

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name Jim-Raymond: Etzler Address PO Box 37 Email _____
jimetzler@hotmail.com Phone 406-261-8093 ^{Forest MT}

(Optional) My disability is _____

I have had a PTMAE for 1 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 1 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)
NONE

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Jim-Raymond: Etzler Date 10-18-2021

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

Thank you for your efforts in this. I believe this would help many disabled people.

I think it should be the hunters choice as to whether or not that person needs a companion with.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name Gordon Sampson Address 210 Mustang, Dillon, MT Email _____
Phone 406-490-4690

(Optional) My disability is 2. Shoulder Surgery and 75 years old

I have had a PTMAE for 2 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 1 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)
1 whitetail deer

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Gordon Sampson Date Oct 20 - 2021

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments: Not only need change for disabled hunters but old age hunters who can't pull a Reg. Bow.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name Russell Lindsay Address 12807 Moor Light Dr,
Fishtown MT,
59834 Phone 406 626 2430 Email _____

(Optional) My disability is Shoulder Joint no cart.

I have had a PTMAE for 3 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 3 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)

None

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Russell Lindsay Date 9/10/21

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

I'm all for crossbow it isn't any different than my setup. I would they to know how they think it isn't.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Lewistown

Name Dale Godfrey Address 229 Pine Ridge Rd Email _____
Phone 406-534-7583

(Optional) My disability is Shoulder & neck pain

I have had a PTMAE for ^{I don't remember} _____ years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for _____ of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)

2011-6pt bull, 2017 6pt bull, 2018, Cow 2019 6pt Bull 2021 5pt bull

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Dale Godfrey Date 10-19-21

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

In 2012 a fire burned the ranch I hunt on so no hunting.
2013-2016 I had 3 hip surgeries so wasn't able to hunt.
2020 - I had back surgery so didn't hunt.

I hunt out of blinds at water as I found prior to using a draw lock I had better luck than hiking the mts and calling. If I were to hunt while hiking, the draw lock wouldn't be as convenient. My concern about a crossbow is that too many doctors would sign off when might not be necessary. I thought I was done hunting when someone told me about a draw lock.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name EZRA DAVIS JR Address 15420 Thayer Rd # Email
Lolo MT 59847 Phone 406 273 0651

(Optional) My disability is IMPAIRED RANGE OF MOTION

I have had a PTMAE for 4 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 4 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)
DEER 2019-2020

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Ezra Davis Jr Date 10/17/21

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

IF YOU CAN get AROUND AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, WITH ALL THE SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR BOWHUNTING AND CLIMBING TREES, HARNESS, CLIMBING ROPES ECT THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO BE ABLE TO HUNT BY YOURSELF.
EZRA

PS:
The cross bow would make it EASER to get AROUND the woods AND IN AND OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE. BUT DOES NOT GIVE A ADVANTAGE OVER A MODIFIED BOW.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name RON SWICKARD Address 9 AVE NW HARLO Email
RSWICKARD@MAIL.COM Phone 406-220-3474

(Optional) My disability is 2 SHOULDERS REPL. 1 KNEE REPLACE

I have had a PTMAE for 8 1/2 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 2 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)
0 NONE

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Ron Swickard Date 10-19-2021

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

THANK YOU !

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name John T. Lute Address 3208 9th Ave. So Email
john+lute@gmail.com Phone 406-868-8107

(Optional) My disability is Heart. Numerous Surgery to my shoulders
AND BACK

I have had a PTMAE for 2-3 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 2-3 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)

Two Antelope 1 Mule Deer DoE.

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature John T. Lute Date 10/19/2021

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

I'm not a party/member Montana Bow Association
They do NOT speak for me -
Years ago I was a member. But HAVE NOT BEEN a member
for many years - They seem to only care about their goals
for a bunch of members that only have the way
They continue to ignore Bow hunters with MEDICAL ISSUES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name Harry Mischel Address 312 Sackett St Email
Gladwin MT Phone 406-377-8961

(Optional) My disability is 2 Torn Shoulder 2nd Knee

I have had a PTMAE for _____ years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 14 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)

12 Deer 1 Elk

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Harry Mischel Date 7/15/21

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments: What happened
what happened to the Sportman Initiative
that was passed by the people. That would only give
Outfitters not more than 10% of tags?
As of now Outfitters are buying as many as they
want and reselling.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name Alan D. Farnum Address 196 Murray Ridge Rd. ^{Whitefish, MT 59917} Email alan.farnum137@gmail.com Phone (406) 212-6615

(Optional) My disability is Stroke, Asthma, Coordination deficit, vertigo, ect. muscle weakness, Impaired range of motion,
I have had a PTMAE for 7 or 8 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 16 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)
OK and clear (unknown dates...)

