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
HB 294	Price	Encourages municipalities and school districts to develop accessible playgrounds and would appropriate funds to FWP to distribute grants for the purpose of securing additional funds. Signed by Governor 5/4/17
HB 305	Harris	Would revise laws related to county bounties on predators and allow counties to establish the dollar amount of bounties. Also revises funding sources for bounties. Signed by Governor 3/20/17
HB 311	Peppers	Would authorize veterans' preference for reserving certain block management areas on Veterans Day. Signed by Governor 4/11/17
*HB 315	Essmann	Would revise laws related to discounted hunting and fishing licenses available to nonresident relatives of residents and authorizing the sale of elk only combination licenses. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 318	Lavin	Would change the fee for the nonresident college student big game combination license to \$120. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 319	Essmann	Would provide a revised process for counties designating roads as public. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 324	Hamlett	Would generally revise the administration of recreational resource programs. Administratively attaches the Parks Board to the department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks. Provides authority to the board to hire an executive director of State Parks and Recreation who would serve as secretary to the board. Vetoed by Governor 4/20/17
*HB 339	Glimm	Would revise laws related to certain exempt appropriations of water. Including providing a definition for a combined appropriation and clarifies conditions for exempt appropriations of water. Vetoed by Governor 5/11/17
*HB 353	Redfield	Would provide landowner preference bison licenses for landowners near Yellowstone National Park. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 367	Beard	Would create a voluntary wolf management checkoff and provisions for use of funds collected. Vetoed by Governor 5/11/17
*HB 414	Brown	Provides for the enhancement of access to surface waters capable of recreational use during Dept. of Transportation construction projects. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 419	Curdy	Would remove the requirement of wild buffalo being certified as brucellosis free before sale or transfer. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
HB 434	Flynn	Would create a Montana Wildlife Habitat Improvement Act, among other things establishing a Wildlife Habitat Improvement Advisory Council and allowing the use of federal funds to combat weeds and restore wildlife habitat. Signed by Governor 5/7/17

*HB 437	Lavin	Would require the Fish & Wildlife Commission to establish a youth only deer hunting season. The season would be open to minors 10-17 years of age and would precede the general deer season. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 454	White	Would revise the administration of recreational resource programs administratively attaching the State Parks and Recreation Board to the Dept. of Commerce and renaming FWP to the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. Died in Process 4/28/17
*HB 484	Court	Would increase the motor vehicle registration optional fee for operations and maintenance in state parks, fishing access sites and state owned facilities in Virginia and Nevada Cities from \$6 to \$8. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 486	Kipp III	Would prohibit fossil fuel pipelines from being located under navigable lakes and streams. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 489	Noland	Would prohibit an individual from mooring, anchoring, fastening to the shore or otherwise securing a vessel in any waters of the state for more than 5 days within any period of 28 consecutive days unless certain conditions were met. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
HB 498	Knokey	Would extend the Unlocking Public Lands Program to Dec. 31, 2027. Signed by Governor 3/31/17
*HB 540	Noland	Would revise laws related to aquatic invasive species including establishing water basin planning committees and establishing a council to oversee administration of the Aquatic Invasive Species Act. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 551	Brown	Would clarify the types of firearms to be included in Hunter Safety and Education instruction. Would require functional firearms including but not limited to rifles, shotguns and hand guns as part of the instruction received. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 567	Dunwell	Would increase the sales tax on lodging and direct portions of proceeds to invasive species. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 568	White	Would revise laws related to nonresident hunting. Included would be providing 10%, not up to 10% of all special permits to nonresidents and splitting the Missouri Breaks archery opportunities into two separate seasons for nonresidents, only one of which they could apply for. Died in Process 4/28/17
*HB 575	Loge	Establishes a fish and wildlife recreation access pass which must be displayed by vehicles using fishing access sites and wildlife management areas. The fee is \$15 with the exception that individuals having a Montana fishing license would pay \$7.50, prescribes uses of the revenue collected. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 584	Hamlett	Would extend eligibility for a state reservation of waters to include corporations. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 596	McKamey	Extends specific benefits as to licenses available to individuals who have received military awards higher than a Purple Heart. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 607	B. Smith	Would create a soft drink tax to generate revenue for State Parks and aquatic invasive species. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 621	Court	Would assess an additional fee on the registration of motor homes, travel trailers, motorcycles, quadricycles to benefit State Parks, Fishing Access Sites and other state-owned facilities. Died in Process 4/28/17
HB 622	Cuffe	Would establish an Invasive Species Council and an Upper Columbia Conservation Commission. Would also prohibit felt soled waders. Signed by Governor 5/7/17
HB 623	White	Would modify how bonus points can be purchased. Individuals would still be limited to purchasing one bonus point per species per year. Individuals could purchase that point either at the time of application or at a later time. Would also eliminate the loss of bonus points if an individual failed to apply for points in three consecutive years. Signed by Governor 5/7/17

