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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: Brian
State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 445,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 455
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I do agree that something needs to be done in Whitetail Prairie because of all the conflicts but your taking away the only good access for the 445-20 elk permit. Some landowners allow hunting but its impossible to get through to Sieben for that elk hunt once you draw the tag so then everyone is trying to get on Sterling and most the bulls are on Seiben. Would there be a way to have it open for 455 for the first 2 weeks of rifle and then 445 permit holders the rest of the season to allow access for some of those at are willing to go there for the 445 permit? There is only one way in there so a few large signs on the way in specifying this would make it really clear. Its the best for both tags in my opinion and I have hunted on both tags before and accompanied people on both tags. There has to be a better way

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

1. I support the proposed regs as written

#3

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 455

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

455 is entirety of Beartooth WMA and you have the muzzleloader season open when the game range is closed. There should be no muzzleloader season in 455

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED to replacing the 900 archery tag with an unlimited option. The unit is overcrowded as is. There were nearly 1,000 non-residents last year that applied for the tag and did not get it which would be a guaranteed increase in hunting pressure. Combine that with a significant increase in resident hunters and the pressure will be absurd, taking a good unit and completely ruining it. Adding more hunters will reduce the elk kill because the elk will move to the refuge ranches. Outfitters will lease up more land because non-residents just have to draw a general tag and hunter opportunity will decrease. I also believe the provision to only be able to archery hunt in 411 and 412 is unenforceable from a practical standpoint. The commission needs to reflect the wishes of the voting public and not non-residents or special interest groups.

It makes no sense to separate 411 and 535. As a local to Lewistown, everyone hunts 411 and the Little Snowy part of 535. If you want to do anything, break the little snow portion of 535 out and combine with 411.

Lastly, the proposed cow regulations are incomprehensively complex. An unlimited cow permit is not needed since they are essentially unlimited between the general licence and the 004 that always has leftovers. There was not a single person or landowner in the unit that didn't shoot a cow last year due to the lack of a tag.

These type of significant and predictably controversial changes should not have been sprung on the public with such short notice before they need to be finalized. I implore the commission to stick to the current structure until more time and community dialog can take place with stakeholders to come up with better solutions. The commission needs to recognize that the fundamental problem with elk overpopulation is access. Implementing regulations that increase hunter numbers makes the problem worse as does encouraging more outfitter leasing and catering to wealthy non-resident landowners.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 441

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Moving the late season mule deer permit boundary to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Boundary is a good change from the NF Boundary. There is almost no public access in 441 and now that the Boone and Crockett Club is not allowing any mule deer hunting on the TRMR the area between private property and the Bob Marshall boundary is almost the only area where permit holders can hunt. This permit is a very popular permit and this new boundary will enhance the opportunity for permit holders to harvest a mature buck. This boundary change also protects the mule deer which get pushed out of the Bob during years of early and deep snow as was the case a couple years ago. An excellent change....stick with it!

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Q1

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Q2

HD 455

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I agree with the proposal to include Whitetail Prairie into HD 455. I've hunted HD 455 for the past 10 years and I truly understand the elk migration pattern within, and Whitetail Prairie is in fact The current problem with Whitetail Prairie in HD 445 is the ability for general tag hunters to hunt Either Sex elk (i.e. bulls) for the first 2 weeks of the season. This has exponentially increased the amount of hunters gaining access through HD 455.

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 412

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I strongly support the current proposals for 412. Thank you.

#8

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Q1

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Q2

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

HD 401,
HD 417,
HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

This is my comment to FWP Commissioners on the Hanks 2nd Proposal for Limited Elk Season Structure Changes:

I oppose eliminating the limited archer elk permits.

Montana FWP Commission I ask you AGAIN who do you serve, the public or outfitters and non resident land owners that harbor elk? Will you manage wildlife in the tradition of the North American Model as a public resource in trust for the public or will you manage it for privatization and commercialization for a few?