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Alan D. Farnum Date 10-20-21

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

I honestly believe we should have the right to use a crossbow for hunting during the Archery Season! WE ARE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST by the Montana Bowhunters Association AND The GUIDES in Montana.... AND I AM 100% behind making Crossbows LEGAL ARCHERY EQUIPMENT FOR DISABLED HUNTERS WHO POSSESS A MODIFIED PERMIT! Thank You

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name DARRYL HASTINGS Address Box 1275, CONDON Email 59828
Phone 406 754-0055

(Optional) My disability is BOTH SHOULDERS HAVE TORN ROTATOR CUF FROM HORSE ACCIDENTS.

I have had a PTMAE for 7 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 7 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No) TOO HEAVY IN FRONT. I LIKE A REAL BOW.

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No) ROAD HUNTERS WANT TO SHOOT FROM VEHICLE, AM. CAN NOT WITH A DRAW-LOC. NOT ETHICAL

Signature Darryl Hastings Date 10-21-2021

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name RON HOLLAND Address 821 ASPEN TRAIL Email RON-HOLLAND.2010@GMAIL.COM Phone 406-366-1643

(Optional) My disability is LEFT SHOULDER

I have had a PTMAE for 5 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 2 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)
0

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Ronald M. Holland Date 10-23-2021

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

DRAW LOC TOO HEAVY FOR ME TO HOLD
THE BOW UP WITH MY LEFT SHOULDER INJURY.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name Timothy J Bechtold Address Box 93 Willard, mt Email
timbechtold38@gmail.com Phone 778 2729

(Optional) My disability is two artificial shoulders

I have had a PTMAE for 5 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for ALL of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)

Not a thing

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No) Not sure

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Timothy J Bechtold Date Oct 20 2021

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name MARVIN LAIRD Address 4003 Utah Ave Email _____
NOPE Phone 406-498-9986

(Optional) My disability is _____

I have had a PTMAE for 13 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 13 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)

10 of 13 years ELK

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No) NO

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes)

(No)

Signature Marvin Laird Date 10-19-2021

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

Will result in issues of abuse of the system.

For every legal guy that has one, there will be a hundred that abuse it resulting in a detriment to archery.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

KALISPELL MT.
59901

Name DONALD E. WARD Address 9191 Hwy 2 EAST Email
tucker012457@hotmail.com Phone 906-291-9469

(Optional) My disability is Tore up ROTARY Cup

I have had a PTMAE for 4 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 4 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)
0 = ZERO

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Donald Ward Date 10-20-21

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

The DRAW is a very Buckleg and heavy device. Hard to carry when put on Bow, walking thru BRUS OR GATED Road. IT TAKES ABOUT 4 minutes TO put on Bow MOST SLK I come in contact with you don't have time to put together, IT makes my Bow about 5lbs. heavier.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name Larry Coomber Address 2046 Mary St. Email _____
Phone 406-861-1731

(Optional) My disability is Reconstructed Right Shoulder from Truck Wreck

I have had a PTMAE for 14 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 3 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No) to heavy

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)
None The Draw loc is harder than it was to shoot now to darn heavy. I turn bow way down and hope for
Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No) 10 Ft shot

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Larry Coomber Date 10/19/2021

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments: I believe the draw loc is not what people think its not very accurate. makes bow way to heavy. If my arms were in good shape and I was legal to use it I wouldn't. A crossbow would help. I belive ~~was~~ before I got hurt I could have shot better with my bow than I could with crossbow. But now I believe I could get back into enjoying bow hunting if I could use a cross bow. Thats why I havnt shot anything. I wasn't comfortable taking the shot unless it was 10 feet Thank you for listening.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name Dwight Witt Address 1233 Juniper Ln Email wittdwight@yahoo.com Phone (406) 722-3259

(Optional) My disability is LOST OF MUSCLE FROM FIRE

I have had a PTMAE for 8 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 8 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)

0

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No)

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Dwight Witt Date 10-20-21

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments: THANK YOU FOR FIGHTING FOR THE DISABLED

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name Roger Kester Address 5715 Kaif/ln Rd Email rogerkester@msn.com
Phone 406-671-3372

(Optional) My disability is _____

I have had a PTMAE for 5+ years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 4 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)
0, while the draw loc allows me to use the bow again it is very slow

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No) cock and load the arrow. Causing missed opportunities

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Roger Kester Date 10/20/21

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

I appreciate the FWP allowing me to continue to archery hunt with the use of the Draw-Loc. Without it I wouldn't be able to use a bow. However I have missed opportunities to harvest animals do to the way you have to draw it. A cross bow is drawn the same way but it's limbs would allow you to pre draw and just nock the arrow when ready to shoot. The longer limbs of a regular bow shouldn't be kept at full draw and an accidental "dry fire" could damage the limb. I am perfectly capable of acc5

dragging my own animals. I can quarter or bone
out larger animals to load them on my vehicle.
There is really no reason for me to have to have
some one with me to be to archery hunt. I don't
have the same requirement when gun hunting.