*HB 629	Manzella	Would limit certain state agency powers related to water, including eliminating state authority related to water resources agreements with other governments and prohibit agency co-ownership of water rights. Died in Process 4/28/17
*HB 646	Noland	Would create an agency oversight committee specific to aquatic invasive species, allow county invasive species ordinances and establish a Columbia Headwaters Invasive Species Management Area. Would also authorize a pilot program, authorize local use boat stickers and require a containment and quarantine program in the Missouri River System. Died in Process 4/28/17
*HB 651	Regier	Would revise laws related to public access projects including creating a public lands access advocate and address Habitat Montana funding by broadening funding to include securing public access to public lands a priority of funding. Died in Process 4/28/17
*HB 656	Fern	Would authorize a production assessment for bottled water with 25% going to an invasive species account. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 659	Hamlett	Would revise the volume of water for an exempt ground water right and exempt an exempt appropriate fee. Would also create a ground water investigation program. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*HB 662	Jacobson	Would revise property laws to authorize a person to cross private land at certain geographic points (corners) and that the proposed act be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
HJ 15	Gunderson	A resolution urging the delisting of grizzly bears. Signed by Senate President 4/27/17
*SB 49	Ankney	Revises laws related to discounted hunting and fishing licenses for nonresident relatives of residents. Removes the requirement to complete a Montana Hunter Safety Course and redefines eligible residents, sponsors and family members. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
SB 50	Pomnichowski	Would allow electronic validation of electronic hunting licenses or tags for game animals and wild turkeys. Signed by Governor 3/15/17
*SB 51	Facey	Revises laws related to fish pond licenses. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
SB 52	Cohenour	Clarifies additional penalties for hunting while using projected artificial light. Signed by Governor 3/1/17
*SB 74	Connell	Would authorize the F&W Commission to require barbless hooks in catch and release waters. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
SB 84	Hinebauch	Would revise the paddlefish roe donation program, extend the program and rename the paddlefish grant advisory committee. Signed by Governor 2/17/17
SB 91	Hinkle	Would clarify what constitutes shooting from a vehicle for hunting purposes. Signed by Governor 3/31/17
*SB 98	C. Smith	Would establish the Montana Property Fairness Act requiring a governmental entity to compensate property owners if government action diminishes the property's fair market value. Died in Process 4/28/17
*SB 110	M. Phillips	Would allow funds in the wolf management account to be used for management activities. Those funds are currently restricted to wolf collaring activities and certain lethal actions. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
SB 111	Regier	Would prohibit the supplemental feeding of wild turkeys. Signed by Senate President 5/4/17
SB 119	Hinkle	Would expand those individuals that would be eligible to receive a nonresident elk only or deer combination license at one-half price. Signed by Governor 5/5/17
*SB 161	Webb	Would revise the vehicle registration fee earmarked for State Parks from an opt out to an opt in regarding paying the fee. Would also increase the fee from \$6 to \$25 and adjust the amounts to be used for various purposes. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17

