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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

Too vague at this point to have a valid opinion. The devil is in the details.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

Worth a try.

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

The groups listed are completely unbalanced with very little representation from landowners/ag. This could have a very negative impact if you intend on backing landowners/ag community into a corner.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

While I do not necessarily oppose the idea that groups with interest in elk management be a part of the process and the collective of the groups make a recommendation to the commission, I believe it would turn into an elitist group that would shun participation from others and try to impose their ideals on all Montanans. A prime example of this would be the Montana Bowhunters Association, my family and I are bowhunters but in absolutely no way does the Montana Bowhunters Association represent me or my family, and they do not represent a large number of bowhunters in the state, not because those bowhunters are not members but the MBHA only pushes an elitist agenda and has no problem disenfranchising new hunters from the sport and would love to see some, such as hunters with the Permit to Modify Archery Equipment, be driven to quit hunting altogether because dealing with the adaptive equipment is often too complicated, but lets have a group of able bodied men decide what a disabled person needs to accommodate their disability. I also hate the buzzword stakeholders, people that use the word stakeholder are pretentious asshats, we are talking about wildlife management not economic theories.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

I support this recommendation. As the Executive Director of MTSFW, I would gladly participate in these stakeholder meetings. MTSFW strongly supports our rural heritage and private property rights as well and we also support the public trust doctrine and the North American Model. Communication is crucial in developing relationships and I would gladly participate in this effort, representing sportsmen and women throughout this state.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

I support the recommendation of holding Stakeholder meetings. It is important to have a diverse group of stakeholders participate in these meetings. The Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MTSFW), a Montana grassroots, 501 (c)(3), sportsmen's organization, is a great choice as one of the organizations participating in the Stakeholder meetings. I strongly support the MTSFW as being one of the organizations selected for these meetings.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

This recommendation is reasonable and worth doing.

In addition to relationship building these stakeholders meetings could be a way to avoid the train wrecks we have seen in the past at the legislature and commission.

The most vital element of this recommendation is choosing appropriate groups to attend the meetings for achieving the purpose. Some organizations such as MOGA and MTSFW are appropriate selections since they engaged in the working group as sounding board members and would ensure all perspectives can be presented and discussed.

However, beware who is chosen to participate, some like-minded people who are members of different sportsmen groups thwart trust-building because they have displayed negative attitudes and opinions of landowners and outfitters.

Examples - some members of groups spout disturbing rhetoric like "Who's elk, Who's grass" or more recently the phrase "Bulls for Billionaires" has been used by organizations and individuals in an antagonistic way, pitting landowners against hunters.

This type of disparagement only elevates tensions, and creates barriers to producing solutions, corroborating why selecting suitable participants is crucial to succeed in creating trustworthy landowner/sportsmen relationships.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

As a Montana resident hunter I support the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings. While there are already many meetings held about elk--most with little landowner attendance it should continue to be promoted.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

Dear FWP and the Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group -

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your 'Stakeholder Meetings' proposal.

The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers supports and would very much like to participate in the implementation of stakeholder meetings. We like to underscore and support how important it is for the various groups to come together and talk about things we have in common or not. It's always surprising how much common ground there actually is and how the magic of spending time together can heal and lead to surprising outcomes.

That said, we agree with the comments offered by the CommEd Division regarding the importance of ensuring there's "direction and purpose to delineate the role of a group or groups clearly. Other collaboration efforts on elk management like the Devils Kitchen Workgroup and the PLPW could cause public confusion on what the stakeholder group's purpose is and what role they have with FWP."

While it is relatively easy to create conditions and invitations for groups to come together, it is much more difficult to develop appropriate charters, delegate decision-making authority, and give folks a sense of purpose that is commensurate with their investment of time and effort. Therein, in the implementation, lies the challenge.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on your 'Stakeholder Meetings' proposal. We appreciate your careful consideration.

-The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

Great recommendation, but meetings should be broadcast permanently. Encourages accountability and trust, lending more authority to the stakeholders' recommendations.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

Dear FWP,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I am in support of these stakeholders meetings. There are a lot of nonprofits that represent a good portion of the public.

