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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

This is completely contradictory! So as residents you now want us to pick our weapon, so archery hunters can no longer participate in shoulder seasons because they choose archery. Does this make any sense to anyone at FWP. I'm starting to wonder what the heck is going on. T

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Eliminate shoulder season and use damage hunts sparingly.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

White Sulphur Springs offers good areas but why should a highway be a cutoff point --the whole are out there should have shoulder season not just certain parcels

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Shoulder season should be eliminated. If we are worried about Elk herds being low, why are we killing elk when they are on their winter range and even possibly pregnant.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

We should not have shoulder seasons when elk are trying to survive and numbers are low.

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

In addition to the use of shoulder seasons give archery elk hunters the option to buy a second archery cow elk only permit over the counter.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I would add to this that any landowner who does not allow generous public access to the shoulder season between archery and rifle should receive zero benefit or compensation for elk damage. Those properties should be excluded from later shoulder seasons. These people are hoarding elk for sport and financial gain while pretending to have a problem.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Access is still the issue- a shoulder season for private land only? How does one gain access?

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Abolish the shoulder seasons. If a landowner allows hunting to the public without cost (no outfitting or lease) create damage hunts. If landowners do not allow public access then do not manage those elk. Those folks are profiting from the elk. If they are truly ranchers and farmers they would not want the elk damaging their property. They can not have it both ways. They also benefit from government subsidies that are paid for by taxing the public that they do not allow to hunt.

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

It is good to evaluate to see if anything is working, including this. I do believe the best way to reduce populations is to provide more opportunity. FWP just last year increased the number of wolves a trapper/hunter could take to decrease the population. However this working group seems to be more worried about people in the elk issue not elk populations. A couple of these proposals reduce hunter opportunity. (Very contradictive management strategies). However this does align with the emotional perception that there is too much pressure on elk for too long. But is pressure a scientific finding from a biologist? or an emotional human reaction because of hunters seeing other hunters in the field, and are being selfish and want it all to themselves. How about landowner fatigue? Where did that come from or is it a hunter / working group member with their own agenda?

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

The "Shoulder Season" need to be either eliminated or significantly modified. Chasing elk for 7 months of the year does nothing but drive the surviving elk further onto private land. Causes cows to abort/lose calves to stress during hard winters. There is virtually ZERO oversight on how many elk are actually being taken out of an area. The other problem is that many of the elk being slaughtered in late winter have come from miles away leading to reduced opportunities on public lands during the regular season. The units I hunt have seen dramatic reductions in elk numbers since the shoulder seasons began. I firmly believe this is do to the elk we hunt during the general season are being killed during the late season shoulder hunts. This decrease our opportunity and forces us to look for elk elsewhere which increase pressure in other areas. Figure out a way to open the 6 million acres of land locked public lands in the state and most of these PERCIEVED elk problems would go away. It's time the FWP started managing elk number based on the carrying capacity of the range and habitat and not the Tolerance Capacity of the landowners. Cattle graze elk habitat all summer and most of fall, I guess it's only right for the elk to graze the cattle range in the winter!

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Quite shooting cows in August and February stress case's as many problems with health as population. killing a cow in August kills a calf. Chasing elk in February when they are starving kills who knows how many. You people really suck at your jobs. Kill the wolf and elk go back to public ground and spread out.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I would recommend shortening the shoulder season. If you hunt an animal 6 months out of the year they will eventually figure out where to go to not get shot. 6 months of cow elk hunting is too long and in February you can kill cows with calf's in them. August 15th is to early to kill cows with calf's, if the cows do get shot then the calf's are more susceptible to predators.

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

These should seasons are too much.

I think scrapping them, and replacing with damage hunts would be the best answer.

I am happy to see FWP potentially reevaluating these seasons

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

The problem associated with your previous "Shoulder seasons", was the length of time that it ran. Many hunters, including myself, didn't like the idea of potentially harvesting a cow so far into pregnancy.