*SB 171	C. Smith	Would prohibit FWP from restricting the use of a general deer license as the result of holding an unlimited deer permit. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
SB 172	Lang	Would allow denial of hunting, fishing or trapping licenses for failure to pay child support and other support debt or support obligation. Signed by Governor 5/19/17
SB 173	Cohenour	Would prohibit the use of deer or elk urine originating in a place with documented occurrence of Chronic Wasting Disease as a cover scent. Signed by Governor 5/19/17
SB 183	Welborn	Would repeal the sunset on the Hunters Against Hunger Program. Signed by Governor 5/5/17
*SB 185	Kary	Authorizes the transfer of a game animal to a licensed outfitter for inspection purposes. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*SB 186	Cohenour	Would establish an elk habitat enhancement program and elk citizen advisory council. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
SB 187	Cohenour	Would prohibit the importation of certain animal carcass parts from places with documented occurrences of Chronic Wasting Disease. Signed by Governor 5/4/17
*SB 202	Hinkle	Would prohibit posting of no trespassing signs on another's property. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
SB 213	Cohenour	Clarifies the deposits and uses of fees in the Smith River Corridor Enhancement account. Signed by Governor 5/5/17
*SB 214	Cohenour	Would authorize submerged spear fishing of game fish for recreational purposes. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
SB 218	Blasdel	Would revise the apprentice hunter program making eligible persons 18 years of age and older. Changes mentor requirements for individuals over 18 and prohibits an apprentice from obtaining a black bear, mountain lion or wolf license. Signed by Governor 5/22/17
*SB 225	Kary	Would authorize the use of lighted nocks on arrows while big game hunting. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*SB 232	Connell	Provides an Off-Highway Vehicle Trail Pass; requiring a resident owner of an OHV to annually purchase and display in order to operate on public lands with stipulations as to how the money would be spent. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*SB 237	Fielder	Would allow big game hunters to choose between wearing hunter orange or hunter pink, with the definition of hunter pink. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*SB 247	Phillips	Would create a Saving Montana's Pollinators Act, prohibiting the outdoor use of specific insecticides, providing for enforcement, penalties and reporting. Died in Process 4/28/17
*SB 262	McClafferty	Would prohibit the restriction on public access on certain roads or right of ways used by the public unless certain requirements are met. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
*SB 264	Swandal	Would revise rulemaking authority for reporting required by the Board of Outfitters. Vetoed by Governor 4/3/17
SB 284	Lang	Would revise the Montana Greater Sage Grouse Stewardship Act, requiring projects to impact both habitat and populations. Signed by Governor 5/5/17
SB 363	Vincent	Would revise laws related to aquatic invasive species. Would provide revenue sources including establishing a non-resident Aquatic Invasive Decal, a fee for boat validation decals, a hydroelectric facility fee, an irrigated farmland fee. Signed by Governor 5/18/17
SJ 9	Phillips	A joint resolution requesting an interim study of the potential impacts of and methods to prevent chronic wasting disease in Montana. Signed by Senate President 5/4/17
*SJ 22	McClafferty	A Joint Resolution requesting an interim study of ways to provide access to public lands through legal means while protecting private property rights. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17
SR 45	Fielder	Proposes confirmation and consenting to the appointment of the Director of the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks. Signed by Senate President 4/20/17

## HUMAN RESOURCES

<b>BILL #</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>SUMMARY AND STATUS</b>
*HB 13	Funk	State employee pay plan. Died in Standing Committee 4/28/17

## APPROPRIATIONS/MONEY

<b>BILL #</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>SUMMARY AND STATUS</b>
HB 2	Ballance	General appropriations act. Signed by Governor 5/9/17
HB 5	Keane	Long range building appropriations. Signed by Governor 5/1/17
HB 7	Keane	Appropriates money to the DNRC for certain grants under the Reclamation and Development Grants Program. Signed by Governor 5/8/17
HB 539	Cook	Would limit carry forward appropriations to certain one-time only expenditures and require an agency to report use of carry forward. That information to be reported to the Legislature. Signed by Governor 4/14/17