

FWP Landowner Liaison

Intent: To create a liaison position to work with landowner and create a communication pathway between community partners. This could improve stakeholder relationships and mitigate disease.

Justification: Many amenity landowners do not fully comprehend how harboring elk affects neighboring landowners and area elk herds. Access issues only scratch the surface, disease and habitat issues are also part of the equation. Information is not always easily accessible or understood by landowners.

Description:

Create a FWP liaison position that would amplify existing resources and programs available, reach out to area landowners via various media platforms and in person meetings and further lines of communication between FWP biologist's and landowners. Work with existing groups to educate and inform landowners and hunters alike. Existing programs such as the Montana Way with One Montana can serve as a starting point for discussions and information. Liaison should coordinate with the Montana Realtors Association to provide them educational resources.

People/Organizations:

This will fall almost totally on FWP staff (liaison) and landowner with the advice of the local biologist.

Timeline:

Once started, this will be ongoing.

FWP Authority to Take Action:

Is within FWP scope.

Limitations/Unintended Consequences:

Legislative actions will be required to create the new position.

Feasibility of Implementation:

Not identified by the Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group members.