FWP Director Worsech's second proposal to eliminate the archery elk permits on both public and private lands in the 8 HDs and increase the rifle permits by 50%, is worst than his original proposal. This is what UPOM and MOGA have been lobbying for, to repeal the limited archery elk permits. It is more than just appearance that Hank is doing their bidding.

This is all about doing away with the limited archery elk permits and the 10 percent cap on non-residents; meaning that outfitters would again have great business opportunities, and non-resident landowners could hunt their ranches every year without entering the draw. Prior to I-161 and the limited archery elk permit regulations, outfitters were able to guarantee to anyone that could afford it, a trophy archery elk hunt. UPOM has been lobbying hard ever since to over turn this. It is a joke that this is proposed to reduce elk populations. And Hank's proposal will significantly increase the number of non residents hunting on public lands in these HDs. It will be a real shit show. This was the main reason for the limited archery elk permits, to reduce crowding. Prior to the limited archery elk permits non residents were taking 55% to 65% of the bulls in these HDs.

I was on the FWP committee for the limited archery elk permits. All groups were represented and we worked together to address the issues. Many of us don't feel that the public would be fairly represented if there were another FWP committee on archery elk permits. The same is being questioned about the proposed changes to the Madison River Plan by that committee.

This proposal is NOT about reducing elk populations. This is about FWP serving outfitters and wealth non resident land owners, NOT the public!

Commissioner Waller is right; the FWP Department and Commission will no longer have the public's trust. I am beginning to think the director and some commissioners don't care about the public's trust and are hell bent on implementing this agenda of privatization and commercialization of Montana wildlife.

Raymond Gross

Dillon, MT

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Q1

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Dear Members of the MDFWP Commission: I support the current elk and deer hunting regulations as currently proposed in 412, in particular leaving the current boundary's and quota in place. Thank for all your hard work!

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Good afternoon MDFWP Commission: I am highly in support to the current either sex elk permit hunting regulation proposed by recent Commission recommendations for 412-20.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support the current either sex elk permit hunting regulation proposed by recent Commission recommendations for 412-20. Thank you!

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Support the current either sex elk permit hunting proposed by the current commission for 412-20

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Thank you for your consideration of my earlier comments. I support the current either sex elk permit hunting regulation proposed by recent Commission recommendations for 412-20. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

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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 416,
HD 452,
HD 454

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

As a local in this area, we believe that we need to open up the cow season in all surrounding districts to include 416. Also, not being able to utilize the 004-00 cow tag on public land in this area has been in-effective and will be until the tags can be used to harvest an antlerless elk.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Dear members of MDFWP Commission: I support the current either sex elk permit hunting regulation proposed by recent Commission recommendations for 412-20. I have witnessed the results of this area for over a decade. It's impressive. Thank You!

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Dear members of MDFWP Commission: I am voicing my full support the current either sex elk permit hunting regulation as proposed by recent Commission recommendations for 412-20, and I hope you can make the tentative proposal permanent. Thank you for allowing me to comment on this issue.

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Before I comment on the actual proposals, I would like to make a general comment on the presentation. The pages are displayed vertically instead of horizontally. If you really want comments, you should make it easy to read, rather than require the commenters to hold their computer on its' side to read it. Come on, what would it really take for you to make it right. If you did, it would take one person to do it right, instead you inconvenience every one of the thousands of potential commenters. Ever hear of customer service?

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I like the idea of a permit for archery in HD 411. I would like to travel around the state hunting different areas. I do not understand the logic of not letting you hunt elsewhere if you draw the permit. What is the logic? Based on science, or just someone wanting to limit hunters in their favorite spot? Ha! I never apply for these type permits, as ones plans can change, and it becomes difficult to travel far. I understand the logic on elk B licenses where you want a specific number of cow elk removed, but either sex archery permits - it makes no sense.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Dear members of the MDFWP Commission. I support the current either sex elk permit hunting regulation proposed by the recent Commission recommendations for 412-20. Thank you! Lennox Stuart

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Dear members of MDFWP Commission: I support the current either sex elk permit hunting regulation proposed by recent Commission recommendations for 412-20. Thank you!