Another issue with traditional bow is it requires the
~~one off~~ ^{arm} ~~hand~~ to be fully extended to hold the bow at
full draw. This puts a lot of leverage on the shoulder
joint. A cross bow would allow the ~~off~~ arm
supporting it to be bent and the elbow supported
against the torso, lessening the stress on the shoulder

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name Rodney Knutson Address 264 St. Mary's Rd 264 Knute Ct
Stevensville, MT. 59870 Phone 406-209-1447 Email G.Molnar, Co

(Optional) My disability is Rheumatoid Arthritis and a sternum that never fused as
Heart Surg

I have had a PTMAE for about 10 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 10 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) (No)

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) (No) A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability (Yes) (No)

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)

2 - deer @ 3 yrs. ago
@ 5 yrs. ago

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) (No) (Yes) (No) ? I am disabled, but my injury
was not a result of me serving

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No) my country, but I am a veteran
IT is hard to get someone to sit for
hours in a stand with you with out them hunting al.

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) (No)

Signature Rodney Knutson Date 10-22-2021

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments:

SEE 2nd page

I am a 68 year old rancher that owns cattle property in Stevensville and Florence, Montana. I am a veteran, but my disability results from open heart surgery where my sternum never fused back together. I also have severe rheumatoid arthritis which determines my bow hunting is limited to a tree stand or ground blind, since walking is out of the question for me.

For years I have seen the Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA) lead the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) department around by their nose with their demands. MBA's interest in SB 111 is fueled completely by their greed, as they are able to hunt first before anyone else in the state, hunt during the elk rut without locked gates, and are not required to wear orange — yet they are unwilling to share any of these or other hunting advantages with deserving sportsmen that have a legitimate reason for needing an alternative. MBA recognizes bow hunting as a primitive sport — yet they are fine with using sites on their bows, range finders, and many other adapted modern techniques. With all the advances that MBA uses, it is shameful that they want to deny disabled people a chance to use a crossbow — a weapon that has been around since the Middle Ages. Even more appalling is that our government and elected representatives are even more discriminating of hunters with disabilities by refusing to allow the passage of SB111.

From my experience, The draw lock system allowed for use on bows is a very cumbersome piece of equipment. It is not simple or covert enough to try and operate it with my disability while being in a tree stand. Those who approve the draw lock system are most likely people that don't have to contend with a disability or have never had to use one in the field.

As a private tax paying landowner who ultimately provides sustenance for wildlife that the FWP markets for their income, it is shameful that my disability as a bow hunter is viewed as trivial and not worthy of little consideration.

I urge our Montana senators and the FWP Commission to fairly consider the disabled and support the passage of SB 111.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Name Herman Hamilton Address PO Box 493 Belmont ⁵⁹⁴¹² Email mustanganna@hotmail.com Phone 406-781-1315

(Optional) My disability is Joint deterioration - osteoarthritis, neuropat

I have had a PTMAE for 12 years. I have hunted with a "draw loc" for 2 of those years. I still use a draw loc (Yes) **(No)**

The draw loc is a good accommodation for me. (Yes) **(No)** A crossbow would be a better accommodation for my disability **(Yes)** ~~(No)~~

Using a draw loc I have harvested the following animals (approximate date)
doe deer 2020

Are you a disabled veteran (Yes) **(No)**

Should you be allowed to hunt without a "non-hunting companion" during archery season? (Yes) (No) This depends upon each individual circumstances.

Should crossbows be banned for all disabled persons during archery season? (Yes) **(No)**

Signature Herman Hamilton Date Oct. 20, 2021

Please mail back to: Brad Molnar, PO 517, Laurel, Mt. 59044

Comments: I have not been able to use my bow for some time now even with a draw lock. My shoulder are worn out to where I cant pull the bow back for enough to lock. and if I use my feet it's to danger since I have neuropathy in both feet from nerve damage in back and from chemo therapy that I've had to take in 2011. I read the comments from April 1 2021. I Don't believe the concerns are legitimate ones. in 2020 an estimated 328,313 deer in montana, Region 4 where I hope to hunt was listed to have 60,701 deer. The FWP has