Please see this recommendation through.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

I oppose any license or tax dollars going to support any meetings that give further voice to BHA or MOGA. Both groups are essentially lobbyists for their own agenda. Most BHA members don't even know what their organization actually doing. MOGA is interested only in promoting business opportunities with our public resources for their members.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

I do support this recommendation!

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

I think periodically holding stakeholder meetings is a great idea. Allowing the different stakeholders to meet face to face and find common ground would go a long ways towards finding solutions that won't favor one stakeholder group.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

Dear Commissioners, please accept this comment on behalf of Western Watersheds Project, WildEarth Guardians, and Sierra Club for our tens of thousands of members throughout Montana and the West. We agree that adequate management of elk and other species requires strong relationships and communication between stakeholders. We disagree with Recommendation #14's exclusion of conservation groups from the proposed stakeholder meetings. Conservation groups have concerns with the same topics as the groups listed in the recommendation, and they bring a valuable perspective to the table that needs to be heard. Wildlife in Montana are a public trust resource, and they need to be managed for all of the public. Requiring "unanimous consent of the six founding groups" before conservation groups may be involved is unacceptable. The FWP staff assessment notes that it "is always good for different interests to listen to one another," and this includes conservation groups. FWP should either reject this recommendation or ensure that conservation interests are represented from the beginning.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

Montana currently has Citizen Advisory Committees, local working groups and readily available commissioners and regional wildlife managers. While the desire to establish more stakeholder meetings is warmly received, we wonder if there is a way to improve the current models of engagement or simply form more working groups to deal specifically with elk issues would be a better approach than convening meetings. Regardless, we are supportive of more interaction between stakeholders and welcome the opportunity to participate in such an effort.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

More communication is good.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

I think this is a fantastic idea and perhaps there are other landowner or agriculture type groups that could be included to better balance the group and provide additional perspectives (maybe members of Western Montana Growers Co-op or Montana Sustainable Growers Union as examples). I think transparency as to what goes on at these meetings will also be important as many people who fall outside the defined "stakeholders" are also interested in how wildlife is managed and other related topics.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

Fully support stakeholder meetings. As long as the legislature stays out of the wildlife management business and listens to what the stakeholders are asking for. The stakeholders need to represent the entire spectrum of the population not just ag businesses

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

I am supportive of continued communication between the agency and stakeholders. That said, stakeholders need to be a fair representation of the public to whom the elk are managed in trust.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

STRONG SUPPORT- Collaboration works

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

I support this. Good things can happen when people work together. I'd use this to identify those folks not willing to be part of the solution.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

I support this

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

fine but keep the legislature out of any wildlife decisions

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

I like this idea but would like it expanded to include people who don't represent any organization. I fall into that category of not repping any particular group but I feel like I have something to add to the conversation and would like an opportunity to participate as a free agent.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

MWF doesn't see the point. Citizens Advisory Councils already do this. This could end up being another version of the AWCP table at a local level, which would not necessarily be bad, but could be perceived as overly political.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

This is good idea but all types of landowners have to be involved, even if the Department has to meet with landowners one-on-one to get their views. Today the sportsmen groups & the FWP are omitting the landowners views in favor of what the resident hunters want and this alienates the landowners, causing more land to be closed. These groups and the FWP must stop attacking landowners if they expect to get any cooperation.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

The Montana Stockgrowers Association welcomes the opportunity to engage and participate in stakeholder meetings.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

American Prairie supports the utility of stakeholder meetings regarding elk management, but question whether the identified organizations would constitute a truly representative subset of “stakeholders.” Ultimately, the creation and activities of such self-organizing groups are wholly outside the jurisdiction of FWP, whether or not they’re a good idea, so this recommendation seems largely irrelevant to any future Elk Management Plan. Further, as the group described would not include a representative sample of Montanans or wildlife trust beneficiaries, the group’s recommendations should carry no more weight than any other organization or special interest group.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation on Stakeholder Meetings.

Allow Sportsmans groups to assign 3 people per organization will meet with FWP and MOGA at least once a year to address member concerns, and maybe bring in landowners at a later date, i am for this idea.