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 445

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I don't agree with the removal of Whitetail Prairie from HD 445 into 455. Having that small chunk of BMA in hunting district 445, rather than 455 gives hunters a chance to hunt one of the few areas of public access in 445. I see why they want to simplify the boundary lines, but because there isn't much public access in HD 445, I strongly urge you to reconsider moving the boundary lines to keep giving hunters an opportunity to hunt 445. Thank you.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Dear members of MDFWP Commission: I support the current either sex elk permit hunting regulation proposed by recent Commission recommendations for 412-20. Thank you! I love going to Montana!!

#23

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province:	MT
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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I think by providing unlimited permits but making archery hunters choose the unit grouping, or unit to archery hunt in and not allowing them to hunt in any other HD or group of HD's you are solving a huge problem. Great job on this! One thing I still think you should add is if someone gets an archery permit they do not get to hunt the general rifle. Make people pick and choose and you'll even out the pressure. Thanks for your hard work on these much needed changes.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

HD 447

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Isn't the stated goal here to lower elk numbers down to objective? Moving to unlimited archery elk permits will have the complete opposite effect. The increased hunting pressure will drive all the elk onto private sanctuaries and the herd will expand even further beyond objective.

This proposal was whipped up at the last minute by the FWP Director after receiving an unbelievable public outcry against his original idea to have general tags on private. However, this is basically the same thing, just wrapped up a little differently.

We can all see this proposal has nothing to do with too many elk and it has everything to do with handing Montana's bulls over to wealthy, out of state landowners and rich out of state trophy hunters. Please do the right thing for Montanans and vote this proposal down.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: **Dan Gagner**
City/Town: **Helena**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **dgagner33@gmail.com**

Q2

HD 426

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Isn't the stated goal here to lower elk numbers down to objective? Moving to unlimited archery elk permits and increasing the rifle tags by 50% will have the complete opposite effect. The increased hunting pressure will drive all the elk onto private sanctuaries and the herd will expand even further beyond objective.

This proposal was whipped up at the last minute by the FWP Director after receiving an unbelievable public outcry against his original idea to have general tags on private. However, this is basically the same thing, just wrapped up a little differently.

We can all see this proposal has nothing to do with too many elk and it has everything to do with handing Montana's bulls over to wealthy, out of state landowners and rich out of state trophy hunters. Please do the right thing for Montanans and vote this proposal down.

As for the other proposals, I'm in favor of unlimited cow tags on private land and I'm also in favor of combining 417 and 426 together on an archery tag, so long as there's a limited quota on the tags.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name:	Lewis Leathers
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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

You have 450 tags listed for either sex draw, but if you look at 535, you only have 150 listed both are under 411-20.

#27

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: **Ryan**
City/Town: **Helena**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 445,**
(optional) **HD 455**

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I think that something different does need to happen with Whitetail Prairie but I wish you could do something besides putting into 455. Would there be any way to make it another drawing like 445 for whitetail prairie only for the entire season and no general hunting on whitetail prairie. I think this would have more support from the public maybe do 10 bull permits in there and now you know exactly how many people should be in there and if there are any problems you would know who to talk to now

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

City/Town: wolf creek
State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 445,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 455
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like to see something different done in Whitetail Prairie than what is proposed. I think you will still have problems in there if you just change it to 455. I would like to see a different opportunity maybe just a handfull of permits valid only on Whitetail prairie. This way you know exactly who is hunting it if you limit to 5-10 permit holders because I believe it will be overran with bull permit holders in 455 especially on bad snow years when the elk are not migrating as much through the game range

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Hi, It appears that there is a typo in the new archery permit for 411&412. As written it appears that archery hunting will be prohibited on private land. This is insane. I have pasted how the elk master list has the 411-21 described below:

HDs 411 & 412: Add Archery Only Either-Sex permit 411-21 with an unlimited license quota. Valid in HDs 411 and 412. Valid only on public land in HD 411 but on all lands in HD 412.

