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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 313

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Allow muzzle loader hunt to include browtine bulls

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: **brian**
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State/Province: **MT**

Q2

HD 340

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I dont think you should go to a B permit for elk in 340 because I dont believe a lot of the people that will put in for it will actually try to take a cow I think its just an opportunity and they will take it if its there and in the right spot. I think the way it is is better because if your willing to put in for it your serious about taking a cow. I had the B permit many times along with lots of friends and family when you use to have it and we only took the opportunity once or twice to kill a cow we let them walk the rest of the time. It was just a in case you cant find a bull tag. I also think you need to drop the mule deer hunting to 3 weeks in probably most units or do unlimited in all of the region 3 tags. Or even all deer tags pick your unit most people will follow this some wont but it cant be worse than the deer hunting we have. Eastern Montana is getting overwhelmed because there not a decent place to deer hunt over here

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 320

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Do not think its a good idea to go to either sex mule on the general license for the new 320 area. This will only reduce mule deer numbers on public even more.

Thanks, Skip

#4

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 380

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Support antlerless elk hunting off national forest lands with general license

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 380

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Yes, please for a Anterless elk tag on private land during the general season.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I disagree with the decision to eliminate the special limited draw mule deer permit in 324

This is an up and coming mule deer trophy area, many people look forward to the slim chance of having the hunt of a lifetime.....and FWP has invested time and effort to make this a special place to hunt. Now it would be general tag?

Please keep this as one of the very, very few places to at people dream about hunting trophy mule deer

Thank you

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 340

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

i agree to change the either sex mule deer season to antlered buck with 50 Deer B tags

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Q1

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Q2

HD 370

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I recommend that HD 350 and 370 NOT be combined. Due to differences in access, they require different management and hunting regulations. Combining these units but having east and west portions with different regulations will only confuse the hunter. Keeping them separate will continue the same population monitoring needed to adjust seasons/quotas etc. I never had a problem with the regulations and hunting districts as they were. Biologists had to freedom to combine units or separate them as needed.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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City/Town:	Whitehall
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Q2

HD 311

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I can support combining the northeast portion of 333 with 311. The elk have seemed to separate themselves that way.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 380

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Let's give it a try.

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I strongly oppose the regulations for proposed district 322. I oppose this because the proposed regulations would eliminate a trophy opportunity for mule deer in current district 324. This is one of the few districts with a high density of mature deer in Montana. Over 1000 people apply for this district, and only 25 are successful. If the goal is to reduce deer populations as a CWD countermeasure, then the commission needs to issue doe tags. There is no reason to throw away one of the few opportunities for high quality public land mule deer hunting in the state.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name:	David Wood
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Q2**HD 310,**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 360**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

It is time to change unit 310 to a limited permit draw for Elk. This unit is under objective yet is still managed under a general license. While hunters are limited to brow tined bulls, the number of hunters has risen in this unit in recent years and is just an unneeded extra stress on cows. Furthermore, with USFS changes to motorized vehicle regulations a lot more of this unit is open up to dirt bikes during the general season. This is just way to many hunters and activity for this unit to meet elk number and hunter experience objectives.

In addition, I also would have you consider limiting the bull (and even cow harvest) in 360. The animals from 310 (and nearby) migrate into 360 for the winter and allowing additional harvest of bulls, and the cows that are needed to bring back 310 numbers cannot happen if these elk are getting harvested on wintering grounds. Thanks.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please keep HD 324 to keep the mule deer permit for that unit. You will now be pushing 1000 people to other limited permitted units with this all inclusive unit making draw odds even worse for a limited mule deer permit across the state.

You claim opportunity. We have a state full of opportunity. We have less and less options for a quality deer hunt. Please don't ruin this one.

You say CWD is a concern. There hasn't been a mule deer positive in this unit, its all whitetails down on the Ruby.

Please keep HD 324 and the limited permit opportunity. Montana needs more, not less quality limited hunts.

Thank you.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I'm not in favor of combining any of the units into new, larger units. As someone mentioned in the December 14th meeting, we have years and years of data on these units and this will only make it more difficult to manage these areas effectively.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support the proposal to combine the East and West Pioneers into hunting district 331 and removing the East and West Pioneers from the 399-00 Elk B license quota. I also support 331 having it's own Elk B license quota.

I support managing hunting district 331 (E/W Pioneers) separately from 329 (Horse Prairie). Although elk interchange amongst the hunting districts, particularly in the Grasshopper Creek area (wintering, calving, summering, etc.) in both units, I believe it put undue strain and hunting pressure on the elk in the northern portions of the E/W Pioneers (under objective) by managing them under the same strategy as the over objective Horse Prairie elk.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2**HD 310,**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 360**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I'm deeply disappointed in the lack of thought for unit 110. These are some local 310 elk and also migrating elk from the park. Heavy stress from wolves. Also they ate migrating through as fast as possible as soon as it starts to snow. You also now slow motorcycle traffic up by buck creek and they do not stay on the assigned only trails. I'm damn sick and tired of these people. Then once the elk file through mostly at night because of the pressure and go into unit 360 people can shot them as a free for all, bulls or cows??? What is your reasoning when 310 has so much pressure. If you're going to do that how about a few cow tags in 310? The elk getting shot in 360 are in large part coming from 310 and the park. Not fair. We are not above objective and fewer bulls are being seen every year. Why are both of these units not draw units for bulls? If you need to lower cow numbers ok but spread the cow pressure over both units and let's back off on the bulls until numbers increase. First you caved in and let the wolves come back, now we can't get rid of them. Grow some backbone and start doing what the science really says. I'm sorry to say your grade is an F. I hope you don't wait till every elk is gone before you wake up

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name:	Matthew Young
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Q2**HD 314**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

My name is Matthew Young, and I grew up in the Gardiner area. I return to the region annually, and hunting back home is now something that I enjoy with my own sons. It is out of concern for the 314 elk and the elk hunting experience, particularly south of Big Creek, that I write this comment. The proposed change south of Big Creek for general tag holders is an extreme departure from the past that, I'm afraid, will have a very negative impact on both the elk and the hunting experience. Allowing cows to be taken on general licenses is a bad idea. Allowing 1,000 B tag holders to also hunt the area is even worse. A "firing line" situation at Beattie Gulch and in Tom Miner will likely result. And the elk will simply move to the numerous inaccessible private ranches. Hunter congestion and crowding on public lands will be severe due to the challenging public access situation. There may be management reasons to increase cow harvest in 314 south of Big Creek. Opening that entire portion of the district to general licenses, however, is an extreme step. Adding B tags south of Big Creek is even more drastic. A more nuanced approach to 314 elk hunting is necessary. Please reconsider. Thank you.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 314

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please accept my apologies. In my previous comment I referenced Beattie Gulch, which I realize is in 313 and not 314. I apologize for the error. Thanks again!

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

taking a special draw mule deer tag and making it general (324 to proposed 322) is ridiculous. We have few special draw areas in Montana as is why remove some. Lots of us would like to see some actual deer management in Montana. Also to make it an either sex for mule deer is unthinkable. If there is one biologist that thinks our mule deer population can support that in this area the need to get out of the office and into the field more. Unfortunately i don't think they are getting heard but the land owners and politician are.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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City/Town: **Dillon**
State/Province: **MT**
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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I don't agree with the plan to consolidate area 324 with other areas and make it area 322! I think area 324 should remain a trophy management area for deer (mule deer)

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: **Billy Salada**
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State/Province: **MT**
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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

From the information i have gathered i think combining the HD 324 Mule Deer tag into a general season draw is a bad idea. Based on what i have been told the reason to combine these areas is to help control the spread of CWD in our area. trying to harvest these mule deer to stop the spread of CWD is crazy, there has been less than 1% that has tested positive in this 324 area and if the thought is to stop the spread of CWD from whitetail deer to mule deer to elk to moose,sheep and goat the approach should be focused on the elk. Many more elk reside on the river bottoms in the ruby valley than mule deer. Therefore one should try to manage the contact between the whitetail herd and the Elk herds.

The state has done a great job of managing the 324 mule deer unit and some would argue that it is one of the better units in the state. Why would you be willing to throw away what you have done because of some poor information about Mule deer spreading the CWD?

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Limiting mule deer buck season from 5 weeks to 3 weeks will create further influx of hunters during the rut in region 3, especially as unit 324 is being dropped as special draw mule deer unit and that area represents the largest elk hunter population as well, with many resident elk hunters in region 3 being from region 1 & 2. Not arguing the fact that limiting hunting of mule deer during rut gives protection to male cohort, but unequal changes in region 1 & 2 will produce more pressure on region 3 mule deer during rut.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2**HD 380**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I'm not to fond of opening the entire district to antlerless elk. If it would happen to snow a lot and shove them down into the fields, they would be slaughtered. I had a B tag for the North end of 380 this year and was unable to find even a cow as they stayed up high in all of the mess from fires and pine beetles. I would rather see the regulations stay the same except when the B tags would be valid. I would treat the B tags kind of like the old A-7 tags. Maybe open the B tags a week or two before general season on non forest land, then during the season they could be used on the forest as well and the B tag after the general season ends be valid on non forest land until say December 15th. The either sex permits that are extremely hard to draw I would like to see them treated like a moose permit that after you draw one, you would have to wait 7 years before you could get another chance at one and that would include the landowners as well. Our family doesn't have enough property for the preference and they still eat on our pasture and occasionally they get into the hay. Maybe another thought would be to do away with landowner preference on the either sex tags and just give the landowners a B tag without having to draw it. They would just have to designate the family member that is going to receive it and have them fill out their info on the application with the property info. Being that it is a B tag, you could lower the acreage from 640 down to 160 like the antelope preference.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 302

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support the new proposed district boundary for HD 302, and the season structure proposed for it.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 370

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Why combine 350 and 370 and then have separate regulations for west and east. All of region 3 should be special draw or 4 point or better for mule deer bucks.

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Do not agree with. I have been applying for 324-50 since I was 12 years old(I will be 33 for the 2022 season). My dream deer hunt will be ruined with this change.

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 343,
Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 380,
(optional) HD 391

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Make more HD a draw only for bulls. You can't hunt 391 with 50 trucks all wanting to shoot the 1 or 2 legal bulls in a herd. We need more cow hunts and let the bulls grow and mature

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Q1

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Q2

HD 313,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 314
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The elk population is suffering, numbers are at all time lows, MT FWP needs to lower tags on bulls in 313. We need 75 tags for entire general season. Yes the outfitters will complain, but we need change. Between the bears and wolves in 313/314 there should be little to no cow hunting. No way should there be more than 25/30 cow tags in the south end of 314. Please do what's right for the elk population. I have personally killed 7-8 bulls in 313/314 in the past 10 years, I love to hunt elk. But let's do what's right. And give the elk a chance. No cow tags south of big creek. Make 313 a full season draw. Thank You

#29

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Q1

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Q2

HD 303,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 322
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

In summary not supportive of the changes to mule deer regulations. The increase in permits in unit 303 and the elimination of the limited entry permit for the previous 324 unit will continue to decrease the age class of mule deer and the ability to pursue mature deer. Please limit the amount of hunters in the southwest region by changing regulation season dates, increased limited entry units, or by offering less opportunity in some fashion. The general season rut hunt for mule deer is creating a harvest of younger buck deer. The west side of Montana should be modeled after the Colorado mule deer management plan.

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HD 322

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Do not turn the Rob Ledford/ Snowcrests into a general deer unit. This area is one of the few in the state that has trophy potential. If the area was to turn into general deer it would further increase hunting pressure. The deer quality would likely get shot out in in just a year or two. Please keep this area a permit only for mule deer buck. If there area too many deer just issue deer b permits.

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HD 322

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

As a long time resident of Montana I am deeply concerned with the proposed changes to long standing hunting districts, specifically the proposed 322 district. Looking at the outline of the proposed district it seems completely unreasonable that FWP would be able to effectively manage the elk and deer populations over such a vast area effectively! I am very familiar with the boundaries and areas within proposed district 322 and I know that elk populations and hunting pressure ARE NOT THE SAME throughout the entire area!!! I am very concerned that should the proposed changes occur elk or deer populations will be VERY negatively effected simply because hunting pressure/success in one area of the unit will be vastly different than another area but total success will fall within acceptable expectations simply because of the huge size of the proposed unit. Difference in hunting pressures requires a more finite management and the proposed area of 322 makes effective management impossible!!!

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HD 322

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I understand the concern about CWD, but is the answer to curb the disease to kill basically all the animals in an area? New unit 322 used to be some of the best mule deer hunting in the state, even though ive never personally drawn the tag. I would really like to have this area left as a draw for mule deer. If not, can you guys do an antler point restriction (4-pt or bigger)

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HD 313

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

After attending the Region 3/Livingston season setting meeting last evening and being extremely disappointed and discouraged by the end I feel compelled to voice my concerns...and suggestions.

I'm a born and raised Montanan and have lived in this area and hunted HD313/314/317 for nearly 20 years. HD313 has always been known for big bulls and big bucks and now the word has gotten out. Blame it on the mass of hunting shows, YouTubers, Covid, or whatever, there has been a huge uptick in the number of hunters flocking to this area in search of a big bull or buck. In just a few short years the quality AND quantity of bulls and bucks has significantly declined to the point that every hunter is simply competing and trying to outdo every other hunter. There are constant stories of guides on horseback outrunning hunters on foot just to shoot a raghorn bull with a 4" brow tine. The stories and accolades of anyone getting a big bull, even a marginal bull, are getting more and more rare. The "late bull tag" is a joke. Every hunter I talk to says the same thing...they're just trying to find a legal bull to put meat in the freezer. The other unintentional side effects are a sharp decline in hunter ethics and zero fair chase.

Sure, the elk herds are at or above objective. But what is "objective"? It seems to me FWP's definition falls short of what the hunting public defines it to be. Simply classifying bulls/cows/calves and placing a number on the ratio of mature bulls to cows probably looks good on paper. But every single hunter down here expects more. We all EXPECT to at least see a good bull and/or a good buck but we all now EXPECT to settle for far less or nothing at all. These elk aren't just taking a little heat for a few weeks and then off to greener pastures. The poor buggers are getting hammered for months. Where do variables like wolf pressure, a 5 week archery season, tribal hunting/pressure that extends into April and May, a new late muzzle loader season, significant wounded loss, winter kill, etc factor into your model? The big bulls used to seek refuge in the dark holes and high ridges but now there's a hunter and a camp in every nook and cranny. They're getting pressured not only during the hunting season but every other time of year as well given the huge uptick in back country recreation. In my opinion FWP is taking a step in the right direction by attempting to simplify the regs and streamlining the permits, but still way off the mark in terms being in tune with your hunting public. "Hunter opportunity" shouldn't mean everyone gets to kill something all the time. It should mean a hunter has a REASONABLE opportunity to harvest a quality animal with reasonable effort. Most of the locals down here and many long time hunters who've been coming here for years are frustrated and tired of trying to make public comments only to be shut down or have been made to feel ignored so they've opted to give up. Is that really what FWP wants?

Here are a few suggestions that I've accumulated from folks who spend days and days in the field and truly know how bleak the big picture is:

1. Change the archery only season from 5 weeks to 3 weeks and change the start date from the first week in Sept to the 3rd week in Sept with a 2 week break between the start of rifle season.
2. Continue to allow the 3 week general elk season but designate 6-point bull or better. Allocate 250-300 antlerless elk tags with some percentage earmarked for youth and PTHFV and designate the 50 late bull tags as BTB or Antlerless. Do not allow a muzzle loader season in HD313.
3. Eliminate Mule deer doe permits altogether. Go to a permit only system for Mule deer bucks OR initiate a 4-point or better rule. Work with US Forest Service to close Eagle Creek Road on Dec. 1st to be consistent with closures on every other FS road in the area.
4. Designate a specific horn hunting season with actual start and end dates to reduce pressure and stress during a critical time period.

Thank you for your consideration.

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HD 322

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Combining all of the areas is a bad idea just from the science stand point let alone from the huntable animals point. FWP continues to manage elk numbers as a whole when we should be only managing them as the huntable number. Continuing to have a wide open cow season with lead to even less huntable animals. If population is really a issue it is not on public land. Reduce the cow hunting on public ground to a controlled number and increase private land only permits. Why would we combine areas to make less confusing? get real Montana has one of the easiest unit maps in the country! We should be focusing on the problem of legal game farming with public animals on the private ranches. Go Cows only on private land Statewide and end the practice of selling HUNTS (trespass fee???) call it what it is. If we aren't land locking property for game farming than shooting cows would probably make better business sense to a farmer/rancher. Once again I will say I have never been in the field and heard someone complaining about the number of elk they have seen during there outing.

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HD 303,
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HD 332,
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HD 338

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Only follow the science. I have no problem with the redistricting.

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HD 303,
HD 319,
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HD 326,
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HD 340,
HD 343,
HD 360,
HD 380,
HD 322,
HD 320,
HD 330,
HD 332,
HD 302

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The following comments are taken exactly from a letter I have submitted to multiple parties in response to the necessary changes to region 3 hunting regulations. I have had hunters from all walks of life read the letter and have had little to no push back. The majority of people have said that it needs to be more restricted and that they do not feel that the FWP will listen but its worth a try. I know that there are reasons that there are some things that cant be accomplished in this letter but its a good start and a step in the right direction. I have had public land hunters, private land owners, outfitters, guides, out of state hunters, out of county hunters, and any other form of outdoorsman read this and they all agree. I have signatures from landowners where the large herds of elk reside in Beaverhead County. One thing that is obvious to everyone is that what we are doing now is not working. If we try the proposed changes and they don't work then we are no worse off and can always change it back if it isn't working in a few years. The four page letter below is exactly what I have passed on to all the hunters I have talked to and any FWP employee that will listen. We hope that you will strongly consider these proposed changes.

I am writing this letter on behalf of big game hunters in Beaverhead County. Hunters from all walks of life have signed this letter in support. It is our hope that you will take these opinions into account when considering changes to the elk and mule deer regulations in region 3.

I have been fortunate to hunt both private and public land in region 3. I have also drawn a tag in the 380 unit and an either sex tag near Hardin, MT. My family has been ranching in Beaverhead County for three generations and we are fortunate to have wildlife on our properties.

