MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS PUBLIC COMMENTS WILD TURKEY AUGMENTATION REGION 4

1. I am all in favor. There seems to be a thriving population in the roundup area.

Owen Thatcher Roundup, MT

2. Totally support moving turkeys to areas that need a better population. Thanks for all your hard work.

Vince D Luparell Great Falls, MT

3. I support augmenting Region 4 turkey population.

Tom Radandt Libby, MT

4. Yes, lets spread those turkeys around, so more people will have a chance to hunt the birds. But, lets keep the season a limited draw. that way the landowners won't be overrun with hunters and those few lucky people that do draw can have a enjoyable hunt and not have their hunts ruined by other hunters.

Todd Seymanski Great Falls, MT

5. I absolutely support the proposal to expand the range of turkeys as determined by the Region 4 staff. I would commend them for doing an awesome job in what they have accomplished and their willingness to do even better. This looks like a win/win deal.

Dale Gilbert Ulm, MT

- 6. how much public land s there were you want to transplant the turkeys,hmm

 Timothy Scott Mitchell Saint Ignatius, MT
- 7. My name is Collin Smith and I am the District Biologist with the National Wild Turkey Federation for Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. The NWTF is supportive of FWP efforts to augment wild turkey populations when and where natural events have resulted in long term reduced populations, and where sufficient quality and quantity of habitat that meets seasonal requirements still exist. Consecutive years of severe adverse weather (usually winter and spring) can result in consistent diminished populations that struggle to maintain stability and growth, even where habitat conditions prove to be suitable. Thank you for allowing comment.

Collin Smith Livingston, MT

8. It is my recommendation to move forward and approve the Miriam's Turkey augmentation recommendation by the department in Region 4

Jeremy Garness Great Falls, MT

9. I fully support the proposed wild turkey augmentations in Region 4 as you have been doing the last 15 years! Great work!

Brayden Davis Great Falls, MT

10. i think this is a fantastic idea! Please move forward thanks

brad lencioni Sand Coulee, MT

11. I would like to see a new population of Turkeys jump started along the Sun River corridor, extending down to the Missouri River. Ideally from Gibson dam down to Vaughn.

Robert Sain Bozeman, MT

12. I support the relocation and translocation of wild turkey in R4, with emphasis to the Little Belt Mountains. Presently, small numbers of turkeys occur in the South Fork Judith, Middle Fork Judith, and the Blacktail Hills. Increasing the population of turkeys on public land in Judith Basin County could potentially lead to turkey hunting opportunities in this area where currently none exist.

David Kemp Great Falls, MT

13. I am opposed to any turkey transplants onto anywhere with private land. They end up either the rancher's pets, or are locked up for hunting for the rancher's friends. When the area by Canyon Ferry became a general season, all lands previously available for hunting were locked up. I used to hunt four different ranches - no longer available. This is a waste of our dollars. If you want to take them to public land in the breaks, that is fine. Otherwise - NO.

Don Cox Helena, MT

- 14. I am in favor of this, and really hope it works out. There is plenty of country for them!

 John Salazar Livingston, MT
- 15. Please continue to augment wild turkey populations in region 4. The birds have been hit hard in recent years and to ensure quality hunting opportunities we need to continue to augment their populations especially in the snowies mountain complex.

Nate Lewistown, MT

16. As a Montana hunter and landowner I think it is a great idea to trap and move turkeys to help in their recovery.

Heather Great Falls, MT