Restricting hunting on private land is insane in a unit that has a massive private land harboring issue!! This may be an oversight from the previous proposal that got tabled, when private was going to be a general tag. Please fix the language to allow archery hunting on private lands as well.

Brent Race
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#30

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 417

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I like limiting permit holders to that unit for all either sex permits.
Have hunting 417 multiply times. 2 times when the tag numbers where at 100 and 2 times when the tags 225. I would like to see the tag numbers stay or reduce for either sex.

#31

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Q1

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Q2**HD 445,**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 455**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am opposed to the Whitetail Prairie Addition of the Beartooth WMA to be moved into 455. Currently in 445 very little accessible public lands exist. Most access is provided by Block Management and is contingent on private landowner participation. Traditionally, the private land owners have a very limited access system on their Block Management and it usually favors bull hunters. As a result, Whitetail Prairie is one of the only areas in 445 where you can go and hunt elk on a general license unencumbered by securing access through Block Management. Whitetail prairie takes some commitment to get back to as it is a long hike or a ride in. Every year since its acquisition folks have been able to get bulls there on a general license. If it is made part of 455 it will take a number of years for any hunter applying to draw that tag and have a chance of taking a bull on the Whitetail Prairie. Please keep it as it is to continue to provide general bull and cow hunting in 445.

#32

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I suggest that the Mule Deer hunting season be shortened throughout the entire state of Montana. I would have it for the first 3 weeks of rifle season. Additionally there needs to be better management on where hunters go. It would be nice to see a draw for mule deer in the entire state. The draw odds would be very high and that way FWP could start managing the areas. Over the last 3 years I have done a lot of hunting and I have never been checked or seen a game check. There is no way FWP knows how much game is getting taken. At least mule deer tags with certain units, could bring back the population. In region 4 I use to see hundreds of deer when I went out 20 years ago. In those same places I see between 0-10 deer a day. I went out 5 days in 447 this year and never even saw a deer. 20 years ago I would have probably seen 100 a day. Please get rid of the doe tags as this only kills the deer on public lands. I know this isn't an easy decision but something has to change to save our Mule Deer population. Montana could learn ways from North Dakota and Wyoming. What they have done actually worked.

#33

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 455

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Need to increase the permits given out to locals in this HD

#34

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Q1

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Q2

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

HD 413,
HD 415,
HD 416,
HD 417,
HD 418,
HD 432,
HD 448,
HD 450,
HD 452,
HD 454

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I do not support the change of HDs 413, 415, 416, 417, 418, 420, 432, 448, 450, 452, 454: Change general license opportunity from Either-Sex to Brow-tined Bull/Antlerless.

#35

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province:	MT
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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please use the quota for the 411-21 archery tag that the biologist recommended for the unit instead of allowing unlimited permits.. This will limit resident overcrowding and the 10% non resident cap will then apply to the unit. The quota was high enough to provide high probability for landowners to draw their tags as well as Montana residents.

#36

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Q1

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City/Town:	Lewistown
State/Province:	MT
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Q2

HD 417,

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

HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please use the quota for the 417-21 archery tag that the biologist recommended for the unit instead of allowing unlimited permits.. This will limit resident overcrowding and the 10% non resident cap will then apply to the unit. The quota was high enough to provide high probability for landowners to draw their tags as well as Montana residents.

#37

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please use the quota for the 412-21 archery tag that the biologist recommended for the unit instead of allowing unlimited permits.. This will limit resident overcrowding and the 10% non resident cap will then apply to the unit. The quota was high enough to provide high probability for landowners to draw their tags as well as Montana residents.

#38

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

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

HD 411,
HD 412,
HD 417,
HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Issuing more cow tags in region 4 has done little to maintain or reduce elk numbers. The current 004-00 permit is undersubscribed and can be purchased from the leftover list every year. The shoulder season we have done from August 15th to February 15th have not helped in maintaining or reducing elk numbers. Number of tags or hunter opportunity is not the issue with elk numbers in region 4. The issue is access and landowners harboring elk for large portions of the season. Please wait to make major changes to until after the elk management plan is updated.