Region 3 holds a large elk herd, and a large portion of the animals stay on private lands. There is also a very large number of cows and very few, if any mature bulls in most cases. I believe that in most cases private landowners would work with hunters and the FWP to allow access to hunt cow elk only. The only way to do this is to make these areas a special draw for a bull. If a hunter had a chance to draw a bull tag every 3 to 4 years, it would greatly decrease the number of immature bulls taken each year and allow the hunters that draw the tag to have the chance to harvest a mature bull. I also think that it should be a general tag for cows and possibly spike bulls, like the 380 unit. This allows the hunters to opportunity to harvest the elk they need to fill the freezer and allows the bull elk to mature without so much hunting pressure. Currently it is up to private landowners to manage the number of bulls taken. Most landowners are disgusted with the way it is managed and all hunters would like to see the bull elk managed so that they can have an opportunity at a mature bull. In most cases, with the current regulations, hunters feel that if they see a legal bull on public land they should shoot it, because someone else will. This must end; it makes sportsman appear to non-hunters to only care about antlers. I also believe that most private landowners would feel more comfort in allowing access to hunters if they can only legally take a cow. Most landowners have had the experience of letting someone come in as a meat hunter for a cow and many times they shoot a bull instead. This makes it difficult for landowners to allow access. As anyone who has hunted knows most hunters will not get as excited over a cow and it will drastically decrease the bad decisions made when there are several people all trying to harvest one young bull. If hunters don't have the option to shoot a bull, they will not all be firing like crazy to try to be the luck winner. We can all agree that if you have witnessed a scenario where hunters are going crazy because they have a herd with a small bull it is sickening. I have seen it several times where hunters are so overwhelmed with trying to get one of the few young bulls that they leave wounded elk everywhere. These kinds of situations are one of several reasons that landowners don't allow access, it isn't safe, and it isn't how the elk should be managed. Without so much competition most hunters will be willing to slow down and think before shooting. This would also disburse the elk from private lands and allow hunters more opportunity to harvest both cow elk and mature bulls, for the ones that draw the tag, on public lands. I have personally seen how well this management style can work when I hunted in areas that had these rules in place. The size of each herd was much smaller than we see in this area. The elk were spread out because there were more mature bulls pushing groups of cows into different areas. I also think that most hunters would be willing to pay an extra fee when they apply for the bull tag or when they draw it, helping recoup the money that may be lost from hunters that only want a bull. While there will be pushback from public hunters at first, I believe that if hunters start to see mature bulls and have a reasonable chance to draw a bull permit every 3 to 4 years they will soon be accepting of the changes. I would also support that if this change was made, to get it off the ground and decrease the opposition in the first 5 years they do not allow landowner preference. This would help the public to see that it is not being done to accommodate the landowners. Then after the new rules have been in place and everyone has a chance to see how it works, they could allow landowner preference at that time. This management technique would help accomplish the following:

- Decrease the overall elk population as the FWP biologists would like to see.
- Disburse elk into smaller groups decreasing the spread of CWD and BSE.

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- Increase the number of trophy bulls on public and private land.
- Disburse the large elk herds into small herds over larger areas for more public land opportunity.
- Help private landowners allow access to hunters that need meat.
- Decrease the scenarios where a herd of elk is massacred so that everyone can shoot a bull. This gives all hunters a bad name and is one of the reasons that anti-hunting groups can get ground to stand on when these scenarios are shown to non-hunters.

Region 3 has some great mule deer habitat, most of which is public land. With that said all hunters will agree that we have very few mature bucks if any. The few mule deer bucks that make it to maturity in the area are either on private ground or have bad genetics (large two point). Very few mule deer bucks live to see 4 years old on public land because, as with the elk, if they see a buck of any kind, they feel that they should shoot it before someone else does. Until the number of mule deer bucks harvested is restricted, we will not see a healthy mule deer herd, nor will we see an acceptable buck to doe ratio. It is this mismanagement of the mule deer that will stop us from having any mature or trophy mule deer in the area. I think most hunters would agree that you should have to draw a mule deer buck tag, no matter what area you hunt.

Whitetails are overpopulated in some areas as well. A large majority of the whitetail population resides primarily on private land. I don't know of any private landowner with trophy whitetail deer that is willing to let the public come in and shoot them. Like it or not that is the way it is and the way it will be in most areas. If you are going to decrease the whitetail population and ask private landowners to allow access it has to be a late season hunt before the deer shed their antlers and it has to be doe only. If the hunters can shoot a buck, then most people are not going to allow access because someone will shoot a buck. It has to be doe deer only only. If people need meat that's a good way to get it and maybe make some future connections with landowners.

Regarding both elk and mule deer if you decrease the pressure on the bucks and bulls you will have more animals spreading out over large areas. By stopping everyone from shooting horns hunters will put less pressure on the animals and therefore see more animals willing to stay on public lands. Along with this the wolf population must be kept in check or they will also continue to push game onto private ground where they don't have the pressure from both wolves and hunters. I understand that there will be some that are opposed to this however if they are trophy hunters this will greatly increase the opportunity for them in the next 5 years. If they are meat hunters it will allow them to get the meat, they need and have the chance to do it in a better setting and possibly access private ground. All hunters want to harvest a trophy buck or bull but in these areas that will not happen until changes are made. I also believe that if the state would implement these changes most landowners would be willing to allow walk in access for cows and possibly bulls. This doesn't mean that private landowners will allow full access but rather open the door for them to allow some access. This will benefit hunters on public ground at the same time. Landowners will put restrictions that they feel necessary in allowing access. This might mean that some areas are off limits at certain times or that they will not allow hunters to take a bull. While it might not be the perfect scenario, it is a start, and if it works could lead to more access in the future. Livestock and private hunting will always take precedence on private land, restricting access. Hunters will have to realize that they cannot hunt near livestock or in areas that are set aside for the owners. That is just how it will be but in my opinion it can get better. Very few landowners are going to allow full access and allow the property to be abused, that has been done before. Landowners that hunt will likely restrict access to some degree so that family, friends, and employees can have the opportunity to hunt. That is not going to change but there are ways to help make it better for everyone. The truth is that very few landowners will agree to letting many, if any, trophy bucks and bulls be taken on the properties. There are so few to be had at this point that we want to take them ourselves or an outfitter will take them for a fee. The only way to have opportunity at a trophy in district 3, for most hunters will be restricting the numbers of bucks and bulls taken and disbursing the large herds. Without some restrictions in place, it makes it impossible for landowners to allow access and the restrictions must come as regulations.

The outfitting industry brings a lot of money into the state each year increasing revenue and helping small town businesses succeed. While many hunters don't see eye to eye with the outfitters, it is an important business for Montana. Many private landowners see the lease income as a way to offset increased taxes that private landowners pay that other don't. Restricting outfitters will not change the access issues but aggravate it further. Many landowners see leasing the hunting access as a way of managing the hunting. That's life so we all need to figure out how to make that work for everyone. When outfitter sponsor tags were cut it did not open private land in most cases. Private landowners are in many cases business owners and realized how that was detrimental to the economy. Most outfitters that I know would agree that these changes would help them to allow some access to properties that they hunt when they don't have clients on the property. The bottom line is that if you want to increase access to private land you must make it work for the people that pay for the land and the cost of keeping it. If those changes that work for landowners are not made, then nothing will change from the way it is now. I also feel that each outfitter should receive a number of tags to sell so that this will not destroy local outfitters, who are essential to our economy.

I also think that youth hunters, on the first year they can hunt should be able to get a bull tag, then go into the draw after the first year.

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In addition, I think there could be a larger amount of archery only either sex tags as less bulls are taken with archery equipment. This could help get more hunters on board. There could also be an option that if hunting on wilderness or back country, without much road access, those hunters could also take a bull in those areas during the general season. Most hunters that hunt in the back country or wilderness are only hunting mature bulls and would not bother with an immature bull that they must pack out.

It is my opinion that if the state wants to increase access and opportunities for hunting on private land, they must work closely with the landowners to implement a management plan on public and private land that the landowner would like to see. If the management of the bulls and bucks is left how it is currently then the private landowner is the only one managing for mature animals and they will continue to deny access allowing large herds to stay on private land and young bucks and bulls can have a chance to grow. Most hunters would agree that the way bull elk and mule deer are currently managed in region 3 is ridiculous and obviously not working. I know that my point of view is not going to be right for everyone in the hunting community, but I do believe it's the only way to increase access and grow mature bucks and bulls. If management is continued the way it is now nothing will change, that has been proven year after year. This year they added a muzzle loader season but still allowed hunters to take a bull. It isn't working because private landowners don't want people shooting bulls or bucks. They want to let the bucks and bulls mature and see the herd decreased by harvesting cow elk. They need to know that hunters will take a cow without having to be babysat. If these restrictions are not put in place landowners will not have any reason to allow access because we have all been burned by the "meat hunter" and no one has time to spend in the fall babysitting hunters to ensure that they take a cow because the state will not manage it themselves. It is our hope that you will consider these views when making changes to the current hunting regulations and wildlife management.

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HD 332

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I believe the proposed 400 B tags for elk in the new HD 331 is not an adequate number to contain elk numbers. These licenses will result in around 100 antlerless harvests, far below current harvest. HD 331 contributes significant numbers of elk to HD 329, which is chronically over objective. It is also my view that FWP and the Commission should not be promoting elk growth in the Big Hole valley because the winter range is extremely limited.

I support the addition of either sex mule deer opportunity in the old HD 332 portion of the district.

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HD 391

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The removal of either sex elk opportunity for youth and PTHV holders in HD 391 & 392 is ridiculous. This opportunity was installed across a broad geographic area at the direction of a previous commission. This piecemeal removal is nothing more than provincial micro management that will confuse the public and move hunters to other districts that afford more opportunity. Until you can provide evidence of a biological impact, this regulation needs to stay. This proposal makes a mockery of Commission direction & regulation simplification.

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

My concern is that a lot a changes are occurring and there may not be a science behind it. Are the biologist involved and agree with this? I want to know that our hunting heritage will last and that what is happening makes sense.

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HD 303,
HD 321,
HD 329,
HD 322,
HD 302

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

It is my understanding that animals migrating from Idaho have not been included in the new districting. And that some of the herds migration, just inland of these areas, have been split so that the normal survey will not count them properly?

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Q1

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HD 370

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

To me combining HD 350 and HD 370 does not make sense. It is more confusing being 350 East and West, having so many different regulations. Im just curious why we would combine two different units into one when there regulations are not the same at all.

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HD 302

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I still think you should go back to a permit system for bucks. Give out a few doe tags rather than general any harvest.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Overall, I support the boundary changes. Especially agree with 343 boundary change. Mixing opportunity for kids/disability for bull elk is confusing in the 300 districts. Simply get rid of the browtine bull elk requirement and go with antlered bull for general and either sex for kids/disability. The browtine bull change has PROVEN to not increase bull elk numbers for many years. Thank you,

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Q1

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HD 322

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am opposed to the elimination of mule deer unit 324-50 which is limited permits for mule deer bucks. This unit is one of the few in the state that has a mature age class of mule deer bucks. I do not think we should be managing for less bucks and younger age class of bucks. I understand the CWD concern, however I don't believe that eliminating this one special draw unit will move the needle on CWD.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am opposed to ALL rules that give private landowners more elk and deer tags because this will result in those landowners profiting more from a public resource--and increase landowner and hunter conflicts. Many times in the fall elk move onto private ranches because those landowners/ ranchers adjacent to public lands have grazed cows there all summer and reduced elk forage. Ruby Valley and along the Madison River are great examples of this, and the locations where private ranches are exploiting public resources--elk and deer. Need to reduce this --not increase the situation with more tags for nonresident landowners and ranchers.

#46

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Q1

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Q2

HD 340

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The proposed change to eliminate the two week cow season is the best decision for this hunting district.

The Moose Creek, Soap Gulch, and Camp Creek drainages all need significant road closures during hunting season. Roads used to be closed between the Soap Gulch and Camp Creek Roads and now they are pretty much all open. You are as lucky to see a track in those areas now and it is specifically due to the dumb decision to allow those roads to become highways.

Is FWP trying to force the elk onto private lands? Sure seems that way due to the amount of roads now open.

In addition, the only compromise for any hunting district is to only count publicly available elk in any hunting district. Prorate the population on the estimated amount of time a given elk spends on public vs private land. Then compensate the overall elk herd number.

If private land owners are concerned about too many elk, then let people in. Hunters are extremely efficient at reducing herd size.

To say though, that any out of state landowner should be able to sell off tags and deliberately try to fence in or round elk up onto their properties is absolutely absurd and the FWP director should be ashamed that was even a proposal.

And yes, out of state landowners by Divide do deliberately drive fence lines to keep elk from crossing fences back onto public land. I have seen elk shot at by Divide, try to head east and cross the fence, only for four wheelers and side by sides to cut them off as the clients had missed and needed another shot. Pitiful and a horrendous display of hunting ethics and the concept of fair chase.

I have sympathy for landowners where overgrazing of wild game present challenges. BUT the majority of those long time landowners allow people on to hunt for that exact reason.

I have zero sympathy, which isn't needed anyway, for any new landowner who wants to commercialize hunting on their properties and try to force elk to remain on their land. Then they cry that 'crops' are damaged even though most now don't operate the ranches as true ranches.

Check out the Aught Six ranch in Colorado and see where commercialization will end up. Here, they set up troughs, salt licks, alfalfa so they know where the elk are. Then, they name each bull and sell the rights to shoot it. That is not the hunting tradition. That is pure butchering of animals held in the public trust in our great state.

So it is a simple solution, prorate populations and objectives on publicly available elk. In hunting districts where it is hard for a landowner to hunt their own property it will become even harder for them to draw a tag. But, guess what? Those elk on their land are not theirs. Want a better chance at drawing? Open up to their management in accordance with the public trust doctrine.

In today's world, be thankful you're blessed to have the problem of seeing too many elk. Or, I guess, only during hunting season when these new out of state landowners come.

#47

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please do not change any opportunities to hunt on public land in Region 3. I do not want to strictly be a population control mechanism for the state, and I want to retain the right to hunt various species and sexes on public land rather than private.

1. I think 331, which is proposed as one large district, should have general antlerless elk for the first 10 days as it has the past two seasons.
 2. Why not have a 4 point or better restriction on bucks in all of region 3? It would eliminate the need for the 1200 buck tag proposal for 380.
 3. I like the general tag for any elk all season in 317 and 315 for public land hunting. It is hard to get on elk on National Forest land in those districts and a hunter should be able to take whatever he finds in those mountains.
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#48

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Q1

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Q2

HD 329

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I'm 71 and tried to review your proposal 4 times. No matter what I did I could see the proposal/changes. I've hunted 329 for 6-7 years, never found a more beautiful place.

The only problem I have is with your special hunting, you have to submit by mar/April, which to me you don't even know where you want to hunt, because you haven't been able to scout. I had neighbors hate me cuz I've most of the time been successful. 1-2,Elk &1 Deer. I spend 2+ months scouting, that helps me. But for me it's coming to an end, I still try to take my grandson, but it's getting harder with him,(school). I wish there were more mule Deer in the 100/200 regions. And I wish it was only 3 point or better so they had time to multiply and grow. Otherwise I'm good...

#49

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Removing the 324 deer permit and making all of the new 322 general for deer is a bad idea. 324 is already one of the busiest units in Southwest Montana as a general area for elk only. Making it general deer as well would only exacerbate the problem. One of the only things keeping even more hunters out of 324 is the fact that they cant hunt both elk and mule deer bucks without a special buck permit. Also, there are very few "trophy" mule deer areas, so getting rid of another one would hurt the hunters that go for quality over quantity.

#50

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name:	Jon Starkey
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State/Province:	MT

Q2

HD 343

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Why is this unit a general buck mule deer tag? It hard to even find a buck they all get shot when they are 2 points off the road. It should be a draw area with 100% draw odds like what it used to be.

#51

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 380

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am in favor of removing the north and south portions of the district for allocating antlerless permits and going to a district-wide permit only.

#52

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Q1

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Q2**HD 332**Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

i have reviewed the new plan for hunting districts 331,332. The consolidation of the districts is good, making regs less confusing. As far as district 331 goes you have brought the changes back to the regs of a few years ago. The 399.00 combined cow tags didn't seem to work. Going back to the 400 cow tags for the district is good.i have hunted this district 331 for 54 years , and have good results as far as getting elk. However the muledeer population is way below what the numbers were in past. I see less muledeer every year. Need to change the deer regs. Either sex on general tag has depleted the deer population down. I saw lots of elk in 331 last year, and was pleased to see the elk are doing well. I have great success in filling my elk tag in this district. This a good plan to consolidate the districts and clean up regulation problems. Need to manage each individual hunting district seperate.

This is a good plan and I am pleased with this change. Looking for another hunting season. I am a true resident born and lived in Montana all my life. 66 years .

Fwp needs to protect and manage hunting heritage for Montana.

#53

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

There is no reason to combine these areas from what they were before this will result in the possibility of destroying an entire portion of southwest Montana elk hunting what we seem to forget is with the liberal hunting season and wide open cows the huntable numbers have declined hence the lower number of harvest year after year. Quit counting private land non excess able elk as huntable animals and manage the huntable numbers. Some bean counter in a office hasn't a clue of real world ideas. Listen to the sportsman and the people in the field. Never once in the last 30 years I've spent in the woods have I ever heard someone say there are to many dam elk on public land. I have heard them say did you see the 2k elk on the shoit ranch or the 1500 on the Clark canyon ranch or maybe the 1200 on the old brown place mind you not one of the elk are huntable yet fwp continues the destruction of public land animals by over harvest and uncontrolled killing of cows. Why not limit cows on public land and go unlimited on private only.hell here's an idea no bulls on private. Thought we did away with game farming oh wait we did but now we enable it with the ranches selling huge "trespass " fees or hunting leases to kill public animals typical bean counter bullshit in our great state!

#54

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I think mule deer should be four-point or better state wide.Places that are used to have abundant mule deer populations now I have none

#55

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

My comment is more general in nature. There is a lack of mature mule deer bucks where I hunt in HD 315. I know there are no changes proposed for this HD, but many people would like to see the opportunity to harvest large mule deer bucks by imposing antler restrictions in certain hunting districts (similar to in the Bridgers). HD 315 would be a great place to do this. I live on private property and visually observe very low buck to doe ratios, and virtually no bucks over 2 to 3 years old. On public land it is even worse. Let's give a chance for these bucks to grow older even if it limits antlered buck opportunity

#56

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please do not combine special unit 324 special mule deer unit into a general unit. This unit is doing really well due to the management we have had in place for the last 10 years or so. I have been building points to hunt this special unit close to my house for years. To open it up to general season will decimate the numbers, quality and opportunity. It can't sustain that many harvests out of it.

#57

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 326

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I have archery elk hunted GMU326 one year, but I primarily am a mule deer hunter and was amazed by the potential that this unit held for good early archery and general season mule deer opportunities on a special permit draw only tag. To combine this with general units would hurt years of management and growth to this great mule deer unit. I am willing to put in consecutive years and build preference point to have the opportunity to hunt a non general season less pressured unit, rather than have it overran and over hunted during a general season. There are plenty of other HD's that general season tag holders can hunt, please leave this one on a draw only basis.

