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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I think additional education and training could be good, but access to that education needs to meet people's lives and schedules. I would suggest that the training be available online so that more people would have access and be likely to participate.

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Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

This sounds like an effort to form an "elite" group with lots of privileges because they've done all Mommy wants them to do. But it does not address the fact that for those of us away from the big cities, there are few to no opportunities - even if we wanted them.

I have a problem with state requirements on taking a state course to hunt, trap, etc. I realize that many people need it. But many of us grew up hunting, fishing, trapping, shooting and had good trainers in safety, ethics, etc. This type of programs says that I am not good enough to train my kids and grandkids and need some state nanny to do it. I have only taken hunter safety courses because it was required for my kids. I still resent that it was/is required.

As it is today, I cannot prove I trapped, hunted with a bow, etc. Part of the time I didn't need a license because of landowner status where I grew up. Secondly, they don't keep records back that far - I checked. This whole one-size-fits-all type of training and certification chafes those of us who can do it, but are too American to bow to the state to "get certified."

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Lots of ideas. Does FWP have the time or money to institute?

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

It's not clear from the recommendation what the result would be after a hunter completes expanded education, only stating "potential way for program graduates to access private land to hunt." I would be willing to participate if I knew graduating from the course would provide more access. The recommendation needs some refinement, but the concept is OK.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

To help support this great recommendation. Look at Alaska and Arizona's hunter safety and weapons programs.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Expanded Hunter Education? Lets work on what we have. In 31 years of teaching HE I have seen the priorities change for you FWP. Safety is not at the top of the priority list. the overall theme of HE is not education but to get the most amount of students through so they can purchase more licenses/tags. Take a look at the age required to hunt. Legislators wanted to drop the age of hunting, instructors said they would not teach so the legislature said "you don't need instruction if you hunt with a licensed hunter." Come back in a couple of years with your learned problems and the HE instructors will give you all good information in 6 nights. Where was FWP in this process, they sure did not listed to the instructors.

The push for HE is to get everything done in 2 days not 7 or 8 nights. 8 nights have changed to 6 including the test night. For older students that don't want to attend classes with kids, online classes are available. Half of a weekend day there is hands on. Wake up FWP some of these people have never handled a firearm or needed to talk to a landowner. Volunteers are not asking for anything but after awhile they have done their part and recruitment is difficult. FWP can do a good job and they have good staff if management doesn't see HE as a way to bring in money. Money runs our world but if you can't see through that no one can learn.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

This is a positive recommendation IF there are adequate private landowners who will allow public access to their land without requiring hunters to pay per use. It requires landowner buy in and those hunters willing to complete this style of course are more likely to better respect private lands and behave accordingly.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I agree this is a good start and my money towards the F&G would be well spent

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State/Province **MT**

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

As a Montana resident hunter I agree with the recommendation to expand hunter education. I think promoting and providing more in depth training like the Master Hunter Program would involve more hunters--who would take more pride in working with landowners. I think this would be a good tool for landowners to hold hunters accountable.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I love this idea, I think many hunters, including myself, would love to show how much hunting means to us by doing this.

Great idea!

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Hunter education is always good.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I was born in Butte, MT and raised in Turah, MT. After serving in the Army for 22 years my wife and I were fortunate to be able to move back home to MT. I am incredibly excited to be able to hunt as I did in my youth. I was surprised to learn that you now have to take a course to hunt with a bow on top of the hunters safety I took when I was 12. The bow hunters safety course is nothing more than a money making gimmick and a waste of time.

Leave hunters safety alone, do not use it to make extra money for the state or it reduces the significance of the course and the willingness of the necessary, knowledgeable volunteers to assist in teaching hunters safety. Do not lose site of what hunters safety is about. There is no need to expand hunters safety as it takes away from the significance of hunters safety.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I favor this proposal.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Again great idea let's do it

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I like the concept.

If completing the expanded course gives hunters possible access to more private lands that would be great.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I support this idea.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

This should ONLY be necessary if hunters are accessing private land. NOT public land. We do not need more unnecessary programs and hoops to jump through. Non Residents should also be able to have access to these programs. They should be educated on private land issues but also be allowed private access along with residents. Non-Resident are not a whipping boy.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

The Master Hunter Program was a big fail and now you want to redo it?

I would rather see a work program put in place where a hunter can go out to the ranch and work for the rancher for a weekend to earn his access. This will help the ranchers get work done and the ranchers will know what to expect from the hunter and hunter from the rancher. I know there are lots of people willing to put in a few days work to be able to harvest a cow elk or get access for deer or antelope. Robert Hanneman

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. This is a fantastic idea and I hope this moves forward.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

It doesn't matter how much hunter safety you teach. If can't learn it in that class you are not being to learn it later. That person will always be a slob hunter.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

NOPE! let it happen now, and it'll keep happening until it'll be damn near impossible for anyone to pass all the requirements for future hunters education.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I am in favor of expanded education. The issue is how do you get the "problem" adults to attend?

