

Public Comment: Blackleaf Wildlife Management Area Grazing Lease Draft Environmental Assessment

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Mon 2/24/2020 4:27 PM

To: Rauscher, Ryan <RRauscher@mt.gov>;

Intensive grazing has exhibited positive results on the Bear Tooth WMA and on the neighboring Sieben Ranch. Intensive is the key word. Allowing cattle to wander around 600 acres is NOT intensive grazing. Since electric poly wire is being used, a more intensive grazing rotation [smaller pastures for shorter periods of time] should yield better results. Based on the Bear Tooth WMA and the neighboring Sieben Ranch results; the rotation could be reduced to 2 or three years using a more intensive system. HOWEVER, the photos indicate the invasion of evergreen trees. There needs to be a plan to keep these trees in check or they will over run the Blackleaf as they have over run the Sun River WMA.

I would also like to see, on the maps, the land that is available to public hunting during big game and upland bird seasons. For this access to have value, to the public, it must be favorable to handicapped recreationalists.

This e-mail was generated from the 'Blackleaf Wildlife Management Area Grazing Lease Draft Environmental Assessment' Public Notice Web Page.

FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: FWP R4 news: Comments Sought on Proposed Blackleaf WMA Grazing Lease Renewal

Auchly, Bruce

Wed 2/19/2020 2:09 PM

To: Rauscher, Ryan <RRauscher@mt.gov>;

From a CAC member.

From: Travis Maphies <maphies1868@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Auchly, Bruce <bauchly@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: FWP R4 news: Comments Sought on Proposed Blackleaf WMA Grazing Lease Renewal

Hello Bruce,

In regards to the Black Leaf lease, if it is working for all parties involved i do not see any reason to not continue it. Unless there is anything that needs to be amended in the verbiage or the way the property is being used i would vote to just continue on in the same direction that it has been.

Thanks Sir,

Travis Maphies

On Fri, Feb 14, 2020 at 9:31 AM Auchly, Bruce <bauchly@mt.gov> wrote:

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Feb 20, 2020

To: Whom It May Concern / FWP
From: Vern Andersen - Bynum

Re: Public Comment on proposed grazing leases
on Blackleaf WMA

I have not read the draft EA but my thoughts
are:

The WMA is primarily and was established
for wildlife. My observations from years
past are that in these grazing areas, near
mid to late summer, there is nothing left
but cow turds and dirt.

There is no feed for wintering game and no
chance of regeneration.

I don't understand wildlife management?

Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Vern Andersen
Bynum