#58

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Q1

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Q2

HD 301

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I oppose reducing the antlerless B tgs from 50 to zero please retain the 5 cow tags

#59

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Q1

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Q2

HD 380

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

harvesting spikes should be stopped and in a few years the number of bull tags could be increased

#60

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Do not get rid of the mule deer draw tag in 324. If you're that concerned with CWD, then allow hunters to kill all the deer in SW Montana. Short of that, you are just going to destroy a good draw unit and CWD will still be there.

#61

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The only comment I have on the Region 3 regulations is that many of the districts include language allowing cow elk hunting with a general license or with a B license but "Not Valid on National Forest lands". It allows cow hunting on BLM and State lands, which I don't see an issue with, but thought I'd mention to make sure that is the intent.

#62

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Q1

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Q2

HD 340

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I strongly disagree with the proposal to revert to antlered buck mule deer regulations in HD 340. The proposal will result in a return to low, subpar buck ratios as all hunting pressure will be directed at the antlered segment of the population. Current buck ratios are a robust 17:100 doe mule deer. Mule deer in the Highlands are food limited as browsers (deer, elk & moose) have over utilized the browse resources for a prolonged period. This proposal will result in declining fawn recruitment ratios and a lower population over time. I urge you to leave the current either sex regulation in place & manage for the long term health of the environment.

#63

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Q1

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Q2

HD 319

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I dot understand the continued application of unlimited mule deer buck permits in HD 319 when they have been dropped across the balance of southwest Montana. Unlimited permits have never achieved higher buck ratios and may work against increasing buck ratios because they require the holder to hunt in that district only. Further they have never been marketed to the public at large as a tool to increase buck ratios in subpar districts. The department should focus their energy on what ails mule deer and abandon regulations that have not worked. Conifer succession, over browsing and inter specific resource competition are far larger factors in maintaining mule deer.

#64

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Q1

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Q2

HD 380

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I do not believe the limited mule deer buck permit structure for HD 380 & 392 is a workable long term solution. The bonus point system will put immediate downward pressure on permit numbers and displace a thousand or more hunters into adjacent HD and regions as hunters look to optimize accumulated points. One of the reasons given for going to buck permits was high road density. I suggest addressing this issue with seasonal closures before creating a mass migration of hunters.

#65

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I believe we should NOT have any cow elk hunts on public land during the shoulder seasons. To reduce elk numbers, we need to have private land owners hunt cow elk on their land. If they want to make money off the public resource, do it with cow tags. This applies statewide. 99% of the elk in this state are on private land and we do not need any more pressure on public land. We also need to seriously reduce the off road use in most public areas and make them non-motorized. This will help keep elk on public land.

#66

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

We need to work with the USFS and BLM agencies to close more roads for motorized vehicles during the Archery and General Deer/Elk seasons. There are too many atv/side by side vehicles on the landscape during hunting season. This is only making elk and deer distribution worse on public lands. We need more closed roads marked as non-motorized during the hunting season in ALL Districts.

#67

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please add an elk shoulder season for HD 315. Thank you.

#68

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 335, HD 339, HD 343
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I find the proposed regulation that you can only harvest one elk in these districts to be a bit absurd. If only 7% of B license holders actually harvest 2 elk, it should be easy to determine a quota that accommodates this modest harvest. This proposed regulation will force honest hunters into adjacent districts for no good reason. This is not regulation simplification. Using B licenses in districts that are at objective is a poor idea. It makes for lazy hunters and needless congestion in the field. Go back to a permit system for districts at objective or have a general antlerless season for a portion of the general season.

#69

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I see a lot of permits being removed and replaced with private land only tags. This discourages me as a non-resident out of state hunter who utilizes public land rather than paying extremely high trespass/outfitting fees. Hunting should not be an upper-class only activity. I hunt mainly for meat to feed my family. I think more emphasis should be placed on developing landowner relations and programs to best utilize the private land. Consider allowing them to purchase landowner tags if they are enrolled in an access program that does not charge high fees if they are worried about too many elk on their land. This may spread out the herds decreasing disease outbreaks and better utilizing the habitat across the landscape. Also spreads out hunting pressure. If landowner tags are given, a percentage fee should be accessed on the sale price of the tag, and proceeds should go to public land access and improvements. Please consider the public hunter as much as the private landowners. There can be a reasonable solution rather than giving tags to landowners or only allowing private land hunting. This only benefits the privileged few and not the vast majority of citizens who make up the majority of funds supporting MFWP and wildlife management in Montana.

#70

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province:	WY
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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I see a lot of permits being removed and replaced with private land only tags. This discourages me as a non-resident out of state hunter who utilizes public land rather than paying extremely high trespass/outfitting fees. Hunting should not be an upper-class only activity. I hunt mainly for meat to feed my family. I think more emphasis should be placed on developing landowner relations and programs to best utilize the private land. Consider allowing them to purchase landowner tags if they are enrolled in an access program that does not charge high fees if they are worried about too many elk on their land. This may spread out the herds decreasing disease outbreaks and better utilizing the habitat across the landscape. Also spreads out hunting pressure. If landowner tags are given, a percentage fee should be accessed on the sale price of the tag, and proceeds should go to public land access and improvements. Please consider the public hunter as much as the private landowners. There can be a reasonable solution rather than giving tags to landowners or only allowing private land hunting. This only benefits the privileged few and not the vast majority of citizens who make up the majority of funds supporting MFWP and wildlife management in Montana.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 310

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

This district should not be placed into a special draw only (5 tags.) The old rules of guaranteed draw with the special management area of 5 tags was a good management tool. It allowed for knowledge of how many hunters were in the area and still provided a special draw unit that I believe is the best in the state. I would suggest returning to that policy, which is a move away from a general tag how it was last season. When this area was a general tag it saw significantly more use than when it was a guaranteed draw.

Additionally I would like to see mandatory reporting for all big game harvest. The State of Montana's system of calling and polling people is not effective and relies on the mood of a person on a random call. If you want to know the real data make it mandatory, this would be easy to do via an app or website within a certain amount of time from harvest.

Thanks,
Quinn

#72

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Your wiping out district 324, your going to wipe out years of getting the mule deer bucks to full maturity, they will be gone in a single season. It was great to see them during elk season. Now, they'll be gone. I can't imagine any biologist agreeing with this change. You've turned this entire process over to the outfitters

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Q1

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Q2

HD 310

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

District 310 needs to be put back onto some sort of a draw system for elk as it was several years ago. The hunting pressure has increased drastically and finding elk has become increasingly difficult. Additionally, going back to a 100% success draw (or something similar) allows FWP to know exactly how many hunters are hunting the unit, and in turn having reliable information to better manage the elk herds in this region. Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 340

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I have hunted in area 340 for 38yrs and have had success throughout that. My 2 sons have been hunting in that area for 13 and 11 yrs respectively also and have had success in harvesting elk in hd340. My concern is we have been seeing fewer elk over the last years and have seen the increase in hunting pressure. I am all in on hunting on public land and am willing to share the land with a fellow hunter. But I just believe opening up to elk B tags and also eliminating brow tine bulls will decimate the elk in that area. I wish you would please reconsider. Thank you. Jim Wonnacott.

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#75

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 340

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I have hunted in area 340 for 38yrs and have had success throughout that. My 2 sons have been hunting in that area for 13 and 11 yrs respectively also and have had success in harvesting elk in hd340. My concern is we have been seeing fewer elk over the last years and have seen the increase in hunting pressure. I am all in on hunting on public land and am willing to share the land with a fellow hunter. But I just believe opening up to elk B tags and also eliminating brow tine bulls will decimate the elk in that area. I wish you would please reconsider. Thank you. Jim Wonnacott.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: **Menno Peachey**
City/Town: **Helena**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 389,**
(optional) **HD 391**

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please leave the units like they are and stop pretending that there are to many elk in those units. I have been hunting these units for 17 years na have see the elk numbers decline in the last ten years. Especially after the devastating shoulder seasons and general elk tags are valid for cows. We have hunters shooting cows in archery seasons at 100 yards and 1000 yards in rifle season. In the last 5 years we lost all our elk on public lands. There are not many left on private. So please stop allowing hunters to shoot cows. Also get out on public land and see if you can find any elk

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 335, HD 339, HD 343
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The 335/318/339/343 Elk B license only allowing take of one elk in the license region is more complicated and more difficult to enforce than the current permit system, and will result in greater pressure in other hunting districts after B tag holders shoot a cow. The permit system should remain as it is in these hunt districts.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 319

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

With the unit now expanded with 341, why are there less muley doe tags (50) then when the units were split?

#79

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I want to start by saying that i think the governor and the director in issuing their directives have intimidated their employees with the fear of losing their jobs if they do not go along with these directives that any real data and numbers are not being heard. why do we have these employees if we won't listen to them.i have spoken to a number of employees that are afraid to speak out for fear of losing their jobs.

Next i want to know why the governor and director seem to want to wipe out our elk herds statewide by basically authorizing the wholesale slaughter of cow elk. Any good rancher knows you can't kill all your females and be in business tomorrow.

Since i live in Helena my biggest concern is area 380. this is the premier trophy bull area in the state and has been managed as such for over 30 years. you cannot manage it the same as all the other areas.First it is one of the largest areas in the state you cannot manage it the same from one end to the other it is to diverse with different issues from one end to the other.The north end is suffering from the overharvesting of cows even the biologist agrees with this. If the south end has some landowner problems issue them some cow tags or something instead of killing all the cows in the whole area. How many bull calves do you think it takes to get just 1 bull to the age of 10? I would guess 30 or more. on the north end we only have 1/4 of the elk we had several years ago. we could sometimes see 75 at once now we are very lucky to see 15 together we used to see a group of up to 10 bulls now 2 or three if lucky. the average age of bulls harvestered has also declined in the past 2 years. i have talked to almost all the landowner on the north end they have no problems with the elk and feel the same as i do. If you do not stop the killing of cows for the whole season on a general tag what has already started to affect the herds in the elkhorns is going to accelerate untill it is to late to reverse it. It would be a shame to see what was the model for trophy elk in the whole united states reduced to a failure

#80

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 343

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Changing hunting district boundaries should not be taken lightly, and should only be done when there is substantial biological and social justification. These standards need to be even higher when that boundary change includes going between different regions. I do not believe there is sufficient biological nor social justification for extending HD 343 into Region 2 (carving out part of HD 293). I think this change would increase the complexity of management, enforcement, and regulations, and could be problematic not only an immediate future but down the road. I opposed this proposal.

#81

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Q1

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Q2

HD 391

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am opposed to removing the either-sex general license opportunity for youth 12-15. This has been a great way to engage youth hunters in elk hunting. Having the opportunity for a youth to shoot a young bull has been exciting for my 2 kids. They like having an opportunity that other hunters do not have. This opportunity gives them a greater chance at success.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 313

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

As an individual who grew up in Park County and has hunted unit 313 for years, I would like to see more opportunity to harvest cow elk in this district. I would encourage FWP to take a closer look at elk numbers across the district. Surveys within the last few years have shown over-objective numbers (2018). It also may be helpful to draft a new elk management plan that sets objective numbers based on current environmental factors and hunting regulations.

Thanks for your consideration,

Ladan

#83

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Like it

#84

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

HD 322 Is way to large, in my opinion to be fair to hunters and game.

#85

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Q1

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Q2

HD 313

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Mule deer no B tags on mule deer does, General license 4 Pt Mule deer or mule deer doe.

#86

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Q1

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Q2

HD 360,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)

HD 322

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support the removal of hd 324-50 mule deer buck permit. I recognize this could increase the hunting pressure in this location as well as increase outfitting pressure. CWD research has shown us that we need to move toward liberal mature buck harvest to mitigate CWD transmission. Please approve this proposal from Dean Waltee.

#87

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Q1

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Q2

HD 329

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I'm fine with the new districts. What I don't like is that just 3 years ago, 329 had a lot of nice mule deer bucks. At the time, you had to buy a permit to hunt bucks only in 329. Since that restriction has been lifted, the buck population in 329 has dropped (on public land anyway). I think we should have more of those permits. I have hunted 331 some in recent years and the buck there have been decimated too. I think by putting a few restrictions on we can improve the size and number of our buck mule deer.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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City/Town: Manhattan
State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 309,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 311
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like to see a change between HD 309 and 311. The change would be to move the current boundary of 309 from the intersection of the Herb and Amsterdam road. Instead of going east to the Linney road I propose going south in the Highline road to the Cameron bridge road. With all the recent development this fits better in the weapons restricted area. This would solve a lot of conflict with the use of high power weapons being used on a state half section. From a safety stand point this change would still afford ample hunting opportunities.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: Tim Ouellette
City/Town: Manhattan
State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 309,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 311
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like to see a change between HD 309 and 311. The change would be to move the current boundary of 309 from the intersection of the Herb and Amsterdam road. Instead of going east to the Linney road I propose going south in the Highline road to the Cameron bridge road. With all the recent development this fits better in the weapons restricted area. This would solve a lot of conflict with the use of high power weapons being used on a state half section. From a safety stand point this change would still afford ample hunting opportunities.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 340

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

HD-340 Mule Deer, I agree that there is way to much illegal ORV use and if this means taking away hunting opportunities I fully support this decision. I would also suggest this tactic be used for elk hunting. Make 340 BTB only. ORV use in this unit is out of control!

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Q1

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Q2

HD 335

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please bring mule deer permits back to 335. Take away the general mule deer and make it a permit again. The population has gone down drastically sense it was opened up as a general area. All you can find is two points or spike deer now and it's impossible to get a good mature population there now sense everyone is shooting the baby deer. Please consider changing it back to a permit area. Or even a point restriction area would be great.

Sincerely Just a long time hunter that wants to see the population and maturity of the deer get back to where it was 5 years ago.

#92

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Q1

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Q2

HD 370

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Hunting District 350 and 370 need to stay separate. 370 has limited road access and is extremely difficult to hunt in so than that pushes all the hunters into district 350 which has roads all over it and than the local elk herd gets decimated. I have hunted in 350 since 2010 and the elk herd has gone from thriving to almost none due to the mis-management of opening up either sex for general season to trying to manage 350 and 370 as one. Not to mention the dirt bikers that are ruining the country by building single track roads all over pipestone. I have seen multiple times these dirt bikers driving down game trails and in a few weeks it looks like a highway for bikers. In the 11 years I have been driving and hunting in that area I have only seen one game warden up there? If FWP can't patrol the area than close it down to dirt bikers!! The sad thing is I own a dirt bike but follow the law and stay on the trails because I know and care that the elk herds are bedding in these areas that are being driven illegally on.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

City/Town: **Livingston**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

HD 314

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Hunting pressure has grown exponentially on public lands over the past decade. Predation has been a factor but the amount of NR plates at the trailheads has most locals discouraged. It is very tough to get kids into elk hunting these days. More pressure on private and less NR pressure on public land over the course of years should result in higher tax paying resident hunter success on public land and less ag damage to private. Private land owners manage their properties better than our state and government, that's why all the elk are on private. Focus should be on our locals and businesses not nonresidents competing with me and my kids on block and public. Pay the toll and hunt with a outfitter on land I can't hunt or draw a special non resident tag every 3 years. Montana does not need to shoulder the elk burden for the whole west. Other states have elk. Our future is looking like Colorado and that's not good
Thanks

#94

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Q1

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Q2

HD 380

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

So if I understand this correctly, you want to reduce the number of opportunities for residents to be able to harvest an elk in HD 380? This district has the best elk hunting in the state with a very large population, it is already nearly impossible for some with an OTC tag to be successful because of the special permit BS. The fact that nonresident hunters get a large number of tags is out of this world. I used to have a lot of respect for FWP, but in the last 20 years, it is apparent the FWP is trying to commercialize big game hunting in Montana in order to generate maximum profits for the state agency. Why did we ever go from you have a tag, shoot an elk, to you have to have this special permit to shoot an elk here, but if you cross the road, you can't.... this angers me to my core and makes me ashamed to be a Montanan. Being able to pursue the beautiful animals of mt is already hard enough with inaccessible private land and permit restrictions, and now the genius leaders of FWP want to lower quota numbers to make it even more difficult to be successful and feed our families. FWP is already on their way to commercializing big game hunting in this state, all while ripping the heart and soul out of this state and the lawful pursuit of big game animals. If FWP would reduce the number of restrictions on licenses and districts, there would be so many fewer poaching, trespassing, and general rule violations a year. The public already feels like they cannot trust their local game ward, and this pushes people to take action they normally wouldn't dream of. Congratulations FWP, you have ruined one of the last pure things left in this state.

#95

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

My comments are related to HD 315. There is several different bunches or herds of elk that travel in a large circular pattern that also includes Eastern part of HD393 East of the Bridger Mountains. They travel back and forth both HD's. Years ago HD 315 & 393 were both considered for possible shoulder hunts if the desired quotas were not taken. If HD 393 is considered for a shoulder hunt area that consideration should also include HD 315 under the same rules.

Thank you

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 320
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

In the 90's, FWP had an early rifle season for Whitetail deer. Middle of September. Great time for beginners. Easy to harvest a doe. Ranchers cattle were still in the hills and not on their fields. This would reduce no.s more than during the regular rifle season.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 317

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The elimination of elk B tags takes opportunity away from us where we live. All of our relationships with ranchers are in our unit 317. We can apply for 314B tags but we have one now and no place to hunt. So what good is it? It's difficult to get private land to hunt in multiple units. Would rather be able to harvest 2 elk in the same unit where we have places to hunt. This proposal takes opportunity away from us where we live.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 317

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The elimination of elk B tags takes opportunity away from us where we live. All of our relationships with ranchers are in our unit 317. We can apply for 314B tags but we have one now and no place to hunt. So what good is it? It's difficult to get private land to hunt in multiple units. Would rather be able to harvest 2 elk in the same unit where we have places to hunt. This proposal takes opportunity away from us where we live.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 343

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Hello,

I am writing to voice my thoughts on the new boundaries of HD 343. Keeping in the spirit of reducing complexity with hunt units, making the proposed section of 343 west of the continental divide a part of HD 281 instead would be beneficial in several ways. The area southwest of Lincoln is generally similar to conditions in the greater upper Blackfoot valley. I understand that elk move back and forth over the divide, but the current 343 boundary has much more agriculture while the new section is largely public forest land. The management needs vary considerably across the divide. Additionally, putting that land in HD 281 would keep things more consistent with other current boundaries, including US Forest Service ranger districts, BMAs such as Keep Cool Hills, and DNRC Fire response areas.

After visiting with Mr. Arnold and some other Lincoln residents last night at the public comment session, I believe this change would have plenty of local support from those of us in the Lincoln area.

Thank you for your consideration and the work that you do. Please feel free to contact me on this issue if you have any questions.

-Don Iles
928 978 5348

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Q1

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Q2

HD 332

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Typo in regulations for 331 and 332. It appears 322 has been used when it should be 332 on both line items under 331 and 332 action items listed.