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I do not support Shoulder Seasons.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I support this recommendation and strategy with using shoulder seasons.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I am a landowner in area 702. I am not in favor of shoulder season in this area. The current goal of 400-600 elk in all of areas 702, 704 and 705 is way too low. This need reevaluated and revised. I want more elk and things have changed since the original goals set. If there is a shoulder season there should be a break from the pressure. Time that different tags are needed for these districts (702, 704 and 705) because in my 702 there are not that many elk.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Needs to continue to use as a management tool. Large Landowners need to work with FWP as they cant have it both ways. Only give out cow permits to Landowners issues with overcrowding. do a 4:1 match, 4 general public permit access to 1 permit to landowner

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Eliminate the shoulder season. They do very little to reduce the population. Most of the areas elk are on property that only allow guided hunting during general season. WE don't need to be helping these ranch corporations!

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

State/Province **MT**

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

No shoulder seasons at all. More cow tags during general seasons

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

As a Montana resident hunter I support the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons. We already have shoulder seasons and think they should still be used. With six months of hunting opportunities that is plenty of time for landowners to open up access and give elk numbers down.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

If you are doing the A9 tag bundle why do we still need shoulder seasons? I am against any shoulder season on public lands. I feel all antlerless elk tags on public land should be issued through the draw. Robert Hanneman

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Shoulder seasons are ridiculous! These are only to continually scatter and wipe out the elk populations! Also developed for the lazy hunter whomever cannot successfully fill their tag during the general season! I have went many years without filling my elk tag just the way it goes and has been that way for decades! Let these animals have the time they need to rebuild, then YOU the FWP are always caving to the special interest groups and animal rights wingnuts to keep letting this whole WOLF BS to grow and wipe the elk out even more! The way I look at the WOLF is the same way I look at COYOTES they are a pest that we should not need a TAG or permission to SHOOT! As a life long MONTANA NATIVE you people are just trying to ruin what we look forward to every year! You are making stupid decisions and making things harder for the normal person to even go hunting! JUST LIKE THE "BIDEN" ADMINISTRATION JUST PUT THINGS BACK THE WAY THEY WERE AND LEAVE IT ALONE! Stop trying to be like Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona ect. Make the cost of hunting OUR wildlife reasonable and affordable, Stop pandering to the elites who just want to hunt TROPHIES!

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

The current Shoulder season program is a joke at best. FWP collects zero information on harvest rates in shoulder season districts. You have no idea what the harvest rate is in these areas. The hunters that utilize the Shoulder season districts should be required to report their harvests especially after the normal season time frame. You have no management data from any of these Shoulder District Hunts.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Use of Shoulder Seasons

Shoulder seasons should be up to the discretion of the Private land owner and FWP biologists. The very first shoulder season South of Cascade Montana was a roaring success. What amazed everyone was: the hunters showed up with coolers full of ice. Native hunters are not game meat wasters. Fall shoulder seasons help the Private Land owner who is irrigating to get 1 more crop of alfalfa or prepare a grass field for winter grazing. Winter shoulder seasons, because of snow, can provide a hunter with a slight advantage. However, the hunter needs to be able to use snowmobiles and 4x4s or the wildlife has the advantage.

Shoulder seasons could be run like damage hunts; you get 3-5 days, pick your slot, and if you are an unlucky hunter then pick another slot, if available. You get to participate because you recently harvested wildlife.

I would participate in a hunt where the goal was to remove diseased animals BUT I want to harvest as many as I can kill in 1-2 days. This is not about subsistence; this is about my skill as a marksman and the performance of my rifles.

During that first shoulder season, we caught the elk by surprise and harvested many. Today, those same herds are much wiser and wearier. We had many aged hunters, who had hunted this ranch much of their life, who discovered that they were not physically fit to complete the job. FWP assisted in the retrieval of the harvest, this was a park and walk hunt. Notice the teamwork, hunters helping hunters, FWP helping hunters, a cooperative landowner and the only rule was: park and walk, the KISS principle.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I do not support this recommendation. Shoulder seasons put excessive pressure on our elk herds, especially the pregnant females during late season.

Once again, the issue is landowners not letting hunters on their land during the general season. They want a special season to "shoot the cows" after they, their families and friends have hunted their land during normal season.

Additionally, I do not support should seasons prior to a regular archer or rifle season. This disrupts the animals for the upcoming season, making it more difficult for law abiding hunters.

