

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
PUBLIC COMMENTS
2022 BRUCELLOSIS ANNUAL WORK PLAN

1. I wish to present the following comments on behalf of the Paradise Valley Working Lands Group. None of these tools presented in the annual work plan are one size fits all, nor are they intended to solve the diseased wildlife issue that is prevalent in Paradise Valley. The tools are meant to be flexible in timing and use. They are meant to mitigate not resolve the brucellosis issue. The tools presented in the work plan reflect our collective best efforts to date to keep cattle separate from diseased elk. As per our best efforts, the challenge would be to continue to think out of the box, piloting new strategies and using data to drive the decisions. Neither the presence of elk during the critical abortive time period, nor the Brucella bacteria will be leaving Paradise Valley anytime soon. The PVWLG supports the work plan as presented. However, we all should keep looking for additional methods to add to our toolbox. We look forward to continuing to work with FWP on this challenge. Whitney Tilt Coordinator, Paradise Valley Working Lands Group 406-223-8972, whitneytilt@gmail.com

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2. Where is your vaccination plan? For both cattle, and elk? If you want them to share same habitat you will need a plan. Wisconsin/Minnesota had a 20+ year program to vaccinate heifers who would be kept-- it seems you could budget some effort for vaccination. We had to ear tag all and the Vet had to keep records.

mark dolan hudson, WI

3. good

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