#101

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)

HD 313,
HD 339,
HD 380

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I think that the requirement for special permits that does not allow permit holders to hunt bull elk in any other HD should be removed. Sometimes archery season, kids or hunting parties take you to other hunting districts and being restricted to hunt bull elk in those districts should not be restricted. The majority of hunters are going to save their elk tag for their special permit, but it is still nice to be able to attempt to hunt elsewhere. The 313-45 tag is a perfect example, a hunter would have to sit out bull hunting through archery and majority of rifle season waiting for that permit to become valid.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The Jefferson Valley Sportsmen Club of Whitehall Mt would like to see old deer area 324-50 left as is for mule deer bucks. This has been managed as a trophy area for bucks with a draw area of around 2 percent. Most hunters never get a chance to kill a trophy buck in Montana and drawing this tag is a hope of finally getting one. These bucks will be mostly eliminated the first year if this is removed. While CWD is present in these areas we don't feel this will have enough impact to warrant this change. Thanks
Don Drake Pres JVSA

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Q1

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Q2

HD 313

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please keep the Youth hunt opportunity in 313. We've been looking forward to applying for this permit for our daughters for years. Taking away youth hunting opportunities shouldn't be one of the goals of this objective. Thank you.

#104

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Q1

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Q2

HD 317

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Thank you for the ability to comment. I have lived, hunted , and Ranched in area 317 for close to 40 years. My concern for the purposed General Lic. being good until Feb. 15th.

With this purposed season the Landowners will be overwhelmed with Hunters wanting access. The current B tag system does limit the number of people in the field and allows several smaller ranches who have small herds of Elk the opportunity to harvest cows. With limited hunters they actually harvest more elk.

The open system your purposed will drive the smaller herds of elk onto the private ranches where no access is given to late hunters. Then lower harvest will occur on these over hunted properties , and the elk will stop coming to the over hunted lands.

Your problem in 317 lies with a couple of larger ranches who do not allow cow hunting , but allow outfitted hunts for Bulls. All this new purposed system will do is drive more Elk onto these properties , and less harvest. of cows.

I have watched this occur in other areas (560) where the elk have stopped using the ranches that use to harvest quite a few elk every year, but the elk now show up in late winter after the shoulder hunt , and no harvest occurs.

Please do not adopt this purposed General late hunt in 317 , and stick with the B tag system, let out more B tags ? Thank you

Mike Quesenberry
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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 301,
	HD 303,
	HD 322,
	HD 302

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am a non-resident native that has hunted Montana for many years. With the wolf population decimating many of the north western herds in MT, so many people now flock to the elk stronghold in the state which is southwestern MT, specifically Lima MT for HD 300, 301, 302, 328. The herds just five years ago had decent bull/cow ratios, but that is being challenged by the sheer number of people in these HD's. By rifle season end, there are few if any legal bulls remaining in the herds as they have all been harvested, and the only opportunity for a 300 class bull comes from the neighboring Idaho herd where both quantity and quality exists.

Being from MT, I have always thought their liberal hunting season was terrific as I could hunt bulls with my rifle every season where Idaho only offers bull seasons as DRAW hunts for bulls in the adjacent hunting areas bordering Montana. Now, with more time and experiences on my side, I see the damage of over hunting in the HD300, 301, 302, 328, and all the MT/ID bordering HD/Areas as elk know no boundaries.

Proposed Solution: Combine HD's and call them a zone....Then only allow hunters to buy a zone tag that allows them only to hunt in that zone. Idaho does it right here, as managing elk/deer populations without managing hunter populations seems impossible, especially since so many hunters are now leaving their once great hunting HD's up north and coming to the MT/ID border HD's to hunt. I see the trend of decreasing bull ratios, decreasing bull quality, and increasing hunter population.

The only way to change this is to require zone tag purchase which will eliminate hunters from hopping around the state, as they would only be able to hunt in the zone in which they purchased a tag for. This will be a powerful tool for MT as your biologist can predict hunter populations in Zones so better game management can become a reality.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

City/Town: **Townsend**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2**HD 380,**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 391**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Opposed to eliminating HD 380 district portions and changing the general elk license to be valid for cows outside of FS boundary all season. The previous HD portions worked well to harvest animals out of different herd segments as well as distributed hunters across the range. Additionally, HD 380 is heavily hunted and if everyone with a general elk license who wishes to harvest a cow is trying to find one outside of FS boundary its not going to work! Hunters will be tripping over each other on BMA's which ultimately will not have any elk on them. You'll likely push the elk back onto FS lands where they can't be killed and actually reduce your cow harvest as well as overcrowd your BMA's adding to a poor opportunity and experience.

Opposed to HD 391 proposals of no cow harvest on a general elk license and no cow elk harvest on elk B license on FS land. FWP is forcing the overcrowding and very little harvest on what few BMA's exist in HD 391 (and other HD's). By making licenses and permits valid outside of FS lands your forcing people to go where they can which is typically BMA's. You're not going to open all those private properties which harbor the elk.

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

318- I SUPPORT elk changes

318-I would ask the commission to re-instate mule deer buck permit.

318-I SUPPORT mule deer doe changes

350-I SUPPORT ALL changes to HD 350

380-I AM AGAINST changes to HD 380 boundary. I AM AGAINST GIVING INTO LAND OWNER PRESSURE. Thanks you

#108

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Q1

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Q2

HD 320

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I'm against getting rid of HD 333 and combining it with HD 320. I'm also against getting rid of the elk B tag for HD 333 which would be HD 320 if combined.

#109

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Q1

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Q2**HD 322**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I strongly disagree with eliminating the 324 mule deer draw only within this new district. This trophy unit has a healthy population that has had zero detection of CWD. The influx of people that will inevitably be drawn to this area to pursue trophy mule deer will not only have a negative impact on the landscape itself but the increase in hunting pressure will only push more elk and deer onto private ground faster, and this will cause those elk and deer to be exposed even more to the whitetail in the river bottoms that do have CWD. The mule deer in my opinion will need more protection in coming years as a significant amount of hunters will focus their hunting efforts away from whitetail and pursue mule deer. I agree with the biologist that an older mule deer buck population may spread CWD faster, but a free for all on this healthy population is absurd. It saddens me to see our trophy mule deer opportunities disappear in this state. My suggestions would be make the entire proposed district special draw but increase the number of tags in order to decrease the number of older bucks but still have a trophy opportunity. Another option to simplify the process would be to significantly shorten the season. Allowing rifle hunting for mule deer in the rut in my opinion is horrible management and needs to be eliminated at least in region 3 all together.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support HD 322 as proposed. The spread of CWD in this area is very unfortunate. The best available science suggests maintaining harvest pressure to minimize the spread of this disease. I commend the department for allowing science to dictate management in this area.

#111

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

322 is too large of a unit that incorporates many different elk herds. The snowcrest and blacktail herds could be managed as one herd. The Gravelly range herds could be managed as one herd divided by the Ruby river from the snowcrest/blacktail unit. The centennial unit should be left alone. Managing each of these districts as one solid district could lead to the inability to lower quota or close areas to protect the population as a result of disease, winter kill or other unforeseen herd mortality event.

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Q1

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Q2**HD 322**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Unit 322 encompasses too many different elk herds. Managing all these herds in a single unit form would potentially lead to the inability to address unforeseen mortality events that affects only one herd in the region. The centennial unit (327) should be left alone. The Ruby River could serve as a dividing point for a large unit that encompasses 326, 325 and part of 324. 323 and 330 could be combined into one unit along with the portion of 324 that lies east of the ruby river. Having the snowcrests and Blacktail unit combined makes sense as the elk in those units have a similar winter range and population mechanics from snowfall. The Ruby mountains have elk that winter with the tobacco root herd and should be managed separate from the Gravely herd and centennial herd as well as the snowcrest/blacktail, so 322 should be left alone as well. Combining all these units together does not serve the elk herds each of the units represents well nor does it allow for effective management of those herds if something were to occur that was detrimental to one of the aforementioned herds such as disease, winter kill or some other unforeseen event.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 312,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional) HD 317

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am glad you did not finalize the proposal to change the trophy mule deer rules.

As I read the proposal, it appears you are proposing to delete 317-00, and allow the general tag for late cow season. I recommend that in addition to this proposal, you consider adding back in the 317-00 as a B tag, which would allow a hunter to use the general tag elsewhere and still hunt late season cows in this overpopulated area.

For 390, I agree with the plan to have a late cow season.

Thanks for considering my comments.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 380

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

From my experience. The trophy tag is hard to get and should be treated a little better than it is. In my opinion the first two weeks of general season should be open to the trophy tags only. It was very discouraging trying to compete with Cow and spike hunters. Then extended the spike and cow tags for two weeks after the regular season closes that way we can still get the harvest numbers.

#115

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Q1

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Q2

HD 319

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Would like to see district 341 stay the same. And not be combined with 319 . Will be so much more competition for cow elk tags

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Q1

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Q2

HD 332

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I wish to comment on the proposed "new" elk/deer unit 331. I agree combining the present 331 and 332 units into one unit is a sound idea. However, rather than keep the general season open to brow-tine bulls only the entire season, I believe it would help manage herd numbers if the general public had the opportunity for antlerless elk for a few weeks in the "new" 331 unit. I also believe mule deer hunting should be limited to antler bucks only for both archery and general season in "new" area 331. I don't believe numbers are high enough to support either sex seasons for mule deer. Thank you for allowing me to comment.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 332

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I wish to comment on the proposed "new" elk/deer unit 331. I agree combining the present 331 and 332 units into one unit is a sound idea. However, rather than keep the general season open to brow-tine bulls only the entire season, I believe it would help manage herd numbers if the general public had the opportunity for antlerless elk for a few weeks in the "new" 331 unit. I also believe mule deer hunting should be limited to antler bucks only for both archery and general season in "new" area 331. I don't believe numbers are high enough to support either sex seasons for mule deer. Thank you for allowing me to comment.

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 301, HD 310, HD 360
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Hi,

As a resident of Big Sky and a dedicated meat hunter for elk I object to the changes to hunting districts 301, 310, and 360.

By limiting cow hunting in the Spanish Peaks the local hunter in Big Sky is losing one of the best opportunities for success in our area. 301 with its abundant roads and access is very different from the Spanish Peaks. I am skeptical that this decision is based on science or based on making wealthy ranch owners happy. Show the people solid data.

The move to make Buck Ridge part of 310 makes some sense as I spend lots of time in this area and elk do winter in the portion that is going to change from 360 to 310. What needs explanation is the article from several years ago in Montana Outdoors that documents the annual migration of elk from 310 to the Madison Valley (a migration I have witnessed first hand). The 360 cow permit is still on the proposed regulations. I just don't get it. Also, the private land in 360 behind Ophir school that will change to become 310 is loaded with cow elk. LOADED. They get hunted in some places but mostly it is just a haven for cows, won't this new regulation force even more elk on the private to become "wildlife trophies" for the well heeled to look at in their yards? How can we justify creating such high concentrations of game when CWD is right at our doorstep?

It seems that the FWP just wants the regular Joe to show up on some trophy ranch with his hat in his hand if he wants to get a cow elk. Damage hunts and chasing pregnant cows on the flat land should not be the only way to fill the freezer for the dedicated mountain hunters in Big Sky. Does FWP just want the mountain hunter to get in his truck, spend money all the way to the valley, pay a trespass fee to a landowner only to have a shot at an elk on a ranch?

These regulations need much better data to satisfy the people in Big Sky losing our shot at a full freezer. The Justification PDF is brief at best. Where are the maps showing collared elk staying in 310 not moving off to 360? Where is the data showing that so many cows are getting killed in 360 that the 310 unit is harmed? Is there any data at all about the herd in the Spanish Peaks needing the same management plan as 311?

I've read the response by FWP to the changes being proposed. FWP staff is saying they aren't trying to management game just for the rich. They say it's all about the data and studies. But, if you live in Southwest Montana and are watching wealthy landowners get whatever they want and the regular working man left to beg for his piece of the pie it seems very fishy that these regulations are coming along right not.

Show us the data. Prove to us that studies are being done. Why have I never scene a collared elk in 8 years of hunting the four units around Big Sky? Why have I found scores of winter kills but never a collar? Why have none of my friends found a collar either? Prove to us that this move is not just to make it easier for some and not others.

The working man is getting crushed is this state, don't take the hunting too.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 310

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like the consideration of moving 310-45 to a unlimited limited entry district again. Since the change elk behavior has changed due to increased hunting pressure. Since this area has been changed to a general district observations have been made that there has been a very high increase in hunting pressure. This has seemed to cause early elk dispersal into the Madison Valley despite early season with very little weather changes.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 313

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I think doing away with the youth cow elk permits is the wrong thing to do. If there has to be 50 permits to make it legal then add 20 to the youth and 20 to the regular cow permits. Another 40 cows aren't going to break the herd. And while you're at it, make it 6 pt or better for bulls.

#121

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Q1

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Q2

HD 380

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

By changing the boundaries of this hunting district you are making it easier for hunters to put a general tag on a special draw deer - something that I feel has gone on for years in this hunting district. Using hwy 287 as the boundary in the southeast corner does not simplify things, I think the Missouri river is a lot more defined boundary. Why does hd 380 need to be a draw tag while 390 would be an over counter? These two hunting districts share a good number of the same deer crossing back and forth on 287.

I like the idea of limiting the tags for this area but I feel that without enforcement it will continue to go the same way that it has. There needs to be game check stations or more enforcement on patrol to ensure that the regulations are followed.

I feel that this boundary change is more for the management of the growing elk population in the eustis hills. Until you can convince the biggest land owner (I call him mr H) in those hills to do some herd management hunts, the elk herd is going to continue to get bigger.

#122

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Q1

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Q2

HD 313

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

We need to remove the restriction of hunting antlered briw tine bulls by oermit only, the last 14 days of season. The decision to do so, was never based on biological science, but politically motivated.. It is oast time to correct this, and return 313 to montanans as a resource to harvest elk, instead of managing 313 with the viewing pleasure of people visiting Yelliwstone Park as the main priority!!!

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Shoulder season hunts, especially those allowed on public land completely go against the spirit of the plan which is to try and reduce 'problem' elk on private land. I understand the struggles of ranchers and the damage elk can cause but allowing hunters to shoot cows on public land has absolutely no affect on controlling the elk that are causing damage in the first place and only significantly impacts the health and population of these herds. There are record number of hunters in Montana and this population of hunters is growing literally daily. We already have a remarkably long hunting season and need to give the elk and deer a chance to recover, raise their young, and help maintain a health population. I am absolutely against both early and late shoulder season hunts.

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 321, HD 332
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like to make comments on hunting districts 321 and 331. I clicked on 332 because 331 was not an option on the list provided above.

Elk

321 - I like the idea of combining district 321 and 334 together. That is the old boundary before area 334 was created and it seemed to work well. The either sex season works well in this district because most elk move out as soon as it snows hard so it is the only way to get a good harvest.

331 - I like the new boundary and making districts 328 and 329 into a completely separate district that is managed separately from 331. Combining 331 and 332 into one district makes perfect sense especially in the northern portion that I have been hunting for 42 years. I especially like the elimination of either sex elk in 331 during the general season. I believe that the killing of cows with rifles can be better managed through the use of B-tags. If there is severe weather this keeps the elk in the northern end from getting over harvested. This will also decrease hunter congestion and stop forcing elk on to private land where they are harbored and there is a very limited harvest. If a greater harvest is needed you can always increase the number of B-tags.

Deer

I think the numbers of mule deer have dramatically decreased in are 331 over the past 40 years. I think that there should be a small number of draw tags for mule deer say 250 or less. These tags could be either sex if necessary. I think that general deer tags should not be allowed for mule deer. This might help the numbers increase again. I think the regulations for whitetail deer are fine if anything more tags could be offered for them. Thanks for your consideration and keep up the good work.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 321

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I'd like to address the HD boundary change. It makes more sense to add HD 334 to HD 270 to make that a larger HD. Those elk in HD 334 are mostly wintering herds of HD 270. They should be in one district. Also the unlimited entry tag good for HD 270 that limits you to that HD only would be more palatable for those that wished to hunt the same elk herd.

Thanks
Robert Wood

#126

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Q1

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Q2**HD 380**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The number of elk permits in HD380 keeps increasing since it went to limited. The increase in tags has led to a decrease in the quality of this hunt. This is the premier elk hunting district in the state and the quality of bulls from this district keeps decreasing because of the increase in tags. Most hunters apply for this tag with the hopes of chasing large bulls that they might not otherwise see in other HD's. The constant increase in tags is reducing the average size of bulls in this district as more of them are killed every year. Also, a premier HD should not include a spike season. Allowing the spikes to be killed detains from the hunting experience for the individuals that draw their once in a lifetime permit to hunt the bigger bulls. Montana is the only state that allows spikes to be shot in a limited entry unit. At the very least, a designated time for the spike hunters to get their elk could be established, such as the first week of the season. That would allow the bull permit holders to plan around hunting this time frame.

#127

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I opposed to the combining of HDs 322, 323, 324, 326, 327, 330 into the Wall Creek (322) unit. The primary concern is the loss of the Limited Entry mule deer 324 permit. Many locals have looked forward to drawing the permit for much of their lives to have a quality hunting experience. Taking it away is insulting to those who have dreamed of hunting it for years. I know the biological justification is that of CWD concerns to keep mature buck numbers lower, but with the surrounding areas open to nearly unlimited harvest during the rut, it seems like we could afford one district in the area to allow for a more quality hunting experience.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I believe there is no reason to group all those Hunting districts together for sake of ease of regulations. I see no reason to change this. No reason to group any of the districts. They evolved over time to be the size they are for many reasons.

#129

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Q1

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Q2

HD 301

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I do not support removing the 50 antlerless Elk B licenses

#130

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The past several years we have had the opportunity to have hunters use their deer A-Tag to harvest either sex mule deer in the part of HD 393 which is south of Willow Creek. This allowed us to use hunters to manage overpopulations of does in our hay fields which hit as high as over 200 head just in one of my fields. It took a number of years to get the number of mule does down to a reasonable number. There are still plenty of does in our area, however, due to the hunting, the deer have figured out the need to disperse to areas around my hay fields with less desirable forage.

Changing this regulation will again concentrate large numbers of does back onto our hay fields and probably spread CWD in these concentrated numbers, because two deer in our nearby area this year were found to have CWD. Also, they will come back doing more damage to my hay and hay fields.

Please leave the doe hunting in the portion of 393 which is south of Willow Creek so hunters can kill mule does on their A-TAG. Thank you! David A Haug

#131

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Q1

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Q2

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The new proposal to give private land owners more bull tags and take away tags from public land hunters is wrong. The rich just get richer and the little guy gets more taken away. With this way of doing things I can see a future where hunting in Montana and having a reasonable chance of being successful is reserved only for the elite.

