

November 28, 2022

# R1 CAC Meeting Notes

## Attending

**CAC:** Molly VandeVoort, Erik Browne, Tom Keegan, Joseph Navone, Andy Larsson, Cody Voermans, Mark Christensen, Cory Anderson, Pat Van Eimeren, Ian Wargo, Sam Stricker, Kayla Mosher, Kelly Johns, Tucker Landerman, Jay Sheffield

**FWP:** Dillon Tabish, Lee Anderson, Nathan Reiner, Sean Cox, Neil Anderson, Mike Hensler, Martha Abbrescia, Macy Dugan, David Landstrom, Lynsay Maykuth, Stevie Burton, Deb O'Neil, Ron Howell, Mike Volesky, David Hagenruber

**Legislators:** Rep. Tanner Smith, Rep. Tony Brockman, Rep. Neil Duram, Sen. Mike Cuffe, Sen. John Fuller, Sen. Carl Glimm, Sen. Mark Noland.

**Other:** Tony Anderson, Dave Heine

## Presentation

Ron Howell gives a legislation summary of FWP priorities.

## Roundtable & Possible Meeting Topics

- Recreational pressure is on our radar due to population growth. Still a topic of how we could address the issues of non-fishing groups using FAS's and the impacts of it. Thoughts of consolidating additional funding to not complicate it.
- Non-Resident hunting pressure. Non-Resident license numbers were discussed. Concerns about the number of opportunities, ideas to limit non-residents on the landscape. Hearing from many fellow hunters that they are seeing many non-resident hunters in places they haven't in the past.
- Will have a CAC meeting soon to talk about elk and address the issues talked about and some topics from the Elk Citizen Advisory Group.
- Social media and digital resources make hunting, applying and finding access easier than ever. Montana hunter numbers are increasing yet other states are declining. Discussion on maintaining programs for youth and others to engage the upcoming generations but to balance it somehow because some states are getting "over run."
- Non-resident Upland Game bird hunters have increased as well, not just big game. Unlimited Upland licenses are given, discussion on fees for those license types.
- Habitat for Upland Game birds and Big Game: what kind of programs do we have? Does FWP have habitat improvement projects and how they are funded.
- Hunting on land within the reservation that you own, many are overrun with deer can they harvest deer on their own property?