Once again...we are placating to landowners that do not let hunters on their land to hunt during regular season. I am a landowner that has elk on my land. I am ok with the elk and do not complain about the fact they eat my grass.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Please read the last line of the Wildlife Division's assessment statement. That sums this and pretty much all elk distribution issues in the state of Montana.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

This could help, but again the issue is landowner access.

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I oppose shoulder seasons. The wildlife and landowners need a break from hunting pressure. Its unethical to hunt cow elk which are carrying calves.

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# #31

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

The shoulder season after the general season should be open to all public lands within the specific hunting district. If over population of elk is the problem it doesn't matter where these elk are harvested as long as they are. Maybe before the general season the shoulder season could only take place on private land and after the general season all land could be open to it. Thankyou.

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# #32

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

fwp biologist would have best opinion for a solution onstrategic appllications but without access no wins

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# #33

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I am a firm believer in management of our resources such as our elk populations. Such as the entire deer and elk populations being impacted by wolves and out of state hunters. Shoulder seasons for deer and elk could help considerably for locals ONLY that have proof of living here and not just a P.O box. The amount of bucks and bulls killed every year is making the bull/buck to cow/doe very unbalanced.

The truth of the matter is fix our out of stater problems but making it special draw only to hunt here make them choose what seasons they will hunt, make them. And for the people lying about living here to get a \$20 general tags they need to have PROOF of address and residence such as buying a fire arm.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I disagree with the recommendation to continue shoulder seasons. Shoulder seasons should be eliminated. They do put undo pressure on elk. They do push elk more inaccessible lands. Use more damage hunts instead to move elk from landowners where crops and feed are being damaged. Again, we do not have an elk problem in Montana, we have neighbor problem. Some neighbors (ie landowners) don't want hunting for some reason or another and allow elk to be on their land, while then it creates damage to neighboring properties when they wander off. We have to improve access where possible and manage those elk to the best of our abilities. Increasing season lengths with shoulder seasons does not have a high value.

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# #35

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

The Shoulder Seasons should be dropped. Access continues to be an issue regardless and FWP cannot afford to pay additional staff to support a more drawn out shoulder season effort. Damage hunts need to be expanded and not with the crappy sign up options there are today. I understand there are landowners that are open to hunters coming and to address the problem they have, but others are not. Those that are not and do not participate should not get assistance from FWP period. No special deal to give them special tags, etc. They have to suck it up. They have to deal with the consequences of no participation especially those wealthy landowner who deny access no matter what.

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# #36

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

As I noted in another comment, population objectives are the real key here and one component that was discussed a lot in regional meetings but no real recommendations were brought forth on how those would be established. Are we using the old objectives still or adjusting them? We cannot still use objectives that are 15 years old, they need to be adjusted every two years given how fast our state is changing. Until those can be addressed, I am for greatly limiting or even removing all shoulder seasons. I have seen personally a drastic decline in the elk populations since they were established.

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# #37

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I know we have a very short muzzleloader season. We should use muzzleloaders and pistols /shotgun because of there limited range for private land hunts. I think people with smaller plots of land would be more open to this.

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#38

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Dear FWP and the Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group -

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your 'Use of Shoulder Seasons' proposal.

The idea to carefully assess the benefits of shoulder seasons to redistribute elk and reduce landowner hunting fatigue thereby improving relationships between landowners and hunters is a good one. Moreover, becoming more strategic in the application of ESSs and flexible enough to recognize that ESSs are not the only method available to mitigate disease is the kind of thinking that will lead to new solutions.

Specifically, we fully support the recommendations to apply shoulder seasons on private lands only – not on any public lands; to focus only on areas that are above objective; to allow shoulder seasons to apply in the week prior to general rifle season (private land only); and to attempt to utilize damage hunts as a scalpel approach to replace early-shoulder-seasons, though we'd like that line of thinking to extend to late-shoulder-seasons as well. In our view, damage hunts should be the approach for any needed elk harvests after January 1st.

Additionally, we do not entirely agree with the recommendation to eliminate shoulder-season opportunities during the regular season and delay these until two weeks after the regular season. Our reasoning for opposing this suggestion is we would much prefer harvests efforts be focused on the existing and longstanding general seasons in Montana rather than seeing elk hunted six months per year. Additionally, if these cow harvests are to be on private land only, as they were intended, this should help better distribute elk to public lands during the general seasons.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on your 'Use of Shoulder Seasons' proposal. We appreciate your careful consideration.