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Another wonderful idea, it sounds like some of this is currently already happening. If so that is great. If not, let's make this a reality.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

This could perhaps be beneficial.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

More education can never hurt. Unfortunately we live in the age of ignorance. It seems to me that people know their rights but are unconcerned with the rights of others or just doing what is right. Respect for others and responsibility for your actions.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Support - I suggest requiring hunters safety for all new hunters of any age.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I agree with the idea of better hunter education, with a few stipulations. I think in class hunter education should again be required for any new hunter, as well as field day. Online learning is not as high quality and does not emphasize the importance of ethics. Additionally, the apprentice program for 10-11 year olds should be abandoned or they should be required to do hunter's safety.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I personally would be all about taking a class if it would gain access to private land to hunt. I hunt for food and I take my grandkids hunting also as I did with my kids before them.

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Recommendation #7: Expanded Hunter Education

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Dear FWP and the Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group -

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your 'Expanded Hunter Education' proposal.

The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers supports the recommendation to improve hunter/landowner relationships through educational programs. The idea is that this would improve the ability of hunters to access private land. Specifically, we agree with the CommEd Division to revamp hunter education course content with more specific landowner relations material, update the current hunter/landowner stewardship project, and to partner with other hunting organizations on a marketing campaign to promote hunter ethics. Overall, FWP's education programs need to be updated as they show their age.

Yet, while we agree that education programs can be effective and play a role, we believe we already have good basic education programs in place. Education programs by themselves will not solve the stated problem and may, in fact, introduce additional barriers to hunter participation. Moreover, the Montana Master Hunter program may inadvertently create a class system which is why FWP was not initially comfortable with adopting the concept years ago and which is why the program has been implemented outside of the department. Plus, such a system is challenging to scale up to be effective. Moreover, we need to be thinking this through before jumping on the bandwagon of asking hunters to do even more to participate. That is, additional requirements in the form of education programs need to be carefully designed to be effective and targeted and without inadvertently misleading hunters by a poorly designed incentive structure. We second the comments offered by the Wildlife Division: "To be effective at a large scale, especially if it comes with increased opportunity, the opportunity to take the expanded hunter education must be broadly available. The opportunity to exercise the expanded opportunity would also need to be substantial to garner participants' interest and reduce elk numbers."

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on your 'Expanded Hunter Education' proposal. We appreciate your careful consideration.

-The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I support this proposal fully. As a certified master hunter through One Montana, that course and process has improved my hunting skills and abilities, as well as understanding of landowner concerns, in an amazing way.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Dear FWP,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

YES, YES, YES. Please continue hunter education and expand the program. Collaborate with other agencies like USFWS to discuss topics like bear safety and the listed grizzly bear. If we do not continue to educate the public there will be more and more animals misidentified.

1. Require those who have never taken hunters education to take it.
2. Force the bear ID and do not make it so easy.
3. Put more money towards education

Please continue to educate and expand that hunters safety. Our future generations need it.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Make a Montana hunter education program mandatory to all hunters.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

we agree with the CommEd Division to revamp hunter education course content with more specific landowner relations material, update the current hunter/landowner stewardship project, and to partner with other hunting organizations on a marketing campaign to promote hunter ethics. Overall, FWP's education programs need to be updated as they show their age.

Needs more thought before implementation - additional requirements in the form of education programs need to be carefully designed to be effective and targeted and without inadvertently misleading hunters by a poorly designed incentive structure

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

This Master Hunter program could work, but finding courses and participating landowners will require more work by FWP folks and hunter ed instructors. Who has the time, and what would this program cost. I participated in a similar program in MN and then the guidelines of where to park, when you could hunt, where treestands could go, and on and on turned all early participants off. It became a program about paperwork and numbers and not about taking deer to reduce the population. It was a total urban deer hunt failure to the max. And the additional training and mandatory course attendance became a huge obstacle. Try it but don't make this so complicated no one can, or cares, to participate.

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Contact info (optional)

City/Town	Glendive
State/Province	MT

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I am a graduate of the One Montana Master Hunter Program. There is a volunteer requirement to work with landowners to maintain certification. There were zero opportunities less than a 3-hour drive from Glendive. I have a 40+ hour a week job and a family. The Bitterroot Valley Hunter Enhancement Program and One Montana are Western Montana organizations that pay no attention to those of us in the East part of the state. I DO NOT SUPPORT any proposal that would make membership or certifications from either of these types of programs a requirement to hunt private land. A landowner is free to have such a requirement. But in no way should FWP be involved.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I oppose expanded hunter education. Spend that money on enforcement against all the idiots who swarm our state every fall and drive where they shouldn't, trespass and commit other violations.

The Master Hunter program is silly. Teaching people manners and ethics that are how they gain access and get along, is not the government's responsibility. The people who are taking these programs are already demonstrating they care and are trying. We don't need to have Master Hunters running around displaying their patches to gain access to private land. It's a silly program and a "feel good" waste of license/ tax dollars. Put that money in enforcement.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Sounds positive, but hard to administer. Could lead to many hunters being left out due to communication issues, computer access, etc.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I support his proposal, but think existing programs just need improved. The mechanism is in place just improve it.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Having taken Master Hunter Program, I would recommend it to everyone. It provides a deep understanding on many of the issues that hunters face.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Absolutely in favor of this recommendation!

