



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Dear Citizen's Advisory Committee Applicant,

Thank you for applying to be a member of FWP's longest standing Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) that has been in existence here in Northwest Montana (Region 1 / R1) since 1996.

If you are selected as a member of this committee, we will rely on you for advice and perspectives regarding a wide range of fish, wildlife, parks, enforcement, recreational and educational issues. The CAC application selection process includes review by not only FWP staff but also current members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

As an advisor, we ask that you relay to FWP not only your unique perspective on timely issues, but also the concerns, perspectives, and public opinion that you hear and discuss with others from your community or organizations.

This committee meets approximately 5-6 times per year during the timeframe of late September to early June. Meetings are typically scheduled for Wednesday evenings in the Kalispell area. If selected as a member, your attendance at meetings is expected.

To give you a taste of what to expect regarding CAC meetings & activities, the existing membership brainstormed the following meeting topics for consideration for the upcoming CAC year starting in late September 2017:

1. AIS/Mussel Bill funding sources, working on more alternative sources of funding so that anglers alone don't bear so much of the burden; boaters coming across Montana borders could be a potential group to help fund; outreach on AIS
2. Update on the moose study, moose management in northwest Montana
3. Warm/Cool water fisheries outreach; possible subcommittee to develop materials and information on these important fisheries.
4. Conservation easements, etc. in the Swift Lazy Creek area; Weyerhaeuser outreach. May be 24 sections of land that could be included...We might include access issues in general here, including disability access.
5. Public attitudes towards FWP, improving communications, public acceptance, branding...this fits in well with our upcoming initiatives on Vision and Guide and branding efforts.
6. A group of items that could be addressed together in a meeting or addressed briefly by managers: -- recent changes in the Hunter/Bowhunter Education policies, outreach to our volunteer instructors; Libby Dam fishing enforcement issues; artificial feeding of wildlife; ways to improve outreach regarding the trapping issue; mandatory trapper education, etc.

We thank you in advance for your interest in applying to the FWP R1 CAC and for your thorough responses on the attached application.



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Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the FWP R1 Citizen Advisory Committee!

Please provide your answers neatly on separate sheet paper. Please number each answer to correspond with the questions below. Remember to include your name, mailing address, best phone #, and email address on both documents. Your email address is very important, as it is the primary method for contact.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

1. Please describe your experience in working with fish, wildlife, parks, and other recreation issues and programs. Tell us about a natural resource project you were personally involved in that you're most proud of and why.
2. What are your thoughts regarding how to address the growing demands for public access to land and water resources for not only traditional pursuits such as hunting, fishing, & trapping, but also for a broad spectrum of additional recreational pursuits? For example, recreational boating, paddle boarding, kayaking, wildlife watching, floating rivers, biking, hiking, ...to name a few.
3. Tell us about the civic, professional, recreation or conservation groups of which you are currently or have been a member. What do you most enjoy about belonging to these groups? What issue(s) from any of these groups would you most like to bring forward to FWP to possibly address? What is the FWP topic that you'd most like to learn about to take back information to your organizations or community?
4. Why do you wish to become a citizen advisor to Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)? Tell us about how interfacing more closely with FWP as a CAC member would aid either the organizations or communities you're involved with and/or aid FWP with its mission.

PRINT CLEARLY BELOW

Name: _____

Address: _____

Best Phone #: _____

Please print your email address below, it will be used as the primary form of communication:

RETURN THIS COVER AND YOUR ANSWER SHEET(S) VIA EMAIL TO: Email: mabbrescia@mt.gov

Or by regular mail to: FWP / CAC Application
Martha Abbrescia
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Kalispell, MT 59901

**DEADLINE TO RECEIVE APPLICATION
IS: THURSDAY, 8/31/2017, Noon**