-The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I strongly support reducing shoulder seasons and removing public land from shoulder seasons.

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# #40

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I agree with many parts of this recommendation, but the main gist is that shoulder seasons need to be far more targeted, and landowner participation needs to be encouraged. Six months is too long for a hunting season, as it seems to drive all elk onto inaccessible private land, which creates sanctuary and kind of defeats the whole purpose of a shoulder season, which is to reduce elk numbers in specific areas.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

If land owners allowed more hunting on their land there may not be a need for sholder hunts whithc hepl the land owner but not the elk population

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# #42

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Shoulder seasons should only be allowed in over objective units (as long as the objective is reasonable for what the landscape can support) and provided as a tool for landowners that allow access to public hunters during the general season. There should be no shoulder season hunting available on public lands to reduce the risk of pushing elk back onto private where there may be conflict. If a landowner does not provide public access to hunters during the general season then they should not be eligible to participate in the shoulder season opportunities.

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# #43

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I believe that the late hunts for elk is unethical in the pressure on all game during stressful winter conditions.

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#44

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

i do not support shoulder seasons before the archery season. It has ruined the elk opportunity on Aunt Molly WMA. It has worked well for 2 or 3 local landowners at the expense of hunters. Hunt cows late season but not before tge archery season or open elk archery on 8/15 at the same time as shoulder season opener. the issue is that the department no longer stands up for those who pay the bills. They are too focused on placating landowners who don't even allow public hunting.

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# #45

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I agree with re-evaluating the shoulder seasons. I strongly believe that shoulder season in August seriously impacts elk behavior and location during the rut and archery season. I agree in concept with the shoulder seasons, but believe that the hunter is the last person at the table with a voice on this issue. How about the legislature and FWP listening to their biologists about what will work and allowing flexibility in each area based on the recommendations of biologists?

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Positive, but sounds rather complicated.

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# #47

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

The last sentence I read sums it up very well. If landowners are unwilling to let people on their land to hunt, how can the herd on the ranch be moved off to eliminate the damage they see. Many ranches in Ravalli county have resident herds that hardly ever leave the property. Either the owners of the property are ok with this or they are not in the business of making money off of the land through hay crops or grains. Its always been very difficult to get permission here to hunt private.

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# #48

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Shoulder seasons should not take place on any public land, and shoulder seasons should not be used in units that are not over objective. Each unit that currently has a shoulder season should be evaluated to determine whether the shoulder season is actually helping to reduce elk numbers or if it is doing more harm than good. They should be continued where they are effective and discontinued where they are not.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I am writing today in support of one facet of the proposal.

I think that shoulder seasons should be limited to private land only. At present, I think most would agree Montana does not have an elk problem on public lands - only private lands. Allowing shoulder seasons to apply to public lands only exacerbates the issue. Limiting shoulder seasons to private lands could help reverse this trend.

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# #50

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

eliminate shoulder seasons. Have complaint based game damage hunts on ranches that are actually having problems and have FWP verify damage first.

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# #51

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Disagree with the existing shoulder season design. It is blatantly not working as designed in southeast Montana.

I do not support this recommendation

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# #52

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I do not favor shoulder seasons. I prefer managing elk numbers during the general season. If damage from elk occurs use damage hunts. My experience is that very few people get to participated in shoulder hunts.

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# #53

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Shoulder seasons are a joke. We are hunting elk 6 months out of the year for absolutely no reason. Stop catering to the rich with this failed experiment. We don't have an elk problem. We have a public access problem.

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# #54

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Good idea.

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#55

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Shoulder seasons were initially sold to the public as a stop gap measure that would be used sparingly and with an eye towards carefully monitoring the outcomes. That approach has been abandoned. What exists now needs to be curtailed. We support reducing the use of shoulder seasons and removing the ability to use these seasons as a way to kill elk on public land, where they are actually wanted by landowners and the general public. Making shoulder seasons apply to only private land would go a long way in restoring the faith in this type of management hunt. We would gladly work on this proposal with FWP to fine tune the program so it delivers the results that it was originally set out to achieve.