#132

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Q1

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Q2

HD 311

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support the boundary changes proposed to 311 for deer/elk. I makes sense both practically and biologicly considering how this district has been managed in the recent past. Good change.

#133

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Q1

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Q2

HD 317

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Dear FWP,

My name is Randy Petrich, and me and my family own and operate a ranch in district 317. We run cattle and also have an outfitting business we call Rising Son Outfitters. I would like to comment on the proposed changes for district 317.

To start with, probably the biggest things that has kept our operation going for over 50 years is the fact that we make decisions very carefully. The proposal to allow any elk license in the state to be put on an antlerless elk through the middle of February does not seem like a prudent decision. We realize elk need to be harvested and managed at healthy level, but something this drastic could have devastating results. Especially if we have a very cold and snowy winter, and the elk result to mostly private acreages.

#134

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Q1

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Q2

HD 317

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Randy Petrich here again! Please add this to my other submission. If the B tags are continued, or even the number raised, FWP can still control their target number of animals in this area. There will be a lot more control over this valuable area in regulating elk numbers rather than chancing an over harvest. PLEASE do not implement this new proposal!!! Our family ranch operation is dependent on this elk herd.

The last thing I would like to recommend is a better system for determining game harvest. I feel like the key to managing wildlife is getting accurate harvest information. Currently, I don't feel like the phone survey is very accurate. I feel like a mandatory harvest report before purchasing the next years license might be one idea. Either a sportsman submits their report, or they can't purchase or apply for the next years license. Something like this could be crucial in managing all the vast areas including 317.

Thank you very much for allowing for my comments. My whole family lives and works every day on the land in district 317, and would be more than happy to share ideas that might help manage this area. Again, please consider very carefully not removing the B licenses for this area. Seems like a very dangerous way to manage the elk numbers. Respectfully Submitted!

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Generally I am not in favor of Consolidating hunting Districts.

- o Some of these combined areas make no sense and management data will make past years data useless, in general, smaller areas should be easy to manage. Larger areas with different habits will be more difficult to manage. There does not seem to be logic to many of these changes. For example:

- o Combination of areas 328/329:

Elk – combine them into one and then say the Elk B Licenses would no longer be valid in the northwest portion...clearly there is a different management strategy in this portion of the district, so why not just make it a different district? Combining it into one and then creating a “sub-district” with a different management strategy means that it is one district by name(#) only. Doesn't appear to be simpler.

- o Combination of Areas 331/332:

New unit 331 will be General either Sex Mule Deer

- 332 currently has NO MD B tags and is buck only – so obviously there is a biological reason for reduced harvest of MD does... But now you want to combine it with 331 and make a blanket either sex general mule deer tag? Again, clearly there are two different management strategies for the two areas as they currently sit, so I don't agree with combining them for the sake of “simplicity”. Two different management strategies should equal two different districts.

- o Area 313:

While this boundary remains unchanged, its puzzling that this isn't two districts, with the area North of Dome Mountain having a different management strategy than area south.

- o Area 314:

Biologist commented that the south end of the district has very low elk numbers, while the north is nearly over objective. But the recommendation is to “Remove north & south” designations for the district. Then change the south half from BTB only to either sex general? This has obviously been managed as two different districts, it should be numbered that way if we are looking for simplicity. And for 10 years or better the areas south of Big Creek was BTB, but now its just ok in the name of simplification to make it Either Sex? I can't find the logic.

- o Combine Area 343/portion of 293:

“Antlerless deer opportunities would be valid East of the Continental Divide”. Just another example of a different management strategy that should be two districts.

- o Agree with 3 week mule deer season – these should be statewide.

- o Combine Districts 350/370:

Silly. Biologist clearly stated that these two areas are currently managing 2 different elk herds, so again, we are combining them in name only for the sake of meeting a “directive”. It will only make previous data useless and hunter reporting information less accurate for management of those herds.

- o Combine HDs 322,323,324,325,326,327, 330:

Combining areas with 3 different mule deer management strategies and a wide variety of habitat? We know that Montana does not manage limited draw units for “trophy” deer. So why was unit 324 a draw only district? I can only assume it was for low populations (and having drawn that tag and spent months hunting it, the south end of the unit has many less deer than the north end). Now it will be general either sex. While I understand the new management strategies with CWD may come into play here, it seems like an overreaction that could be detrimental to populations down the road. Combining SEVEN units into one seems asinine and will undoubtedly render previous data useless.

- I do agree with the minor changes such as incorporating the portion of 380 East of Hiway 287 to the Missouri River into the adjoining district to the East.

In Summary - The combining of units for “simplification” I don't care for. Because John Q. Public thinks its “Hard” to figure out the regulations, we have to make a change with no biological justification? I can only assume Hunting Districts have been created over the years to accommodate wildlife, hunters, landowner needs. Changing these districts in the name of simplification makes no sense. For the Hunters who know and understand these districts, this is far from a simplification and will create more confusion, and more strain on an already understaffed FWP enforcement division.

Region 3 - 2022-23 deer, elk season setting changes

Will long-term tracking of wildlife survey and hunter harvest information based on long established hunting districts be lost or become useless?. All this, for WHAT? For some people that don't want read, because its "hard" and seems confusing. Our state is not that confusing, I put in for tags all over the West. We're in good shape.

Our outdated licensing system is confusing, the fact that we don't require mandatory online harvest reporting confuses ME (since most other states do it). Perhaps those are the things we should be spending out time and money on.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 317

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would rather see the FWP increase the number of Elk B permits for unit 317. This would aid the FWP in two ways:

- 1) The FWP would have better control over the number of elk harvested.
 - 2) Hunters who take the time to apply for a specific license tend to have a better understanding of the regulations and also plan out their hunt. I feel this would reduce the number of trespass conflicts and complaints of hunters shooting elk from roadways.
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#137

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 301,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 311
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

these hunting district boundaries show change to what appears to be lining up with the major highways, but none of the permits in these districts are described. by doing this kind of boundary change it limits hunting opportunities for antlerless deer permits unless the permits are going to be good for both units going forward... 301 and 311 similar to how they have been valid in 309,311,312 for antlerless whitetail in the past... if this method is used with this change and 311 and 301 share a valid antlerless whitetail provision then i guess changing the boundary doesnt matter... please dont limit hunting oppurtunities by making the boundary changes. thanks!
Sam

#138

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

what is the logic behind combining the districts? How has biology been considered in combining the districts? I am opposed to the elk district combining proposal.

#139

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like to see the Mule Deer permits for 392-50 to remain as is "Unlimited" , not limited to 500. I have been hunting that area for over 40 years and it has been good for me. If I could not hunt mule deer in this area because I didn't draw a permit doesn't seem right after all the time and effort put in over the years to learn the area and habits of the game.

I do agree to increase the quota for Antlerless Mule Deer to 100. From what I have been seeing for numbers in the area the deer numbers are good.

#140

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Q1

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Q2**HD 310,**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 360**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Having spent many days in these hunting districts, and talking with many guides in that region, I found that the Gallatin herd is nearly extinct. They and I all believe this is from depredation. Each year for the past 12 years I have been in this area, there are less and less elk. The wolves are populous. What was a fairly healthy herd is now almost gone. The idea of wolves was for folks to see that animal in the wild. With food sources, elk and bison, all these have been depopulating. So before long the wolves will move out of the Park as they won't have sustenance. In turn, the wolf tourists will in a few years find the wolves have moved out of the Park to follow the food sources which are fairly depleted thus creating minimal wolf watching and minimal hunting opportunities for the hunters. A double loss to all concerned. Perhaps the only way to recover the elk is to remove many more wolves and issue limited permit hunting?

#141

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Q1

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Q2

HD 343

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

HD 343: The portion in the Blackfoot east of Lincoln will need to be combined with 281 rather than 343 to avoid confusion with hunters and elk numbers in that portion can not support any cow harvest. Combining it with 343 with all its cow tags will cause a huge influx of cow hunters and harvest because of all public land that's easily accessible in the Blackfoot portion of the proposed district which would have detrimental effects to our elk populations here in the Blackfoot. Elk numbers in the Blackfoot and specifically that portion of the Blackfoot are not robust. Ask anybody who lives and hunts here, ANYBODY.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 301

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Hello. The Increaaed pressure on our elk herds with extended seasons is not a viable option. This puts more stress
And pressure
On our farmers
And ranchers by the public pushing them down onto private land for months on end . I chronicle the gateway herd through photographs
and have been following them for years watching their travel
Patterns. The stress this herd is under because of traffic and development , drought & 6 months of hunting is tragic. Working w land
owners is key to reducing the numbers , not hunting on public land . Our wild
Places are suffering w the masses coming to the mountains escaping Covid and now hunting seasons that go on and on . It's barbaric
what we are doing to our elk and other wildlife - push push push . Eventually there will be no quiet places where they can live either to
too high elevation , not enough food in those areas , people everywhere & predators .
Unfortunately for the elk , they like where we are due to ease of getting around , food . Shelter , lower snow depths .
We need to get creative and work harder for protective corridors for migrations and private land access- shorter seasons in public labs
so the elk and other wildlife can rest and get up out of the developed valley floor .
Montana needs to do better

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I understand making this area 1 district will make it easier for hunters to follow. District 324 - switching that from a draw only, to a general tag will adversely affect the # of bucks harvested, very high chance of over harvest. People who typically put in for this permit, will see its a general tag, the likely result will be over hunting/harvested bucks. After the 1st and 2nd years, of the proposed changes, it will take wipe out the quality bucks.

Thanks for your time and allowing public comments.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 310

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am in favor of this proposed change to include the Buck Ridge portion of HD360 into HD310 to protect the 310 elk herd so the population may grow. Thank you for your efforts.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 301

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The ranchers in this area have been saying for years something needs to be done with the elk as they are eating the grass they need for hay, also eating the grass where they summer their cows. Maybe listen to the farmers and ranchers in the areas as to the problems they are facing, and not give smart elic answers " like we have wildlife you know". Yes we know this, as we have been living with them for years.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

There was no selection for 390 above but my comments are for that unit. I do not feel that the extended antlerless elk seasons are necessary. There is no reason to put pressure on the elk herds for 6 months out of the year. It increases stress and affects the overall health of the herd negatively. We have seen drastic decreases in the elk population over the past couple of years. Having a shoulder season up until 1/1 is fine but the early and extended season to 2/15 is overkill.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I've been hunting 324 for the past 5 yrs now and have noticed the elk population is dropping in that area. I do a lot of walking and spotting and the elk are getting harder and harder to find. Maybe instead of doing your herd count WHEN ALL THE ELK ARE MIGRATING IN THERE FROM IDAHO AND THE PARK YOU SHOULD DO THE COUNT AFTER THEY LEAVE. THE LOCAL HERD IS GETTING DESTROYED!!!! You should do away with the either sex general tag and also not make it a general deer license in 324. There are way to many people in that area between the out of staters and Montana residents. The mule deer bucks will be destroyed.

#148

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Q1

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Q2

HD 380

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I believe the southeast portion of the 380 district east of highway 287 (south of Toston) should remain in hunting district 380. As a resident of Townsend I have (for several years) witnessed the elk traveling between the south elkhorns and the hills east of highway 287. I believe the elk in the hills east of 287 originated from the south elkhorns not the horseshoe hills as stated in the boundary change justification. The river is a better district boundary than a highway. It seems this change will only benefit the few landowners with the ability to harvest mature elkhorn bulls which are known to be traveling in and out of the area. There is very little public land in this area and therefore does not enhance the general publics hunting opportunities. This change seems designed to provide a few land owners with trophy hunting opportunities of elk moving in and out of the south elkhorns.

I would also like to comment on the inequity of the 380 either sex (big bull tag) license allocation. Simply put the landowner preference for this tag is completely unfair. I applied for this special permit for over 30 consecutive years. I finally drew it in 2021. I personally know and have talked to multiple land owners (and families) who have drawn the permit multiple times and continue to draw the tag on a regular basis. In effect the landowner(s) have a draw rate of once every few (3 or 4 perhaps) years while it took me over 30 years to draw the tag. At 50 years old and no more preference points I will probably never draw the tag again in my lifetime. I think landowners should be limited to a draw rate closer to the average person's draw rate. Or perhaps after a landowner preference tag is drawn that particular landowner would become ineligible for landowner preference for a number of years to make room for more non-landowners to draw the tag. Thank you for considering my comments.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 370

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I've been hunting in Region 3 my whole life and do quite a bit of it in both 350 and 370, you aren't changing much of anything but the name of 370 to 350 east and making 350 into 350 west, which seems to over complicate things and make me wonder what the big advantage is. Probably just get some people confused as to which half they're in.

#150

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Dear Commission,

My name is Logan Miller and I live in Dillon MT. I am providing comment on the proposal for the new HD322. I manage private lands throughout this hunting district and I am also an avid hunter on public lands in this HD. In general I am in support of this proposal. For the past 17 years the elk have been managed under the Gravelly Elk Management Unit and it has been working well. I do potentially have concerns for how this could effect the few non migratory populations such as those on the North end of the Ruby Mountains. In general it seems as though we should be building in the management flexibility at a smaller scale to address certain population issues and conflicts when needed.

Regarding Mule Deer, it is a tough pill to swallow to think about the Snowcrest permit potentially going away. This will undoubtedly result in a large influx of hunters who want to capitalize on the opportunity to shoot a big buck and will also have a secondary effect of increased pressure on the elk in those mountains. That being said, the growing body of science is pretty clear on what the potential is when Chronic Wasting Disease gets into mule deer herds that are managed for older age class bucks. As tough of a decision as it is, I am in support of this proposal. We need to be thinking about long-term management strategies that have the species best interest in mind.

Thank you for your time,

Logan

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Regarding Mule Deer HD 324 – Opposed to eliminating this hunting district and limited entry opportunity

To the fine men and women of Montana FWP,

Thank you for your service!

I'm writing this letter to express my concern and opposition to eliminating mule deer hunting district 324, which is currently a highly sought after limited entry hunt with a quota of 25, and combine that HD with six other HD's (new HD 322) where hunting mule deer bucks will be allowed on a general tag, as is currently proposed.

To explain my perspective all I ask is this. Imagine your dream hunt in Montana; your tag of a lifetime. The one you put in for every year. What is the species? How many years have you applied? Do you purchase bonus points? Who is the first person you'll call when you draw? How many days or weeks will you dedicate to scouting and hunting your tag of lifetime? Maybe you've already drawn that tag, and have switched your focus to a new one. For me, that hunt of a lifetime and the tag I've been applying for my entire hunting life is mule deer in HD 324, also known as the upper Ruby-Snowcrest.

I've hunted the Ruby with family and friends my entire life (for elk). The mule deer buck quota in this area is 25. I am now 31 years old, but when I was a kid for a time they were giving out 50-60 tags, but as herd numbers declined the quota was reduced and has been stable for quite some time. I have 17 bonus points dedicated to one-day drawing this tag.

As we all know, the glory days of mule deer hunting in Montana and across much of the Rocky Mountain West, has come and gone. My father's generation got to see perhaps the peak of mule deer hunting in here, and then the decline. My generation never got to hunt mule deer in those glory decades. If you got to hunt muleys here in the 1960'-mid 1990's consider yourselves lucky! I've often dreamt of how cool it would have been to join my dad and his brother on a mule deer hunt, when they were young. This Ruby hunt is as close to the glory days as I am ever going to get.

My concern is obvious; that opening this area up to general license buck hunting will ruin the area's trophy potential forever. Not only will it ruin the trophy potential for older age-class bucks, but also the potential for a trophy experience, one without the crowds of competing hunters. Today, this is one of the hardest to draw mule deer hunts in Montana. Hunters like me apply here because we know that if we're lucky enough to draw we will have a trophy-experience hunt. Big old bucks, and only 24 other mule deer hunters in the district, many of whom will be hunting private land.

The only justifications for eliminating this limited entry opportunity and combining this hunting district with six others into a general license hunt are: (1) in line with directive to simplify regulations, and (2) CWD concerns. It is my opinion that simplifying the regulations is not a valid justification for eliminating this hunt. It is also my opinion that in the face of CWD and its potential negative impacts on our deer herds statewide, we need to preserve a few of these special hunts. At least that way, folks have the opportunity, even if it's just once in their lifetime, to hunt mature trophy bucks in the high country, on public land, with very few other hunters around with buck tags. If you got to hunt during the glory years of mule deer in Montana, then you owe it to my generation and every future generation to preserve a few of these rare hunting opportunities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Max Mattioli

#152

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Q1

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Q2

HD 313

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am commenting on your proposed removal of youth hunting tags for cow elk in area 313. We continually lose hunting opportunities in this area and it makes no sense to remove this hunting chance for our young hunters. I realize you want to remove seasons with less than 50 permits when the youth tags only have 30. Why not add 20 more permits instead of removing 30. This area is impacted by wolves and native american hunters and we are the ones that once again are impacted. EVEN THE SCORE! The elk population although lower than it used to be has seemed to leveled off. I believe 50 permits would not be detrimental to the population as a whole. At least that many elk have been saved this year alone by the reduction of the wolf population in the area.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 321

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Re combining Units 321 and 334, the Draft R-3 elk master list, page 2, indicates that the quota for 321-00 would be 50. The draft 2022 HD sections for the new unit 321 indicates there would be 200 B tags in 321-00. However, regs for the 2021 elk hunting season show B-tag quota for 321-00 was 200 tags and that for 334-00 was 350 B-tags. Therefore, shouldn't the quota for the combined new unit 321 be 550 elk B-tags (200/Unit 321 + 350/Unit 334)?

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The current FWP Director is advocating these regulation changes in the name of "simplification". My question to the Director, why cannot FWP wait until the New Elk Management Plan has been released before making such wide scale changes. Who is to say some or many of these changes will not serve the new Elk Management Plan and will have to be changed back? How much elk research data will be lost for future analysis because of all these HD changes?

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 380

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

As a landowner of just over 300 acres, I would propose that my family have the ability to harvest 1 bull elk on our own property, as the draw for a bull elk tag in this district is almost impossible to get. With the increasing cost of food, fuel, and housing, we would like to be able to hunt for elk meat on our own land.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 321

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

HD 334 How can a biologist admit there are just a few deer in this HD that they have managed for years. Deer here are not important. so kill as many does as possible so you have good opportunity. Why not be an advocate for Mule Deer and manage them appropriately so that the herd has a chance to grow. The landscape has changed dramatically with the fires of 2021 in both HD so use this to start a viable herd. They may migrate but they will migrate back so the herd in general will expand but not with opportunity management. This is social management not science management as promised by the department.