#39

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

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

HD 411,
HD 412,
HD 417,
HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please require the limited archery permits be an applicants first and only choice. This is similar the antelope archery tag and the 900 tag for elk because so many people applied. Without first and only choice requirements, the draw odds for the rifle permit will plummet and applicants will still be able to bow hunt.

Please support the requirement that if someone draws a permit they can only hunt antlered elk in that unit for the season they drew.

#40

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

After attending the Lewistown 2022/2023 season setting meeting last night I would suggest that management of the wildlife be done with more help from the local FWP personal in the districts they work/live in. I wish the biologist and wardens that have put time and effort into these areas had more say then appointed commissioners and appointed directors when it came to seasons, quota's etc...Thanks

#41

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: **Russell Cordum**

Q2

HD 410

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I noticed that you reduce the number of either sex elk tags on the 410-21 tag. I completely agree with this move, thanks you! I just haven't seen the quality of bulls in that area that I have in the past. This area is part of the iconic Missouri breaks elk area, and I would proposed even reducing the number of archery tags further. I believe this is one of the areas that should be managed for large bulls

#42

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Proposal for 411-21

Why are there ANY restrictions for bowhunting in 411? You are 100's of percent over management levels and yet you still want to restrict opportunities. I don't get it, what is the motive? You're not this over populated in the Belts, yet I can hunt there, the Castles, the Front etc.

Thank you

#43

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

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

HD 410,
HD 411,
HD 412,
HD 417,
HD 419,
HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please consider reducing Mule deer general license to three weeks during rifle. There needs to be a reduction of rut hunts in some or all units. Hunt quality is poor and age class is suffering. Please consider requiring nonresident deer hunters to designate the HD where their deer license may be used. nonresident deer hunting pressure needs to be better dispersed across the state. Units with lots of public land see most of the nonresident pressure.

#44

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: **Russell Cordum**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Are we going to be printing special tags to the Wilkes brothers again this year, or was that a one time thing?

#45

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Q1

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Q2

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

HD 401,
HD 403,
HD 410,
HD 411,
HD 412,
HD 413,
HD 415,
HD 416,
HD 417,
HD 418,
HD 421,
HD 423,
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HD 430,
HD 432,
HD 441,
HD 442,
HD 444,
HD 445,
HD 447,
HD 448,
HD 450,
HD 452,
HD 422,
HD 419,
HD 425,
HD 426,
HD 454,
HD 455

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Do not change the balance of permits to private property. STOP the commercialization of hunting. I do not have a problem with redistricting the boundaries if the biology calls for it.

#46

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Dear members of MDFWP Commission: I support the current either sex elk permit hunting regulation proposed by recent Commission recommendations for 412-20. Thank you!

#47

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am adamantly opposed to the proposals to change elk permit rules to reduce public and increase private opportunities. This is effectively privatizing an historical public heritage in Montana.

#48

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The hunting seasons way too long and liberal. Many hundred elk were killed in the fires that burned from seely to Highway343. In case of around linclon, the elk numbers are way down and no change in regulation or seasons to reflect this. All of the shoulder seasons are just for the ranchers that run their cattle on public land all summer then whine because elk come to graze their land in winter. The game and parks dept. cry because the hunter numbers are falling like a rock. Change that regulations to let old hunters enjoy the same rules as the youth hunters..

#49

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 417

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please look to add that access to elk is difficult and limited. I hunt a lot in 417 and on several occasions I have tried to help other hunters I have met in the area that were upset with the area and wish they would have known access was so difficult. Some people see this as other breaks units and think big bulls are around every corner and do not do their due diligence to research the area.

#50

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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 445,
	HD 422,
	HD 455

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

400 districts for WT deer, remove the separate 004-01 WT b license and the 004-00 unlimited and simply allow unlimited WT B license OTC, with limit of two per person.