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#56

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Please please do this. Landowners who open their property to public hunters that push elk off during normal season only to have hoards of voracious elk return one day after season ends; should have happy hunters help keep elk away. Property owners who allow no public hunting should keep the elk the rest of the year too. I would not be in favor of elk hunts while the elk are calving.

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#57

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I think another factor when evaluating shoulder season effectiveness and landowner fatigue is behavior of the hunters for a given area with shoulder seasons. If after a given shoulder season there are a lot reports of negative interactions with hunters (harassing landowners for permission, trespassing, shooting from vehicles etc) then that shoulder season is doing more harm than good and a different strategy is necessary. And that factor needs to be CLEAR to hunters interested in hunting shoulder seasons: bad behavior ruins the opportunity for everyone.

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# #58

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I agree with assessing the use of shoulder seasons. I agree with no shoulder seasons on public land. I disagree that shoulder seasons should go to February 15th. This is a bad look for hunters and even many hunters dont agree with the shoulder seasons going so long. Have shoulder seasons destroyed migration routes? Are we actually killing elk that live on public land?

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# #59

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's (RMEF) mission is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife, their habitat and our hunting heritage. We represent more than 225,000 members nationwide and over 14,000 members in Montana. Since its inception in 1984, RMEF has permanently conserved or enhanced more than 8.5 million acres of North America's most vital habitat for elk and other wildlife, including over 900,000 acres in Montana. As such, RMEF has a vested interest in ensuring the sustained productivity of elk and other wildlife in Montana.

RMEF recommends assessment of shoulder seasons and recognition of how these hunting windows extend hunting pressure on the landscape. Extensive and persistent pressure causes changes in elk behavior and distribution – in some cases to the opposite of what shoulder seasons are trying to accomplish. In areas where shoulder seasons are not effective in reaching the goals, RMEF recommends implementation of alternative approaches. In parallel, RMEF recognizes that for many areas, access limitations need to be addressed for shoulder seasons to work.

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# #60

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I do not believe we should have any shoulder seasons in region 6. The elk are harassed for long enough between archery, rifle, and she'd hunting season. The late season cow elk hunts several people are pulling elk calf fetuses out of the cows they shoot. The only place for shoulder season is when we are grossly over objective on elk numbers.

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I support this for the most part with some minor issues.

1. Why the 2 week wait from the end of regular season to shoulder season. Doesn't this give the elk time to return to public land which is not open to hunting, and defeating the reason the shoulder season was set up to begin?
  2. If the elk are on public land and are over objectives, why not a shoulder season on the public land for that district only?
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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I attended the shoulder season proposal meetings in 2015. 86% of public comment was opposed to them, yet they happened anyway. We were told they would be reviewed for efficacy, and when years later they were shown to not be effective at all in many places, the hole was for some reason, dug deeper. We were told they would never happen on public land. This was also a false promise, and where they occur on public land, simply exacerbate the already poor distribution of elk.

The shoulder season are an affront to the public and its elk. Get rid of them immediately. We have 3 months, plus damage hunts to deal with elk. That is enough

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

The use of shoulder seasons are supposed to lower the number of animals but the challenge is that the elk have learned that they can migrate to the safety of areas that do not allow hunters and then move onto the other land to feed in the safety of dark. Damage hunts that are limited to specific hunters on specific properties are more apt to offer the relief that the landowners are hoping for. Without the heavy pressure of unlimited hunters, the elk are more apt to stay accessible to the hunters who have access and the end results better.

Personally, I would prefer a catch and relocate the elk into the areas that are under objectives. Region 1 and to a degree region 2 has vast areas that used to hold elk that has virtually none now because they have relocated to areas with better feed or less predation.

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Shoulder seasons have been the absolute worst thing for public land hunting and has driven more accessible elk to find refuge on inaccessible lands. When the vast majority of people opposed shoulder seasons, yet the department implemented them anyways severely eroded the trust many sportsmen have for FWP.

There's likely more elk on the landscape now despite the shoulder season debacle, yet fewer accessible elk because of them. I worry it's too late to reverse that trend.