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Q1

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Q2**HD 321**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am just writing to express concern about the combination of HDs 334 and 321 into one district given the fact that the districts were separated in 2010 due to the management of two separate elk herds (info from the R3 zoom meeting). I am a long-time hunter of the HD north of Highway 43 (formerly 321, then 334). While I am excited for the opportunity to hunt BTB and antlerless elk with my general elk tag in the current HD 334 (and not rely on the Elk B lottery as I have in the past), I, as every hunter should, have to put my personal preference aside and defer to the long-term viability and management of these herds, which is for the greater good (human and animal). From the meeting, it sounded like the proposal to combine the two districts was not biologically-driven, which should be our primary consideration, but rather, policy-driven which is concerning. I would be glad to continue the luck-of-the-draw as a hunter if that would mean a greater benefit to our greatest resource, the "outdoors" that make Montana what it is.

I have the utmost respect for all FWP staff, adhere to their knowledge, skills, and abilities as professionals in their fields, and sincerely hope that FWP is given the authority it deserves to do its job as managers of Montana's greatest resource.

Aside from the current directives and proposals that are biologically questionable and concerning (see, for another egregious example, the upland game bird season extension proposal), I appreciate all that FWP does and am always thankful we have such professionals in the service of our state. The Region 3 zoom meeting was an excellent example of the perpetual care and diligence with which FWP goes about their business. Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

#399-00 elk B tags- quota of #500 for bow/rifle season. Tags are very tough to get for rifle season because it seems like bow hunters are snagging them all and leaving very few for rifle hunters. My party of 4 hunters have hunted this area for over 30 years now every fall and we rarely get one extra elk B tag and this last 2021 season got none! I wonder how many of these archery hunters have an extra elk B tag in their pocket every fall and how many are getting filled? My hunting party and I would like to see this number split between the two seasons; (#250 bow and #250 for rifle season). Thank you.

#159

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 321,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 380
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

321:

I disagree with the unit combination. The units should stay separate.

I disagree with changing the mule deer season to either sex. While I understand that some of these mule deer migrate, I do not think that means that they should have a liberal season. Lately, general season has not been getting the snow that it usually has and it has been unusually warm. I fear that the mule deer populations may decline if they do choose to stay longer in the unit.

I disagree with the liberal elk season by allowing cow elk on the general tag to be harvested. It makes no sense to allow liberal elk season on these herds when the place that they migrate to also has a liberal season. 334 does have elk herds that do stay in there and it would be a shame to eliminate the few herds staying on public land. 334 and 321 are very different units in regard to access and I do not think they should be combined.

380:

The district boundary should remain the same. It makes no sense to change the boundary to benefit a couple landowners.

I disagree with combining units as this destroys years of data. It would also harm fragile elk herds on public land as the units that are being combined result in more liberal seasons for these public land elk herds. Combining units would also lead to decreased control on seasons when emergencies arrive such as a die off or overharvests. The flexibility to make quick changes would be more difficult with a larger unit as perhaps only parts of the mega unit are affected.

I ask that FWP please take the concerns of sportsmen and women seriously as they care deeply about the future of hunting.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 302

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like to see either sex mule deer tags eliminated. Have a limited draw for bucks.

#161

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Q1

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State/Province:	MT
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Q2

HD 303

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like to see the doe permits eliminated for a period of time as I don't feel the population is sustainable for doe permits. I don't believe there is sufficient fawn recruitment. If they have to harvest doe's put it on a very limited draw.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province:	MT
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Q2

HD 303

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like to see the doe permits eliminated for a period of time as I don't feel the population is sustainable for doe permits. I don't believe there is sufficient fawn recruitment. If they have to harvest doe's put it on a very limited draw.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 320

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I feel that doe tags or either sex tags should be eliminated in the Tobacco Roots Mountains areas 320 and 333. Hunting in that area for over 40 years I've seen a major decline in mule deer numbers and distribution. I see very few deer in traditional mule deer areas and very few numbers on private ground with hardly any fawn recruitment. I feel it's very sad that mule deer have disappeared out of an area that was very plentiful. I strongly suggest that more data is acquired for 320 and 333 before allowing anymore either sex tags. I would support a very limited draw for mule deer bucks.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 319

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

With the unlimited mule deer buck tag for this area, I would like to see the mule deer B license suspended indefinitely. At least until mule deer numbers rebound. Living in and the frequenting the area I have witnessed mule deer and recruitment numbers at an alarming low.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 340

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like to see a limited draw for antlered mule deer and suspend antlerless mule deer permits for this area.

#166

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I oppose these changes, pending a new Elk Management plan.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 314

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am adamantly opposed to allowing antlerless harvest south of Big Creek during the general season on a general tag.

It is well documented that the southern end of 314 has lower elk densities and doesn't require additional harvest of elk. Additional harvest of antlerless elk on National Forest lands south of Big Creek has a high potential to significantly diminish the overall quality of elk hunting available to the general public and isn't necessary to alleviate landowner conflict. Antlerless elk harvest should continue to be directed to the northern part of the unit where the majority of elk in 314 reside. There is no scientific or biological reason for allowing general harvest of antlerless elk south of Big Creek.

Please keep the elk regulations for 314 as they are currently written in the 2021 regulation booklet.

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

HD 301,

HD 303,

HD 309,

HD 310,

HD 311,

HD 312,

HD 313,

HD 314,

HD 317,

HD 319,

HD 321,

HD 326,

HD 329,

HD 335,

HD 339,

HD 340,

HD 343,

HD 360,

HD 370,

HD 380,

HD 388,

HD 389,

HD 391,

HD 322,

HD 320,

HD 330,

HD 332,

HD 302,

HD 338

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Combining Units 350 and 370

I do not support the merging of HDs 350 and 370. It seems unnecessary and ill advised.

In 2020 in HD 350, a district that is chiefly public land and/or is private land enrolled in Block Management, when all hunter and harvest data is considered, it averaged 93 hunter-days to harvest an elk. This is a district that under the 2020 data was over objective.

In 2020 in HD 370, a district with far more difficulty in terms of the majority of hunter's access opportunities to get to elk, considering all the data the same, it took 36 hunter days to harvest an elk, in a district that as you know, was also considered over objective in 2020.

In terms of literal time spent in pursuit of elk, Hunters required 38% less time in the field to kill an elk in HD 370 than they did HD 350.

Now, if when HDs 350 and 370 were merged, the stats would look like this.

Hunter Days	Harvest	Hunter Days Per Elk Killed
10592		
188		
56.34042553		

This would skew the data to telling a story about the new HD 370 Super-District that woefully sells-short the state of disrepair that 350 is in. More elk were killed in 350 3 years ago than were counted there this spring! The Bull Mountain Range, which is an entirely separate mountain range with different ownership and hunter-distribution from the southern Boulder Mountains, should be managed separately, even though elk sometimes cross from one to the other. All of this is particularly pertinent in the face of management that is based on objective status coming from legislation of agency mandate.

Combining Hunting Districts 301, 311, 360:

It would be unwise to consolidate these districts. Districts 301, 310 and 360 have significantly different landownership patterns and distinctly different elk herds that behave in different manners. Combining these units will likely expand the areas that meet the criteria for shoulder seasons where such criteria is currently not met. I oppose the combining of these districts.

Combining Hunting Districts 310, 360, 362:

I oppose the merging of these districts.

Combining Hunting Districts 321 and 334:

I oppose combining HDs 321 and 334 into NEW HD 321. I oppose changing mule deer opportunity on general license from antlered buck only to either-sex.

Combining Hunting Districts 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327 and 330:

I oppose combining these Hunting Districts into NEW Hunting District 322. I oppose changing mule deer opportunity on general license from antlered buck only to either-sex in these hunting districts. I oppose elimination of the limited entry mule deer hunt in Hunting

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District 324.

These districts are different geographically and biologically. This is a poor idea.

Antlerless mule deer harvest in Region 3, all Hunting Districts:

There should be no antlerless mule deer harvest on public lands in Region 3.

Antlerless harvest on public lands in Region 3, all Hunting Districts, mule deer and elk:

The term "Not valid on National Forest" does not do enough to protect public land mule deer and elk. Focusing on only National Forest lands still allows the harvest of antlerless deer and elk occur on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands or State Trust lands. These B licenses and any general season harvest of antlerless mule deer or elk should be restricted to "Private Land Only" (PLO). Replace the language of "Not valid on National Forest" to "Valid only on Private Lands."

Eliminate Antlerless Mule Deer B Licenses in the following Hunting Districts:

I support the proposal to eliminate antlerless mule deer B licenses in the following Hunting Districts; 318, 319, 321, 334, 335, 341.

Travel Management Restrictions on extended muzzleloader seasons to be the same as archery and rifle seasons:

I oppose allowing muzzleloader elk hunting in the public land areas that have a seasonal closure beginning Dec 1st. Particularly USFS lands.

Merging Units in Region 3:

I am opposed to the merging of any and all units in region 3. This destruction of the continuity of data in Montana's fastest growing and most pressured region is unwise.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Combining Hunting Districts 301, 311, 360:

There appears to be no need to change or consolidate these districts. Districts 301, 311 and 360 have significantly different landownership patterns and distinctly different elk herds that behave in different manners. Combining these units will likely expand the areas that meet the criteria for shoulder seasons where such criteria is currently not met. I oppose combination of these hunting districts when they are very different in terms of objectives, elk population numbers, migratory versus non-migratory patterns of the elk, and the differences in land ownership that is expressed in differences in elk tolerance.

Combining Hunting Districts 310, 360, 362:

There appears to be no need to change or consolidate these districts. Historically, Districts 310 and 360 have been under or at objective, while 362 has historically been above objective. Combining these units will likely expand the areas that meet the criteria for shoulder seasons where such criteria is currently not met. I oppose combination of these hunting districts when they are very different in terms of objectives, elk population numbers, migratory versus non-migratory patterns of the elk, and the differences in land ownership that is expressed in differences in elk tolerance.

Combining Hunting Districts 321 and 334:

I oppose combining HDs 321 and 334 into NEW HD 321. I oppose changing mule deer opportunity on general license from antlered buck only to either-sex.

Combining Hunting Districts 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327 and 330:

I oppose combining these Hunting Districts into NEW Hunting District 322. I oppose changing mule deer opportunity on general license from antlered buck only to either-sex in these hunting districts. I oppose elimination of the limited entry mule deer hunt in Hunting District 324.

These Hunting Districts have vastly different land ownership patterns that result in different hunting access and different landowner tolerance for elk. Combining these units will make it harder to respond to the diverse needs of hunters and landowners. Each of these units should stay as they are and have regulations that reflect the management goals specific to the unique attributes of each Hunting District.

Antlerless mule deer harvest in Region 3, all Hunting Districts:

Any antlerless mule deer harvest should be restricted to private land only. There has not been a demonstrated need for public land antlerless mule deer harvest in any hunting district in Region 3. I oppose any antlerless mule deer harvest on public land in any Hunting District in Region 3, either by either-sex general deer tag or with antlerless B licenses, in either archery or rifle seasons.

Antlerless harvest on public lands in Region 3, all Hunting Districts, mule deer and elk:

The term "Not valid on National Forest" does not do enough to protect public land mule deer and elk. Focusing on only National Forest lands still allows the harvest of antlerless deer and elk occur on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands or State Trust lands. These B licenses and any general season harvest of antlerless mule deer or elk should be restricted to "Private Land Only" (PLO). Replace

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the language of "Not valid on National Forest" to "Valid only on Private Lands."

Eliminate Antlerless Mule Deer B Licenses in the following Hunting Districts:

I support the proposal to eliminate antlerless mule deer B licenses in the following Hunting Districts; 318, 319, 321, 334, 335, 341.

Travel Management Restrictions on extended muzzleloader seasons to be the same as archery and rifle seasons:

Many of the elk seasons in Region 3 that have been extended for muzzleloader season are in areas that have travel management restrictions through December 1. Those restrictions were often coordinated with the Department for purposes of elk security during the general rifle season. With the extended muzzleloader seasons, hunting with motorized travel is allowed in many of these Hunting Districts where motorized travel was not allowed in archery and rifle seasons. These long-standing restrictions were supported by hunters as a way to reduce elk vulnerability. Now, we have one group of hunters, muzzleloader hunters, who are no longer subject to most of these travel management restrictions and will increase bull elk vulnerability during a time when elk have traditionally been allowed to recover from 11 weeks of general season. I oppose allowing muzzleloader elk hunting in the areas that are subject to motorized travel restrictions during archery and rifle seasons.

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Q1

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Q2**HD 321,**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 322**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like to comment on hd 321 & 332 being combined. I am 74 years old and have hunted every year since i was 15 years old in HD 332. I would have a fairly good idea about the areas deer and elk. Combining the districts is ok but last year they were included in 399 and you had 750 elk B tags for 13 districts. Now you want to have 400 B tags for two districts. This is excessive for the amount of Elk in 332. I would recommend no more than 300. You have a so called early damage hunt in 332 which should not happen because there is no damage during the year done to the gym and Christainsen ranches. They take their cattle to Dillon to winter, they don't put up any hay. They have grazing permits for squaw, goris and doolittle gulches, they get block management money to let hunter cross their land to get to the national forest and they get a early fall so called damage hunt on top of everything else. I have hunted here for 60 years and there has never been a damage hunt because there never been any elk damage. Its criminal. A certain rancher hates elk is the reason for this hunt. Put a stop to it or investigate as to where the damage is. Last in area 332 in Bryant Creek the deer have disappeared over the last 10 years. The season i saw 1 deer in 15 trips of hunting during bow and rifle season Killing Does does nothing to help the population recover. The out of staters camped along bryant creek will kill every deer that comes down to the big hole river for a drink of water. Should be a 4 point buck or nothing. I did not fire a bullet or shot a arrow last hunting season and that ok. Finally keep regulations that same with either sex only the first two weeks of the season. I am 74 years old and cant draw a cow permit. Put some regulations in place to help us senior citizens hunt as our days are limited as it is. thanks hopefully you listen but i know the commission wont listen

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Q1

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Q2**HD 320**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I understand the reasoning behind trying to make it easier for the Department to develop larger hunting districts instead of so many smaller districts. This would also help to simplify the hunting regulations. I would rather have you consider the current status of special permit hunting areas and scientific reasons not manage wildlife because it will be easier for FWP staff.

I live in area #324 which is a permit system in order to hunt Mule Deer. Currently there are 25 permits issued in area #324. It has taken years to get the quality of bucks we currently have in this area. I would ask that if you are trying to increase harvest of bucks and does in area #324 you would increase the quota before you open the area to all mule deer bucks.

I don't believe that allowing hunting in this area will slow down or stop the spread of CRD is would instead defeat years of quality game management and Letting hunters come into an area that has taken years to develop a quality mule deer herd and let every buck become open game is not appropriate wildlife management. This will cause an abundance of hunting pressure in these special draw areas and diminish if not destroy the mule deer buck population in these areas for years to come. I would suggest increase the quota and not change the hunting districts in special permits sections. You could still combine areas 322, 323, 325, 326, 327 and 330 and do a slower transition for special permit areas. I would suggest this state wide that wildlife is managed for the good of the wildlife not to easy the burden of the FWP staff.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name:	Matteo Abbruzzese
City/Town:	Emigrant
State/Province:	MT

Q2

HD 314

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am in support of removing the "North" and "South" portions of HD 314. The same elk herd travels between both portions and I do not see a reason hunters cannot pursue south of Big Creek for cow elk. I am also in support of adding Antlerless on general license late season and adding new Antlerless Elk B License 314-00 to be valid from Aug. 15-Feb 15.

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I do not agree with changes being made to HD 324 concerning mule deer. I think the quota should be increased before the area is opened up with no restrictions.

#174

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I do agree with removing the either sex mule deer with the general license. I disagree with shortening the season in some hunting districts and not others. It concerns me that areas where mule deer hunting is allowed the entire season will see a high influx of hunters, the last two weeks of the season, looking to capitalize on the rut. I would support either shortening the mule deer season for all districts in southwest Montana or have an unlimited draw for each area.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I forgot to include in my comment that I disagree with either sex mule deer with a general tag for all districts.

#176

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please fo not destroy the fine deer herd in HD 324 by removing the special draw. The herd would probably be decimated within 1-2 years and the hoards of hunters heading to the old HD 324 would ruin the tranquility of the area. I have hunted there for several years for deer and elk. I have only been drawn once and was not successful. I look forward to being drawn again!!!.

#177

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please fo not destroy the fine deer herd in HD 324 by removing the special draw. The herd would probably be decimated within 1-2 years and the hoards of hunters heading to the old HD 324 would ruin the tranquility of the area. I have hunted there for several years for deer and elk. I have only been drawn once and was not successful. I look forward to being drawn again!!!.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 343

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The portion in the Blackfoot east of Lincoln will need to be combined with 281 rather than 343. This would help avoid any confusion with hunters and keep elk numbers relevant in those districts. If you combine it with 343 with all the cow tags there it would cause a huge influx of cow hunters and harvest. There is a lot of public land that would give easy access in the Blackfoot portion of the proposed district which would have devastating effects on the elk populations in the Blackfoot. Elk numbers in the Blackfoot, specifically that portion of the Blackfoot are not high already so having a cow massacre up there every year would ruin all other elk hunting around the blackfoot. Ask anybody who lives and hunts here numbers are not high and they don't need more pressure from cow hunters.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please combine 322, 323, 325, 326, 327 and 330, but LEAVE 324 ALONE.

Thanks

#180

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Q1

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Q2

HD 314

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

RE Elk. There should NOT be an Antlerless Elk season on Public land in HD 314. The vast majority of these eld are on Private land. The Elk B 314-00 increase to 1000 is fine but should be thruout the regular season dates as well as the late season and should be allowed BOTH north and South of Big Creek. RE Deer, an increase to the antlerless Mule deer tags to 200 is warranted.

#181

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Q1

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Q2

HD 313,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

HD 317

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I think the idea of eliminating the 300 317-313 Dome Mountain area antlerless tags is a bad idea. This particularly relates to the area North of the Dome Mountain Management area that is only valid on private lands. There are not a lot of private landowners that allow access and manage it very closely. I think it would put undue pressure on these landowners by receiving an exorbitant amount of calls and requests for permission to hunt if this was part of the general license. I feel this is better left as a B tag drawing.