-455-Keep the addition of WT prairie to 455-about time! Thank you!

-keep reduced either sex rifle tags. Instead of unlimited either sex archery elk permits, limit to 50-same as rifle opportunity. Reduce the B license quantity to 200, but allow successful either sex permit holders to purchase an elk B license. Allow deer permit holders to purchase a WT b license. Consider splitting the WT and MD permits up, but keep both limited for rifle.

445-stop the madness with elk for the two week general, then limited quota for either sex...Simply go to limited permits for the entire season. For deer in 445, stop MD buck harvest starting after 11/15 or consider going to a MD buck limited permit option.

#51

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 450

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would support the proposal to change hunting district 450 to browline bull hunting instead of permits. The only real issue I see is more pressure on landowners for access.

#52

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name:	Cody
City/Town:	Winnett
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Q2

HD 417

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I think separating 410 and 417 for archery is the best thing to do. 410 is getting harder and harder to draw and with it being tied to 417 it's making it super hard for the couple hundred people actually hunting 417 to draw. 417 is plenty big to be it's own unit and will give the guys wanting to hunt 417 a way better chance of drawing not having to compete with all the 410 applicants. I think you could easily make 417 unlimited archery tags as not a ton of people hunt it. I also feel that if people want to hunt 410 then that's the district they should hunt, shouldn't be able to jump back and forth between 417 and 410. It will help divide the massive crowds 410 has accumulated.

#53

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 445,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 455
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Over the past four years I have noticed an increasing amount of people traveling through 455 into 445. I have also noticed a decrease in the amount of elk I have seen in 455. I feel like changing the boundary will decrease the amount of people traveling through and increase the elk numbers in 455 resulting in more opportunities to harvest elk in 455. So I believe the boundary change is a good decision.

Over the past four years I have also seen a huge increase of electric bikes in 455. Most of these people are passing through to hunt whitetail prairie so I am hoping this will decrease the number of electric bikes in the area. I am of the opinion that they should not be allowed at all in this area.

#54

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The proposed change to unlimited either sex archery tags seems to put many of the Region 4 units at risk for over crowding and over harvest of mature bulls especially on the limited amount of public and private land available for unrestricted public access. At the same time it caters to the landowner/outfitter group by making coveted either sex tags much more available. Further, giving up the right to hunt either sex elk in other units isn't much of a sacrifice to the owner/outfitter group like it would be for a resident or non-resident DIY hunter who may need to travel more widely to find elk on accessible public lands.

In general, it is certainly disappointing that Montana's governor has turned the FW&P Director and Fish & Wildlife Commission into a group that so far have made decisions that appear deaf to the voice of resident and non-resident DIY hunters and anglers.

#55

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province:	MT
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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 410,
	HD 411,
	HD 412,
	HD 417,
	HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I absolutely agree with all your proposals regarding the changes to elk hunting. Your justifications for archery permits, dropping the 900 archery bundle, implementing the statewide permit restriction and why this will all spread out hunters and control overcrowding is spot on. I really urge you to move forward with all these proposals. Again, I truly feel the statewide permit restriction is the key to all these proposals. Continuing to allow people to bounce back and forth from draw only districts and general license districts will only increase the overcrowding issues. And you will continue to have successful applicants for 410-21 who will decide to not even hunt there and just hunt a general district somewhere else, all the while there are folks who do not draw their permit. Which fly's in the face of what a limited drawing system is all about. You are also correct that archery hunting is an opportunity hunt, not an elk objective management tool. Archery proposals should be looked at separately from population objective proposals. Your proposal for Elk B licenses and cow hunting opportunities is the best way to manage populations, which I agree with and should be implemented. Finally, I'm very excited to see changes in the works, they are long overdue and needed. Your proposals are moving things in the right direction and I hope to see them all implemented for the upcoming season(s).
 Thank you.