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I do not support any shoulder seasons. They were passed as an experiment and have proven to be ineffective out exacerbating the harboring issues.

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# #66

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I support the Citizens Advisory Groups recommendations regarding use of shoulder seasons. I would like to see a more detailed approach to implementing shoulder seasons across the state rather than the one size fits all blanketing we have seen over the last several years. There are clearly some units that have benefited from the use of shoulder seasons, but those tend to be in areas where the elk are accessible. I also support the recommendation to move toward early season being focused more on damage hunts.

I think of the way we've implemented shoulder seasons on hunting districts has been sort of a poison pill for that specific district. I would like to see a gradual increase in length of the season depending on the percentage of above objective that the unit is. For example, if a unit is 25% over objective one year, I would be more apt to support a shoulder season if it was for a one week season on that unit rather than extending it out to January or February 15. in our last season setting in Region 6, we had a couple units that were only a dozen elk over objective. I made a comment about how one or two more years of a full shoulder season added on would force us to be in this same spot at the next season setting with an under objective population. That was exactly what happened. We came into this most recent season setting meeting with a population that was 30% under objective. In my opinion, a more gradual and fine tuned roll out of the shoulder seasons would have prevented a crash like we just experienced.

Thank you

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Do away with shoulder seasons. they put too much pressure on wildlife at critical survival times. If spot reductions are necessary use damage hunts. Let biologists make decisions with landowner input

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Shoulder seasons were initially sold to the public as a stop gap measure that would be used sparingly and with an eye towards carefully monitoring the outcomes. That approach has been abandoned. What exists now needs to be curtailed. I support reducing the use of shoulder seasons and removing the ability to use these seasons as a way to kill elk on public land. Making shoulder seasons apply to only private land would go a long way in restoring the faith in this type of management hunt.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

oulder seasons were meant to be a selective tool that would be used sparingly and with the outcomes carefully monitored. The agency has ignored both of these promises. The existing use of shoulder seasons needs to be reigned in. MWF supports reducing the use of shoulder seasons and removing the ability to use these seasons as a way to kill elk on public land, where they are actually wanted by landowners and the general public. Given the lack of trust, the Department has created through the breaking of faith with Montana hunters, making shoulder seasons apply to only private land would go a long way in restoring trust. We would gladly work on this proposal with FWP so it delivers the results shoulder seasons originally set out to achieve.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

Shoulder seasons have not been successful and put pressure on public lands where they are open on public lands.

If elk are being a nuisance then landowners shouldn't be allowed to profit off of a shoulder season by charging a trespass fee. Utilizing access programs that already exist should be priority.

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I am against shoulder seasons as almost all hunters are however FWP has not listen to the public. So I don't know why this question is even asked again since it won't matter what we say. Anyways I'll say again I am against it. I think instead there should be focused damage chance if a rancher has issues with elk on their property allow hunters to come shoot them Until the elk are gone off the ranch.

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

The use of shoulder seasons have been somewhat successful. However, the shoulder season have changed elk movements and have moved the elk unto inaccessible lands, like private lands that are not open to hunting.

Also it makes no sense to not allow the shoulder season hunts on public land, because the elk find refuge on public lands not open during the SSs. Since shoulder seasons are designed to reduce elk numbers, it does no good if the elk go to public land where they aren't hunted. This also harms the the public land hunter.

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# #73

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

The Montana Stockgrowers Association supports the implementation of hunting seasons and harvest strategies including but not limited to extended shoulder seasons, liberalized cow tags, disbursement hunts and party hunting which will result in targeted levels of elk harvest being achieved in each district rather than increased objective levels. Per this recommendation, landowners play a key role in these discussions.

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

American Prairie supports this proposal, particularly assessing and evaluating shoulder seasons to become more strategic in their application, but emphasize the internal assessment of this proposal by FWP's Wildlife Division.

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on the Use of Shoulder Seasons.

I am highly discouraged by this subject, we had a plan we let the landowners try there plan with consequences, and never followed through, make these districts cow's only!

Would prefer the use of Damage Hunts

Make shoulder seasons available district wide, if the numbers are this far out of control our job should be to get numbers down no matter where they are before trying to get elk to stay on public ground.

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