

## WC LEPOC Agenda: 1<sup>st</sup> Working Group Meeting

August 15-16, 2023

Pintler's Portal. 218 W Park St, Anaconda MT

### Day 1: *(all times approximate)*

- 8:00** Arrive at meeting venue (Pintler's Portal Hostel)
- 8:15** **Start Meeting:** (begin live stream) welcome, introductions, ground rules, etc.
- 8:45** **Information Session**
- Brian Wakeling: *overview/context for Lion Plan/LEPOC*
  - Kelly Proffitt: *the integrated lion-elk management program in the Bitterroot Valley (development of the SCR lion monitoring method and the effect of lion harvest on elk recruitment)*
  - Alissa Anderson and Alix Godar: *introduction to the lion ecoregional monitoring and modeling program*
  - Discussion/Questions
- 10:15 *Break*
- 10:30** **Begin Problem Framing**
- 12:00 *Lunch*
- 12:30** **Continue Problem Framing**
- 2:30 *Break*
- 2:45** **Continue Problem Framing**
- 6:00** **Conclude Day 1**

### Day 2:

- 8:00** Arrive at meeting venue (Pintler's Portal Hostel)
- 8:15** **Start Meeting:** (begin live stream) general thoughts from working group
- 8:30** **Begin Formulating Objectives**
- 10:15 *Break*
- 10:30** **Continue Formulating Objectives**
- 12:00 *Working Lunch* **Public Comment Period**
- 12:30** **Define Zones of Acceptability**
- 2:30** **Discuss Zones of Acceptability Results**
- 3:00** **Conclude**

### **Purpose of the Committee**

- The Ecoregional Committee will work with FWP to define a planning strategy where the objective is: Manage the west-central lion ecoregional population for population sustainability at a target level that maximizes public satisfaction related to lion hunter opportunity, lion conflict, and ungulate population trends.

### **Charge for the Committee**

- **Charged with:**
  - Target population trend (Increase, Decrease, Stable)
  - Degree of ecoregional population size change (% up or % down)
  - LMU emphases (e.g., older-age class harvest, conflict reduction, aid ungulates, more opportunity, or others)
- **Not Charged with:**
  - Season Structures
  - License Types
  - Specific Allocation of quota among LMUs

### **Ground Rules**

- Honor the process
- Mutual respect
- No filibustering
- Stay on course & focused
  - Minimize stories
  - Respect breaks
  - Stay w/in committee charges