Broke down each region separately. where I hunt is 405 and 413 mostly. If you have done your research u will find The harvest has not taken a dent in the deer population in the last 10 years or more. What has is disease, especially white tail. As you are well aware of, Outfitters have the greatest Pull and Push of the FWP in Montana, and it simply isn't Fair. a few years back Fishing outfitters tried their best to stop Trout harvest on the mo. From Holter down stream. I went to the meetings and Published article in Tribune. We the people with children and in my case grandchildren won out. The folk that are Fighting this are not biologists or scientist and have no clue of how many animals are actually harvested or not harvested by folks with disabilities. My personal attorney is Steve Fitzpatrick out of B.F. I have been intending to contact him for help on this issue. I would appreciate it if you would get him involved as well. he knows me very well and I believe if he was to get involved Deeply this could be resolved in a way I could hunt again with a cross bow. I've read the elk cow estimate from Bob Ream Thinking folks with PTH permits are killing all the cow elk in the Bitters

Well I lived in the Bitterroot for 19 years, and friends with the Game biologist Lynn Nielson. The growing problem has gotten worse. Wolves and Lions are the culprits not disabled hunters. You need to ask around to local hunters that actually live in the Bitterroot and have been there 40 years of a lifetime and you will get the truth of the matter. Back in the Early 90's I found many wolf and Lion kills. Its easy to tell the difference. Frankly speaking and sorry to say but Outfitting money has taken over the FWP of Montana. All one has to do ~~is~~ is look who is on the boards and committees. Where their from and the regs they want to put on areas not even close to where they live. If the FWP is afraid us disabled folk is going to ruin hunting for outfitters then they should give it a trial run for 3 years ~~and~~ also and get some science behind the issue. Numbers and statistics. The science concerned with developing and studying methods for collecting, analyzing, interpreting and presenting empirical data. Get accurate data on Predator kills Versus hunting from vehicle kills.

Good Luck,
Overs,
Nelson Amundson

I continue to get my bow endorsement in hopes that some day I will be able to hunt again with a cross bow that I will be able to crank + load.

I will send copies of this to my friend Steve Fitzpatrick

October 27, 2021 Request for Reasonable Accommodation to Allow a Disabled Person,
Bruno Frila, to Use a Crossbow During Archery Season

Dear FWP Commissioners,

Let me begin by thanking you for the opportunity to speak at this important meeting. Due to an unforeseen medical emergency, I am not able to attend this meeting in-person, nor even via Zoom. Consequently, I have given my statement to Christopher Gallus to present on my behalf.

I have been an avid bow hunter since 1967, and I have participated in every archery season up until 2018. Due to three surgeries on both my right and left rotator cuffs, resulting in my current disability, I am no longer able to use any standard archery equipment. My specific limitation is that I am unable to pull more than 30 pounds of weight vertically or horizontally. Due to this disability, you have approved a PTMAE. Despite making the draw-loc modifications, I am still physically unable to use my equipment. As a result, I submitted a request for a reasonable accommodation on May 13th to use a crossbow for this archery season.

After many letters and numerous meetings with your FWP staff regarding my accommodation, I received a letter stating that the matter would be addressed at this meeting. I am making this request as a disabled person who has already qualified to receive a PTMAE. My disability does not physically allow me to use a bow with the standard modifications afforded me by this permit. Up to this point no determination has been made regarding my individual request for a reasonable accommodation. Furthermore, in your letter dated August 9th, I was informed my situation necessitated further review and that I would not be able to use a crossbow for this archery season.

I have met all requirements to obtain my PTMAE. However, the modifications still require me to pull the required bow weight. In order to receive this permit, I submitted documentation from my orthopedic surgeon verifying that I am not able to do so. I included this documentation once again in my original request for reasonable accommodation dated October 9th. You have access to all of this information.

I am once again requesting FWP revise its licensing rules to allow me to use a crossbow during archery season. Simply stated, I am a person with a disability who has met all the requirements for a PTMAE, yet I am still unable to use that modified equipment. Opponents at this meeting will argue and make statements that this accommodation will have a negative impact on deer and elk populations, but they will not show empirical evidence to that effect.

To date, Montana has issued 224,248 licenses, of which approximately 56,000 were archery permits. 252 PTMAEs have already been issued to disabled archers. No negative impact has been cited as a result. 47 states have already allowed for this

reasonable accommodation for disabled archers to use a crossbow during archery season. None of those states have reported negative impact on local game populations.

Given all the documentation that you have regarding my disability and my many attempts to work within the existing administrative licensing guidelines, I believe you have more than enough information to grant my request for a reasonable accommodation. As an ethical and avid sportsman, my sincere hope is that you will grant my accommodation so that I can continue to participate in a major life activity as non-disabled hunters are able to do each year without burden.

Once again, thanking you for allowing Christopher Gallus to speak on my behalf today.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruno Friia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Respectfully,

Bruno Friia