I hope to be involved in the development.

It is worth noting that the FWP folks have got to stop saying that they are not the ones to develop and implement a level 2 program like this. I keep hearing (from them) that they do not have the respect of the Ag community to effectively design and promote something like this. That mindset couldn't be further from the truth. In fact the only chance of the program working is if the FWP folks take ownership of it.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

This seems similar to the other program but maybe more do-able if its adding things to the current hunters ed about ethics and private land owners. I feel like we can only teach so much but what it really boils down to is how people are taught in the field by whomever they first start to go with and how that person was taught. Ei if parents are willing to bend/break the rules then children will be more likely to no matter what instructors teach. I am not sure what kind of solution there is to solve that issue.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Oppose!

Please stop adding workload to a functioning FWP agency.

#43

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Would prevent people without computer skills to participate.

#44

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

In general, coalition members are in support of the concept of enhanced hunter education. Members of the coalition are progenitors and managers of the Master Hunter program, enhanced hunter ed programs at a local level, and strongly believe that we need to enhance our hunter education systems to deal with more and more people taking to the field with less chances to learn the ethical pursuit of game. We also believe that the cost needs to be as low as possible to ensure that money is not a barrier to entry into these programs, so those most in need of hunter education can participate. We also support offering digital classes if there are some significant updates to the current digital offerings. We feel digital classes are not a substitute for in-person classes, but can be useful as an interim measure before engaging in the more robust programs that exist.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Great Idea

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I agree that we need to improve hunter and bowhunter education. I think the first step would be reversing all the TERRIBLE decisions that led to all the volunteer instructors quitting and anyone who was interested in becoming a volunteer instructor changing their mind. We had a better program and it was destroyed. We could be building a an even program now. Kalkomey has been nothing but a festering wound in our education program. The new tests are somehow more confusing and dumbed down at the same time. Every person I've talked to that has been interested in becoming a hunter or bowhunter that has gone through the online program has passed the test but felt like they didn't learn anything and have no confidence reading an understanding our regulations, ethics guidelines, or safety and survival. When the online class was still requiring an in person field day and instructors were quizzing students to see how effectively they had learned the material there were major concerns that students were unable to demonstrate adequate knowledge of the course material and those concerns were completely ignored in favor of "convenience". So yeah, let's expand and improve our hunter and bowhunter ed program, but first lets get rid of the last 10 years of actively destroying it.

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Contact info (optional)

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

This adds another barrier to hunters who cannot afford or do not have the time to take this type of class. Hunting already has many barriers, we do not need to add more. Instead, why not add more landowner teachings to the existing hunter education.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

This appears to be another Master Hunter program. Placing more burdens on the hunter could lead to a drop in numbers and revenue in licensing fees. If memory serves the FWP was against creating a Master Hunter program because it would lead to a hierarchy or classes of hunters.

I do support increasing hunter and landowner relationships. IF this could help bridge the gaps then it would be better.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I support expanded hunter education. It must be in-person. Hunting is a huge privilege and the online classes don't cut it. Further, I support the creation of a required additional and more expansive hunter education for the use of block management properties. We need better behaved hunters, particularly on those properties landowners graciously allow us to hunt on.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

I support the idea, but think it's a waste of time and money as I don't think there's anything FWP is going to do to change ethics.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Having graduated from the Master Hunter program, I can testify to the big difference it's made in my knowledge and skills. However, it's expensive and time-intensive so the state will need to figure that out-- perhaps thru state funding for scholarships and the creation of an amended program in terms of time commitment. Also, the MH participants are kind of a self-selected group-- people who are already ethical and don't intentionally break the rules. The trick is getting the word out to those who are not so-- perhaps there should be an additional online course hunters need to take or a virtual presentation with a test afterwards? I do like this idea but we just have to work with expense and time commitment.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

MWF supports this with the understanding that there is a great need for increased funding for hunter education instructors, better materials, and the development of a reduced-cost state-level option for a "master hunter" style program.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

Even though Expanding Hunter Education is good idea, getting the right people that need it, to improve hunter behavior will never partisipate and you can't make it mandatory.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

You're just making it harder for the average hunter to go out and enjoy a hunt. The pressures put forth by adding new or expanded hunter education make it difficult for your blue collar hunter, M-F/9-5 worker to attend these programs. There for losing out on opportunities because the done have the time or money to attend such a program. I've had access on privet and been ran off front porches. I done believe showing a rancher a card that says your "ethical" because you took a class will help your odds of gaining access. I know it wont create a relation ship or trust at first meeting.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

The Montana Stockgrowers Association supports any actions taken to improve hunter/landowner relationships. Montana ranch families provide free public hunting experiences across the state. Supporting programs like this is an opportunity to protect access for quality hunters. As noted in the recommendation's intent, similar programs do exist. We would encourage the department to look for opportunities to collaborate with existing programs and possibly create public-private partnerships rather than creating a new program.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

American Prairie supports this proposal.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for Expanded Hunter Education.

We already have a Master Hunter program.
How would we work in Out of State hunters