#182

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

To whom it may concern. I see you have removed district 331 from the available districts to comment on. I also see that the antlerless portion of the general elk season has been changed to permit only. As a senior hunter it has made harvesting an elk possible, although not guaranteed. With limited mobility we just can't hunt the way we used to so by making this a permit hunt you are almost eliminating a class of hunters. I read earlier this year about the proposed change that would make cow hunting accessible on private land only. I am glad not to see that happening yet but I believe it will. It is obvious where Montana is headed, that is money. Every proposal you have stated here favors the out of staters and the private landowners and don't tell me it doesn't. For instance look at the checkerboarding that goes on in eastern Mt. NO easement to hundreds of thousands of acres of public land. I could write a book but I won't. 1) Don't limit OUR antlerless elk hunts in the few spots that are available. 2) Grant easement to all landlocked public lands and give us our hunting freedoms back. Personally I see public hunting in Mt going the way of land stewardship we see in European countries. I would appreciate a response. Respectfully, Matt Slaughter.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name:	Joel Randolph
City/Town:	Charlotte
State/Province:	NC

Q2

HD 332

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

New district 331 has large herds of cows in the valleys on private land that are not hunted.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 314,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional) HD 317

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Yes to not splitting 314 at Big Creek for cows. This makes it more simple. Also yes to opening the late cow hunt to State and BLM land.

317 late cow season should also be open to State and BLM. I don't know of any BLM in this district but why change the regulations here from across the river?

#185

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Has FWP considered putting 315 into region 5 or 580 into region 3 so that the Crazies are managed as a unified area?

#186

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Q1

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Q2

HD 309

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

1. Extend HD 309 south to at least to NFS border
2. Designate Bozeman Creek, Hyalite Creek and Cottonwood Creek drainages as special weapons district

Crazy that people can legally hunt with a rifle in those neighborhoods south of 19th Street.

Should be managed similar to Rattlesnake in Missoula as a special weapons district.

Increased safety and extended season/hunting opportunities south of Bozeman.

#187

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Q1

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Q2

HD 311

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

There is a damage hunt for deer during archery season. Hunters are able to use rifles for the hunt. It has been upsetting to sit behind deer and elk decoys and have gun hunters look through their scopes at you. I think it's totally wrong to have a gun hunt during archery season. It is totally unsafe. The hunt is on Dehaans sections 17-20-19-18. I think range 2 south 2 east. Thank you

#188

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Why are the regulations being opened up to harvest so Many Antlerless Elk? You are going to desimate the herds! The Elk B system in place now is removing to many... soon we will have limited numbers again.

#189

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Q1

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Q2

HD 302

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

In my opinion I think that 302 should be changed back to the unlimited draw like it was for both deer and elk. Being an avid hunter and shed hunter the quality of bucks and bull in that area spiked drastically the last 2 years the we're both draw. Once the unit was removed from draw the population and quality declined drastically going from 160 inch deer everywhere to 2 points being the promotion buck in the area. The bulls also suffered the same going from a average bull being 310 to a 5 point if your lucky enough to find that. It's been a huge issue with the locals from Beaverhead county with a large majority of folks wishing for the same proposal.

#190

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am not opposing the change to a single district, but do oppose the elimination of the draw tag for mule deer in the former 324 area. This was one of the few areas in this new combined area that mature mule deer bucks were common to see. The mule deer populations in these areas are down significantly from 10 to 20 years ago and yet we are giving unlimited permits for either sex? I am not sure how to manage the season for mule deer, but I feel like some relief from the hunting pressure during the rut and at the end of the season when a lot of hunters "settle" for whatever mule deer they can find the last weekend.

#191

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Q1

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Q2

HD 340

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

All mule deers tags for bucks should be limited
Stop transient hunters when they come to region 3 hunting elk

#192

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Unnecessary changes to the hunting regulations generates complexity. Hence, this fails to accomplish it's stated mission of "simplification" and is unnecessary.

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)

HD 301,
HD 310,
HD 311

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I agree with the proposed boundary change moving HD311 to the north to hwy84 and it becoming HD301. This will allow cows to only be taking the first two weeks in the canyon area. The herd doesnt seem to be big enough to support harvesting cows all rifle season.

HD310 - I agree with the proposed adjustment of HD310 to help the herd population. Always felt the antler less

#194

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

392 isn't an option for comment but I wanted to say thank you and way to go fwp for ACTUALLY listening to this states sportsmen and taking our public comments seriously. I'm very happy with the changes guys made/kept and I believe that the future deer heard of HD 392 now has a great chance to prosper and not be completely wiped out. Thank you again!

#195

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)

HD 301,
HD 310,
HD 311

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I agree with the proposed boundary change moving HD311 to the north to hwy84 and it becoming HD301. This will allow cows to only be taken the first two weeks in the canyon area. The herd doesnt seem to be big enough to the south end of the district to support harvesting cows all rifle season.

HD310 - I agree with the proposed adjustment of HD310 to help the herd population. Always felt the antlerless part of HD360 was meant for the East side of the Madison range not the buck ridge area. I would also like to see the unlimited permit restored to this district to help keep hunter numbers down to help herd growth. That was a good tool to have in place as many people would forget to apply and it is one of the most densely populated grizzly HDs which should be noted when you apply for the unlimited permit.

Thanks

Silas

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Q1

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Q2

HD 332

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please consider adding the first two weeks as an either sex elk hunt during the general hunting season. If this is no longer FWP policy, please consider adding an additional number of B tags. With the combining of areas 331 and 332, this would be a very large district with a large number of elk. Many hunters I interact with would much rather harvest a cow elk instead of being "forced" to harvest a small bull that they would rather see grow into a larger bull.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 319

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am a non resident hunter in 341 - where my own private property lies. I have spent thousands of dollars over the last few years hunting on my own private property and can't even draw a cow tag but I can pull a bull tag when the ratio of cow to bulls is astronomic. There are hundreds of cows just in the area where my property is located but only a few bulls - which pretty much get eliminated every year. But the cow population just expands. I am also a disabled veteran (60%) but Montana does not recognize me as a disabled vet where Texas utilizes the 50% rule. Why does Montana not do this? I should be able to draw a cow tag in my district if I own private property - Montana has made this rule unachievable with the 160 acre requirement. Combining these two districts is just going to make inexplicably harder for non-residents to draw cow tags and probably bull tags, now, as well. Maybe I should take my money and hunt elsewhere.

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 310,
	HD 314,
	HD 322,
	HD 332

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

HD 331 – this is the combination of 331 and 332:

- District will become an either-sex mule deer, previously 332 was buck only. Increased pressure on deer district wide with no biological reasoning, just the directive of simplifying regulations.
- Elk has big changes and some of the changes were not published in the original documentation and still are not on the Elk Master List or the draft regulations (as pointed out by Randy Newberg).
 - o Archery will remain the same, BTB/Antlerless
 - o General season will become BTB only on public land, BTB/Antlerless on private
 - o Eliminate the Elk B 399-00 and create new 331-00. When asked if this was valid on public lands the answer was not clear but it sound like it was.

HD 310:

- Main concern here is that during the mandated muzzleloader season, people can access areas via snowmobile, typically travel in this area is restricted during general and archery season.

HD 314:

- Will no longer be managed with a north and south portion, entire district will become BTB/Antlerless. Previous regs managed south of Big Creek as BTB only, north was BTB/Antlerless.
- Concern is that the change is being made for simplification, but the two areas should be managed as different districts (different herds in the two areas)

HD 393:

- Entire district will become mule deer buck only. Use to be managed as portions with the south being either-sex mule deer. The southern portion has a large population of mule deer and several folks allow access. Concern is that the herds will now congregate on the private land, causing damage. Lost opportunity on a healthy population.
- There is a B tag available for private land only to help with concern, but with the size of the district landowners are worried folks won't frequent the southern area.

HD 322:

- Concerns over the size of this new district, combining the current 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, and 330. While elk management will remain largely the same mule deer will be changing to either sex district wide.
 - 323 and 327 are currently mule deer buck only and 324 is limited permit buck only 324-50 (if you draw this tag you can only hunt mule deer bucks in this district).
 - Is a popular elk hunting area, concern is the added pressure on mule deer in areas where hunter's typically pass them up.
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Q1

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Q2

HD 321

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

- 321 combines 334 into HD. This will make old 334 adopt the either-sex elk all season. These two districts need to be managed separately, the elk in 321 and 334 have separate migration corridors, summer and fall locations. 334 does not need an antlerless season and to my knowledge, game damage in this area is fairly low with being more common on the north fork, with most private land owners not allowing access.
 - Mule Deer Changes from "Antlered Buck Only" to Either Sex for archery and general. We do not need any unit, specifically this unit open to shooting antlerless mule deer on a general tag for the entire season.
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#200

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 319,
(optional) HD 332

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The summer fires in 332 create an opportunity to study fire effects on elk / deer habitat and populations but only if the regulations are consistent before and after. Also the elk herd(s) move back and forth between 319, 331, 332 around Wise River. These districts need to be managed with an overall viewpoint and consistent biologist input. A final comment - the deer populations in these districts has diminished dramatically during the last 20 years.

#201

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

In general for SW Montana, I'd like to see some changes made to allow for some more mature mule deer bucks. I believe this could be accomplished by increasing the number of special draw units or by making some of the general units 4-point or better to allow the younger deer to have a chance to survive a couple hunting seasons. I've seen only one mature buck over the last five years while hunting in HDs 318, 350, and 370. Based on what the locals have told me, 15-20 years ago there were a lot more mule deer in the area and it wasn't uncommon to see several trophy-class bucks during the general season.

#202

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Q1

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Q2

HD 313,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 317
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I think the 317-0 season should be left as is, with a certain number of permits, to better manage the elk herd, rather than changing to a general license hunt.

#203

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Q1

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Q2

HD 311

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please stop the early damage elk hunt that starts August 15th in 311. You have people archery hunting with decoys in the same area people are rifle hunting. I had multiple conflicts on Section 16, T2S, R2E, PMM. I carry an elk decoy. I am also in camo since I was archery hunting. Some rifle hunters use their rifle scopes for spotting game. I had a rifle hunter looking at me and my decoy through their rifle scope from DeHaan's section 17 one morning during archery season. I do not want to get shot at by someone who may not know that archery hunters are present due to the nature of wearing camo, being stealthy, and using a cow elk decoy. I would recommend starting the damage hunt for rifle season at the same time rifle season begins and continuing it until Feb. 15th like normal.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Although removing barriers to hunter participation via regulation simplification is a laudable goal, I am opposed to eliminating hunts or reducing opportunity to reach that goal. Specifically I am opposed to eliminating hunts simply because they encompass only part of a hunt area. Further, I am opposed to eliminating hunts simply because they do not reach some arbitrary minimum number of permits. I do not believe current regulations are inherently complicated. However, arrangement and presentation of those regulations in the book creates much confusion. In my opinion, far more "simplification" of the regulations book would occur through changing from an area-based approach to a species-weapon based approach. First, do not split regs up by administrative regions. Administrative regions themselves have no bearing on how I select hunting opportunities. Second split deer and elk apart and then split by weapon type (or vice versa). Some people want to look at all their deer opportunity in one place, others may want to see all their archery opportunity in one place. How many people want to start by looking at opportunity at the level of just one hunt area? I certainly do NOT. Displaying regulations in such a way would not only show similarity of hunt regulations across hunt areas, but also significantly reduce the number of pages needed to present the same information because there would be no repetition of the same regulation/date across dozens of hunt areas. Rather, all the same information would appear in a much simpler table or map format.

#205

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Q1

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Q2**HD 321**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am highly opposed to combining HD 334 and 321. In the past, there have been liberal opportunities for Elk B tags in HD 334 (I believe last year was 175 tags) and now you are proposing to combine the district with 321 and make the quota from 25 to 50 antlerless tags. This doesn't make any common sense and will only limit antlerless opportunities and ability of FWP to manage the robust elk herds within this region. Also, a good portion of the elk in HD 334 migrate into the Bitterroot Valley for the winter and live in people's backyards and ranches, causing conflict and complaints. Why are you taking away hunting opportunities and limiting the agencies ability to manage an elk herd that is already over objective and seasonally cause human/elk conflict? It is also taking a district I understood very well, with well defined boundaries and making it more confusing for myself and the rest of the general public to understand. On a larger scale, I am highly opposed to combining any districts at all. Maybe in some instances this makes sense, right now, as deer and elk populations are meeting similar objectives. But what happens when things change and one portion of a new, larger district drops below population objectives and the rest of the unit is above objectives? That would make it harder to micro-manage the populations and limit tags and opportunities in areas where populations are below objectives and have liberal opportunities where populations are exceeding objectives. What would happen in that scenario? Would FWP again split the districts up again (confusing!) Would FWP allow liberal regulations across the new, larger district which ultimately would be to the demise of the previous smaller districts deer and elk herds that are struggling? For this reason, I am highly opposed to any combining of any districts across MT. Thanks for your consideration,

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

January 21, 2022

Chair Robinson, Vice Chair Tabor, Commissioners Waller, Byorth, Walsh, Cebull & Lane
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Re: Comments on the 2022/2023 Region 3 Deer and Elk Proposals

Chair Robinson; Vice Chair Tabor, Commissioners Waller, Byorth, Walsh, Cebull and Lane:

The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, on behalf of our 3,000+ dues-paying members, submits these comments regarding the 2022/2023 Region 3 elk and deer proposals. Montana BHA believes the foundation of Montana's successful hunting heritage is rooted in our state's adoption of public trust principles. The Montana Chapter strongly urges the FWP Commission to maintain the status quo with the seasons as they currently stand until the following issues can be addressed by FWP.

Our primary issue is with how the process has unfolded. The introduction of new districts happened as hunters were in the field for 2021 hunting season, focusing on the current year's hunt. On top of the many changes with districts, additional, wide-sweeping regulation changes were introduced in early December, often with either the sole justification of simplification or the sole justification based on outdated deer and elk management objectives. While the changes may have been simple to conjure up, they were far from simple to track down and comprehend. For example, while listening in to the CAC virtual meetings discussing the proposals, we were told that additional changes had been made that were not reflected in any of the documentation found online. This oversight means Montana hunters simply don't know if we're commenting on the correct proposed regulations. This alone should invalidate the entire process or, at minimum, trigger a 60-day extension with clear and congruent proposals.

A secondary issue is focused only on the elk regulations and management. The proposed changes are being justified with management objectives that are severely outdated; it is our understanding that new elk objectives are currently being drafted. Why introduce sweeping changes without a current blueprint for operation? Would it not be in everyone's best interest to roll out the new management objectives and then use that to make necessary regulation changes? Although this suggestion may give the impression of "kicking the can down the road," it really is finding proper – and current – justification for the management of Montana's elk herds.

Finally, we would like to point out some specific issues in Region 3 districts, with the caveat that these are the proposed districts, which have not yet been approved (cart/horse). While there are many other issues, the following are examples of our concerns:

HD 331 – this is the combination of 331 and 332

This a district where the online documentation does not reflect what is currently being proposed. While the regulations discussed during the CAC meeting do have sound reasoning, its troubling that folks don't really know what they're commenting on.

HD 322 – Combination of 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327 & 330

The main concern we have for this massive district is the management of mule deer. The current districts have three different rules: 322, 325, 326 & 330 are all either-sex mule deer; 323 & 327 are mule deer buck-only; and 324 is a limited buck-only permit. The proposal is to change the entire district to either-sex with a general tag. While Montana BHA supports increased opportunity, we have real concern with the ability to maintain a healthy population when the district is so large and of differing habitat and access. With no biological justification for this change, it would have significant impact on the size of the deer herds and age class of bucks. At the very least, creating two districts here would be a better solution: 322, 325, 326 and 330 could be either-sex, while 323, 324, and 327 could be buck-only. An even better solution, however, would be to make the area three districts, leaving 324 on it's own, as is, and combining 323 and 327. A secondary concern with the liberal mule deer management proposal here is that increased and unchecked

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hunting pressure will likely push more deer (and elk) onto inaccessible private land.

HD 343 – combination of 343 & 293

MT BHA opposes the expansion of HD 343 to include the portion of the public lands of HD 293. HD 293 public lands provide a refuge for elk during hunting season. Many of these elk will migrate to the winter range on the east side of the Continental Divide in HD 343 after the rifle season ends. This refuge is responsible for HD 343 maintaining an elk population at the management objective. If we combine these districts and allow cow elk harvest on public lands in the current HD 293, we will likely experience a significant decline in elk numbers in HD 343 and HD 293.

We applaud, however, the dropping of the shoulder season in 391 because it's just slightly above the (outdated) objective, the shift to mule deer buck-only in 340 due to declining populations, and the combination of 321 and 334, which were separated just a few years ago. We question the rationale of changing regulations for elk in 314, mule deer in 393 and the combination of 350 & 370, when they will still be managed as portions.

In closing, the introduction of these wide-sweeping changes in combination with the district realignments, all before new elk management objectives are landed on, has muddied the waters significantly. In the spirit of simplicity, we implore the commission to reject all current proposals and maintain the status quo or, at a minimum, extend the season-setting process for an additional 60 days so all the changes can be properly and accurately vetted.

Respectfully,

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#207

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Q1

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Q2

HD 309

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support the establishment of Unit 309 with its weapons restrictions.

#208

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Q1

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Q2

HD 309

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Extend HD 309 south to at least the National Forest Service border.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like to see unit 324 remain a limited unit for deer. joining these units and making it a general tag will decimate the trophy quality of deer in 324 in the first year as most mature age class bucks will be shot on a general tag. I don't agree with removing limited tag units as there aren't enough of them in the state to begin with. Thank you for your consideration.

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 321,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 380
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

321:

I disagree with the unit combination. The units should stay separate.

I disagree with changing the mule deer season to either sex. While I understand that some of these mule deer migrate, I do not think that means that they should have a liberal season. Lately, general season has not been getting the snow that it usually has and it has been unusually warm. I fear that the mule deer populations may decline if they do choose to stay longer in the unit.

I disagree with the liberal elk season by allowing cow elk on the general tag to be harvested. It makes no sense to allow liberal elk season on these herds when the place that they migrate to also has a liberal season. 334 does have elk herds that do stay in there and it would be a shame to eliminate the few herds staying on public land. 334 and 321 are very different units in regard to access and I do not think they should be combined.

380:

The district boundary should remain the same. It makes no sense to change the boundary.

I disagree with combining units as this destroys years of data. It would also harm fragile elk herds on public land as the units that are being combined result in more liberal seasons for these public land elk herds. Combining units would also lead to decreased control on seasons when emergencies arrive such as a die off or overharvests. The flexibility to make quick changes would be more difficult with a larger unit as perhaps only parts of the mega unit are affected.

I ask that FWP please take the concerns of sportsmen and women seriously as they care deeply about the future of hunting.

