The following are the key issues our recommendations to Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks will address to balance hunter and landowner interests for Elk management. We want to see our recommendation to Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to:

- **address hunting access issues**
  - improving access to private land
  - incentivize private land access
- **balance hunter and elk distribution**
  - increasing hunter distribution
  - increasing elk distribution
  - addressing elk overpopulation
- **review licensing and alternative hunting strategies**
  - having correct elk numbers to correlate to more adequate tag numbers for area
  - incentivization for non-traditional landowners
  - address landowners that are not participating in elk management
  - access to private land with non-punitive measures
  - re-calculate objective numbers so they reflect the current conditions in Montana
- **improve habitat on public lands**
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  - improve data collection and distribution to public
  - increase elk distribution
- **Mitigate elk hunting pressure**
  - access to private land without punitive measures (access to private land based on incentives)
  - harvest more elk in areas over objective
  - simplify/change licensing strategies for targeting overpopulated elk hunting districts
- **Hunter, landowner, FWP relationships**
  - hunter/landowner relationships
  - hunter/landowner incentives and public education
  - what impacts do longer seasons have on landowner/hunter tolerance
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- **Lack of Habitat Conservation Efforts**
  - considering where block management dollars are spent (ie better quality lands/more $)
  - maintain healthy public/private land
  - address landowners that are not participating in elk management
  - in person hunter education that helps teach respect for ALL land

The notes listed below will be sorted and added into the summary in the April 28, 2022 meeting.

- **Access to private land w/o using punitive measure**
- **Harvest More Elk in Areas Over Objective**
- **Elk Distribution, Elk Not Utilizing Public Land**
- **More B Tags**
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- **Elk Overpopulation of Elk**
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- **Mitigate “the wall” of hunters increasing distribution**
- **incentivize not punitive action**
- **create better and more accessible hunting conditions**
- **Excessive Public Land Pressure**
- **Create New Public Education Programs**
- **Evaluate the Equity of Stakeholders**
- **Look at Effectiveness of Shoulder Seasons vs Damage Hunts**
- **Poor Coordination Between State and Federal Agencies**

Note: The Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group will review, edit, and finalize the summary of key issue the recommendations will address in the April 28, 2022 meeting.

Note: The notes with dashed borders indicate they are located in more than one column.