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Q1

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Q2**HD 322**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Dear FWP, I am not sure why you change the boundaries, I think its another futile attempt to manage elk that are essentially owned and manipulated by the rich landowners that border the public lands. I have been hunting in the Ruby Valley area for over 60 years and I have watched the access to our elk and public land destroyed a little each year! Due to road closures and the fact that the wealthy own and control the edges to OUR public lands the hunters are jammed into small areas well away from the timber. Every year more roads are closed, who makes these decisions? You are making hunting a sport for the people with the most money; some of us cant afford horses, guides and some of us can no longer walk a mile just to get to the timber! This is tragic, and I am aware of many who no longer hunt out of disgust for these reasons. I know there are no easy answers and the Land owners have every right to close their lands, but why are the Federal and State public workers so insistent on shutting us out? My God, the locks go on the gates so fast after hunting to protect elk calving?, what a joke; heck one cant even go get a load of wood or a christmas tree.. Any way if anyone reads this its from an old man that has loved hunting all his life and I have instilled that love in my kids and grandkids, but I am afraid for their rights. Thankyou

#212

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am a life long resident of Montana. I am a 5th generation. I am an avid hunter, trapper and just an all around recreationist.

First and foremost I feel that the FWP has turned its back on the true sportsmen of this state. This is quite evident as to the complete coup of the FWP board as well as the Dept. as a whole. It is obvious that FWP is gaining momentum to become an organization for the rich and caters to wealthy landowners and outfitters who entertain wealthy clients.

For years many of us have worked with FWP to establish abundant and healthy wildlife herds. We have all worked towards good conservation habits with our license fees and have become World Famous for our wildlife. You need to remember our wildlife is in public trust to those of us here in Mt and does not belong to special interest groups.

As a fair chase hunter I am opposed to creating shoulder hunts. Most of us realize that extending seasons into the winter months creates a hardship on our wildlife. It very apparent that these animals become stressed at this time of year having come out of General Hunting Season and now heavy with calf will have to survive through a tough winter. At this time of year they are usually in pretty tough shape just to survive the extreme elements. Many of us who depend of this meat realize that it is very poor condition this time of year and almost unusable.

So instead of catering to the rich landowners and outfitters you should focus on creating a positive result for hunting season and listen to the folks out here who are true sportsmen. I believe in the past this been done.

You can issue me or anyone all the tags you want but the simple truth is that without fair access to hunt in these districts you are just spinning your wheels as well as ours.

#213

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please maintain R3 hunting regulations as is. So many of these proposals seem hastily conceived with little public input or scientific basis. And this is all before new elk management objectives are decided. These proposals muddy the waters significantly. In the spirit of simplicity, we implore the commission to reject all current proposals and maintain the status quo or, at a minimum, extend the season-setting process for an additional 60 days so all the changes can be properly and accurately vetted.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am a lifetime resident here in Mt. I am a 5th generation. I am an avid hunter, trapper and just an all around recreationist.

First and foremost I fell like the FWPs has turned its back on the true sportsmen of Mt. This is quite evident as to the complete coup of the FWP board as well as the Dept. as a whole. Its obvious that FWP is gaining momentum to become an Agency for the rich and caters to the wealthy landowners, outfitters and their rich clients.

For years many of us have worked with FWPs to establish abundant and healthy wildlife herds. we have worked towards conservation with our license fees and become world famous for our wildlife. Our wildlife is in Public Trust to all the people of Mt. not just the special interest groups you are creating.

As a fair chase hunter I am opposed to any and all shoulder hunts. Most of us know that extending seasons into the winter months creates more stress on these animals. They are usually in tough shape and need energy just to survive the winter. Many of us who depend on this meat realize that it is poor shape and almost unusable.

Instead of catering to the rich landowners and outfitters maybe you should establish a positive result for hunting season. I believe this was done prior to this revamp.

You can issue all the tags you want to but in the end it comes right down to access and unfortunately your heading in the wrong direction. In the areas where you are over objective on the elk herds, shut down the bull tags in these area and issue only cow tags. I think you will be surprised on the outcome. I would almost bet all the landowners having problems would allow hunting.

Instead of creating a HARVESTING SEASON go back to a REAL HUNTING SEASON.

Thank You
Brad

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 321,
	HD 340,
	HD 322,
	HD 320,
	HD 332

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

In general I am supportive of the efforts to simplify the regulations and combine Districts. As it relates to the publicized portions of these proposed changes, I am with the masses and do not believe MWFP should provide opportunities based upon class. Landowner tools for mitigating impacts to their businesses by wildlife is one thing but monetizing public game for the benefit of the few is another. I am happy to see the Objective of "Improve Game Harvest Opportunity by providing a sustainable Harvest Opportunity". That being said, this Objective could be interpreted multiple ways. Define the word Opportunity. It seems that often times, MFWP believes that Opportunity is defined by the gross amount of time and space one is able to spend in the field hunting. Forecasted into the future, continually increasing time and space allowances for hunting has the effect of eventually shaping hunting into hiking with a weapon. It would be fantastic to consider Hunter success statistics while developing these quotas. Having less time and space to hunt in would be an acceptable sacrifice if the chances of encountering game animals were increased on a per capita (per day spent in the field) basis. This is especially true for public land hunters. We can continue to ignore the fact that there are greater numbers of hunters in the field on public lands and that the public lands are growing significantly more accessible to hunters over time or we can manage Montana's game species acknowledging that information. Moving towards a greater number of limited hunts, choose your weapon regulations, targeted regulations (i.e. 4 pt or better) would aid in achieving the sustainable harvest objective. It is also disconcerting to only see this Objective listed on some of the Unit Areas and that this is not a universal objective. Language in these proposals around limiting hunting pressure on mature bucks (especially mule deer) by increasing quotas on does is confusing at best. Greater occurrences of 4 point or greater bucks exist where larger population of deer exist. Increase deer population and you increase the occurrence of 4 point or greater bucks not the other way around. In summary, Hunters in the Field (especially those hunting public land) would enjoy seeing increased opportunities to encounter quality game animals and experience positive experiences (generally defined by seeing fewer hunters) as opposed to having more time to spend in the field with the same low likelihood of encountering a quality game animal.

District Specific Comments

320 - Not in support of either-sex mule deer on General License

321 - Hard to tell what is being proposed as it relates to quotas. Generally not in support of "liberalized" seasons

340 - I live in 340 and have for 6 years. I've never seen a 4 point or greater mule deer buck on public lands. There is a group of approximately 10 deer that, each year, has a 2 point buck with it as the herd buck on BLM lands near an area I hunt. The number of hunter hours I see dedicated to the harvest of that buck by 20-30 people annually is incredible. Hunting quality on public lands is so marginal that 20-30 people spend days chasing one 2 point mule deer until someone is eventually successful. Is this the new normal? In support of the General Deer season being bucks only. Not in support of adding a mule deer doe quota.

332 - support change

#216

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

This survey is very flawed. Without, name, address, or email anyone can respond multiple times. If hunters respond only on their region will the other commissioners even see them. If a hunter hunts in more than one region will his two entries count as two comments or one hunter? Very amateurish.

That having been said it must be said that this is a scientific attempt at elk management falls very short. All evidence is that shoulder seasons have not reduced elk numbers, yet you increase them. All evidence is that rewarding elk hoarders by giving them tags and permits does not increase the access needed to reduce the herd size nor increase access in general. This is a very thinly veiled attempt to continue the monetization of elk to the enrichment of a few at the expense of many. As one commenter at the Billings live meeting said, "With rules like this within thirty years our children will never know the experience of public hunting.

Changing to licenses from permits and to over the counter to from permits creates opportunity for a very few but plainly if access was denied or restricted with three hundred permits issuing 450 will not unlock a gate. Who do you think you are kidding? Fooling?

Blindsiding?

At the Billings live meeting the only supporter of your "scientifically developed" program was a land owner that thought he could sell more access to locals if they could use licenses and not need to draw a permit. Good job, Thank you for this opportunity to address the Greg Gianforte Fish, Wildlife, Outfitters, Guides, and Major Donors, Association

#217

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province:	MT

Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I oppose the combining of deer and elk units 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327 and 330. This part of the state is one of the most recreated in and probably the most productive elk herd in the state. Combining these units will handcuff the department in knowing where harvest is coming from, and not give them the ability to manage the individual populations as needed.

I also oppose it because it would turn unit 324 in to a general mule deer unit. As stands, this unit is one of the most sought after deer tags in the state, and one of only two trophy permit areas in the region south of I-90 and east of the divide. Hunters have shown they value this management in this unit, and it should be left in place.

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Q1

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Q2

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(optional)

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HD 332,
HD 302,
HD 338

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support these changes to boundaries

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Q1

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Q2

HD 309,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 388
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would have rather put this in general statewide comments, however I could not find a spot where it pertained: In weapons restricted areas such as HD 260; 309; 388 etc where short range weapons are allowed it would be nice to add large bore high powered air rifles and the Crosman Airbow during general seasons in these HDs. Several other states allow large bore air rifles. For example, Arizona Game & Fish allowd the use of " Pre-charged Pneumatics .35 and larger" for the take of bear, bighorn sheep, deer, mountain lion and pronghorn. These are the same species we have in Montana and this could be a great tool for areas where standard rifle use is prohibited. These are short range weapons and are effective in taking large game. I think they should be considered for use in all areas during general season (NOT to be used during archery only season) and in short range weapons areas during the entire SRW season.

#220

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I learned to hunt in MT and return from Idaho to hunt every year. I am opposed to combining hunting districts based on the justification of "simplification." I have never had any problem understanding Montana regulations and I have never heard that complaint from a Montana resident either. Also, some of the proposals have had contradictions between the online documentation and what is actually proposed. Changes to wildlife management should be based on science and conservation, not just a paperwork exercise.

Elk proposed changes are being justified with management objectives that are severely outdated; it is my understanding that new elk objectives are currently being drafted. Why introduce sweeping changes without a current blueprint for operation? Would it not be in everyone's best interest to roll out the new management objectives and then use that to make necessary regulation changes?

Although this suggestion may give the impression of "kicking the can down the road," it really is finding proper –

In closing, the introduction of these wide-sweeping changes in combination with the district realignments, all before new elk management objectives are landed on, has muddied the waters significantly. In the spirit of simplicity, we implore the commission to reject all current proposals and maintain the status quo or, at a minimum, extend the season-setting process for an additional 60 days so all the changes can be properly and accurately vetted.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

This area should not be a general tag. This is one of very few areas of the state with an older age class of deer, and we need to keep it that way. Very disappointing to see this, especially since there are so many general options to hunt deer in this state.

#222

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am opposed to any more antlerless tags for private land owners or expansion of existing shoulder seasons. This has been tried and shown it doesn't work. All that does is provide easy and profitable elk for the most fortunate land owners.

The claim that there are "too many elk" is a falsehood. Who says there's too many elk in MT? I've lived and hunted in MT my entire life and I've never heard anyone other than FWP and wealthy land owners say there are too many elk. I especially do not hear this from other hunters.

Here's some facts:

MT total area - 93,155,800 acres

MT public land - ~32,473,220 acres

MT elk according to FWP - ~ 170,000

vs.

CO total area - 66,387,200 acres

CO public land - ~ 26,458,890 acres

CO elk according to CWP 2019 - ~ 282,000

MT has more land and more public land than CO, yet only has only 61% of the number of elk. HOW IS THAT TOO MANY??

My guess is that FWP is taking its marching orders from a very small minority of land owners that are well connected and have deep pockets. They should be thankful they own land in MT and have the privilege of having elk on their property, but because they don't want to lose a little money, they're unwilling to deal with the problems of elk on their land with their own money. Wrong solution to a problem that isn't a problem for 99.99999% of MT citizens. If these land owners don't want elk on their land, they can spend their own money on fences to keep them out or allow easy public access for hunters. Or maybe FWP should stop all predator hunting on those private lands so that predators will naturally reduce the herds on those lands. That won't happen because the land owners don't like predators either.

This is not a problem to begin with and the proposed "solutions" are hand-outs to the most privileged. If FWP wants to continue to operate, they need to remember who they work for. FWP works for all the citizens of MT, not just a few well connected and wealthy land owners. I don't have any ill will against anyone for having wealth or owning a lot of land, but I do not like those that do using their wealth or status as land owners to make all other citizens of MT lose hunting opportunities.

#223

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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HD 338

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am opposed to any more antlerless tags for private land owners or expansion of existing shoulder seasons. This has been tried and shown it doesn't work. All that does is provide easy and profitable elk for the most fortunate land owners.

The claim that there are "too many elk" is a falsehood. Who says there's too many elk in MT? I've lived and hunted in MT my entire life and I've never heard anyone other than FWP and wealthy land owners say there are too many elk. I especially do not hear this from other hunters.

Here's some facts:

MT total area - 93,155,800 acres

MT public land - ~32,473,220 acres

MT elk according to FWP - ~ 170,000

vs.

CO total area - 66,387,200 acres

CO public land - ~ 26,458,890 acres

CO elk according to CWP 2019 - ~ 282,000

MT has more land and more public land than CO, yet only has only 61% of the number of elk. HOW IS THAT TOO MANY??

My guess is that FWP is taking its marching orders from a very small minority of land owners that are well connected and have deep pockets. They should be thankful they own land in MT and have the privilege of having elk on their property, but because they don't want to lose a little money, they're unwilling to deal with the problems of elk on their land with their own money. Wrong solution to a problem that isn't a problem for 99.99999% of MT citizens. If these land owners don't want elk on their land, they can spend their own money on fences to keep them out or allow easy public access for hunters. Or maybe FWP should stop all predator hunting on those private lands so that predators will naturally reduce the herds on those lands. That won't happen because the land owners don't like predators either.

This is not a problem to begin with and the proposed "solutions" are hand-outs to the most privileged. If FWP wants to continue to operate, they need to remember who they work for. FWP works for all the citizens of MT, not just a few well connected and wealthy land owners. I don't have any ill will against anyone for having wealth or owning a lot of land, but I do not like those that do using their wealth or status as land owners to make all other citizens of MT lose hunting opportunities.

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Q2

HD 301

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

301 is a public land unit meaning social tolerance is not involved. A ranch that sells 50 bulls a year has a different objective. It may make sense to separate 311 into two units, but keep 301 as is. Well this would increase units. That's a nonsense idea. You are reducing units elsewhere so keep 301 a public land unit. Conditions may change in the future where they may need different objectives.

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Q2

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Montana has most of our season and Districts as general units for deer and elk. With your general tag, you can hunt most of the state. That results in huge influxes of pressure to certain places. At one time, Region 3 required that we pick our mule deer District when buying our tag. To alleviate huge hunter migrations to places with deer or elk, I suggest that we be required to pick our District, or at least our Region, when you buying our general tag. Once you pick that District or Region, that is where you are hunting for the general season.

-If you draw a limited entry tag, for any species, any weapon, any district, that is where you have to hunt for the season. You no longer would have a general tag for that species, rather you would have to hunt that species in the unit and season for which you drew your limited entry tag.

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Q2

HD 314

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am voicing my strong opposition on removing the same management style on 314 south of big creek by removing the portion. 314 has been under objective for elk, and by not only removing its protection the portion provided but also adding a shoulder season will do nothing to help public land hunters opportunity.

#227

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Q2

HD 335,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)

HD 380

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support the reduced number of either sex permits in HD335, it could even go lower, say 250. And harvesting only one elk in that district seems fair. We have a shortage of bulls in 335, something to consider in the future. In HD380, moving the majority of either sex hunting to off National Forest lands will impact many public land hunters. How much block management is available? is there enough access for this approach to really impact elk on private lands? Maybe do this as a trial with limits on the numbers? Thanks for listening to my comments.

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Q2

HD 335

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I really appreciate the opportunity to have antlerless tags rather than permits and the opportunity to still harvest a bull in another district or within the same district but "eat" the cow tag. Also happy to see continued opportunities for mule deer buck harvest.

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Q2

HD 322

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The Mill creek game check station has been in existence for over 60 years. It has provided valuable information for wildlife managers and sportsman over the years until last year it was closed. Now you have no data from Jackson, Wisdom, wise river,, pintlers,dry creek, squaw creek, bryant creek, american creek, doolittle,, steele creek,, dry creek,, mt hagggen wildlife managemanet area.etc You can manage the boat stations for 9 months 7 days a week but cant manage a game check station 2 days a week for 5 weeks. Then you come up with your quotas bv guessing. It is very disappointing. Open the Mill Creek game station back up.

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Q2 HD 321

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I disagree with this boundary change. This is a big migration area. Elk migrate through here when it snows and continue on to the French basin. Sometimes that's the end of September sometimes mid December or anytime in between. That being said we need to know the time of year and what hunting district the elk are in when they are killed in the middle of migration or are residential elk in the area. Same goes for mule deer. So it's not a wise scientific choice to expand these two areas.

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Q2

HD 332

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Allow OTC elk B tags for private land in the new district 331. Majority of the cow and calf elk are located in the valleys on private land.

#232

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Q2

HD 329

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Why is it permitted to shoot muley does and cow elk in this part of the state? When was the last time you saw an overabundance of either on public land? The droves of people that flock to public lands in this district have been conditioned to shoot what's available. Making does and cows legal for an over-the-counter general tag has resulted in elk leaving public lands earlier (more game damage hunts) and a decrease in mule deer population. There was a time, back when 328 was antlered bull elk only, that you'd see herds of cows and spikes roaming the landscape. It was refreshing to see because, even though you might not be able to shoot one, you knew they were out there. And, as always has been the case, the bulls were still out there. Now, apart from getting lucky when a herd runs by after being spooked by another party on opening week, you don't see them. Bulls are more common, but I have witnessed a drastic decrease in cows and spikes. They're not dumb animals. They know where the private land is, and they know that if they get shot on public land, there's a fence they can cross for safety.

This is not an effective management strategy at a population level. Condensing hunting districts and making a greater portion of the elk and deer population available to shoot may seem appealing to the hunter who wants to fill his freezer, but the agency's job is not to be appealing. It is to manage for sustainable population sizes. Hunters (myself included) can get over it if they can't find a buck or bull. There are plenty of B tags and shoulder seasons as is—it's not as if there isn't already a surplus of opportunity for one looking to fill the freezer. I would like to see more (less weary) animals on the landscape.

Please continue to manage 328 and 329 separately. As well, I urge the agency to stop regulating cows and does to be killed by an over-the-counter tag. Please consider allowing a limited entry draw tag for cows (say, 100 tags).

Thanks for taking my comment seriously.

Corey

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Q2

HD 380

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 3's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Ive hunted 380 for deer since 1991. Whats caused the decline is the youth hunt. Ever since that was established, the buck population has gone down. It is so close to many towns that now the people choose that to take thier kids. Ive witnessed ot myself. I know many old timer huntets that have always hunted that area for deer as it is fairly easy for hunters that can not walk far to harvest a buck for food. With it going limited, these hunters will need to try and find a new area or take the chance at not drawing a tag. Therefore not able to feed themselves and family.

I dont see why a regulation of 4 point rule on at least one side wouldnt fix the issue. Let the smaller bucks grow and reproduce more. There are many 4 py bucks in the district.

Making this a limited draw will effect many people.

Thanks
Jeff