#56

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

HD 410

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I like the idea of 410 going to it's own archery permit, but wish the quota would be lowered. The #1 thing you hear about this unit, is it's not what it used to be because of the archery pressure. In my opinion, this would be a good time relieve that pressure and make it a better hunt experience.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 442,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 450
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Leave these units alone, they are difficult enough to hunt in with limited access to private property. These proposed changes will be the final nail in the coffin of public hunting for Elk in 450 and 442. If you are concerned about a more accurate count of elk coming out of the Northern part of 442, make it a requirement to report all kills to FWP Game Station in Augusta and make folks feel the pain if they don't do it. We are being inundated with hunters from other areas of Montana because FWP is telling them there are more elk over here than necessary. If there are, they are all on private property with little to no access, and any change made by the Commission will do anything to change that, but more than likely, add more elk to the large landowners property.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

HD 411 archery unlimited either sex should be first choice only

#59

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Q1

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Q2

HD 417

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Archery Permit 417/426

Providing unlimited permits, will result in over crowded public land with increased non-resident hunters. I propose 3 options to accommodate the land owners and resident hunters. As previously done, place a resident limit with a high objective draw for those hunters of 750 in HD 417/426, almost a guarantee draw but will limit non-resident hunters and pressure on public land to the 10% for non-residents. Option 2 - If keeping unlimited permit for HD 417/426 is a must, a way to limit non-resident hunters is limiting the number of bow stamps available to those non-resident hunters, and put those hunters into a draw. Option 3 - Non-resident hunters must hunt through a licensed outfitter.

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 410,
	HD 417,
	HD 423,
	HD 422

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Region 4 - 2022-23 deer, elk season setting changes

The "elk objectives" need to be re-evaluated - they are outdated and not based on science. Unlimited draw tags are a terrible idea and will lead to more pressure on public land and more elk on private (often unwanted).

Please consider either creating incentives for private land-owners who give access (ex. Landowner gets a # of tags in exchange for allowing X number of hunters come onto their property for a hunt). Here are some more options:

1. Where elk are above objective, give Private Land Only cow tags. Don't cap them. Given all cooperative landowners every chance possible to lower elk numbers and allow them to be part of the solution.
2. Absolutely no cow elk hunting on public lands, as this only places pressure on the "wrong elk" and habituates elk to move to the private land sanctuaries. Kill the elk that are the problem elk, the ones spending most their time under irrigation pivots. Cow elk lead the herds. Drive them to private land sanctuaries and the entire herd follows. Take pressure off public land cow elk and put that pressure on private land cow elk via #1 above.
3. Shorten seasons for all elk, to include taking elk hunting out of the new muzzleloader season. Montana has the longest elk hunting seasons in the west, by a significant margin. These extended periods of hunting pressure only serves to condition elk to find private land sanctuaries and keep them there beyond hunting seasons. This would include getting rid of shoulder seasons that add even more pressure to elk.
4. For those landowners trying to keep numbers down by allowing cow elk harvest, yet dealing with neighbors who provide elk sanctuary during hunting season, we should seek legislation that would give financial reimbursement from the General Fund. I say General Fund as this is a problem caused by landowners with extremely high elk tolerance that impacts their working-ranch neighbors, having nothing to do with hunting, rather how people exercise their property rights. Additionally, give these working landowners assistance with fencing, hazing, and whatever else can reward those who are trying to solve the problems. Help those who want to be part of the solution. Those not wanting to be part of the solution qualify for none of the above.
5. If you hit an animal, that's your animal for the season. Better go recover it. The do this with black bear in southeast Alaska. Many private landowners have that rule on their property. Should a tag be for one animal, or as many animals as it takes before you finally recover one? I'm advocating for "one and done." When you draw blood, that's your animal, go recover him or go home.
6. Montana has the most liberal deer seasons in the west, with us being the only state that allows general rifle deer hunting for mule deer in the November rut. Our mule deer herds are suffering throughout the state, both in terms of numbers and age class. I suggest we take all rifle mule deer hunting out of the rut and put it on limited permit. Not for the sake of big bucks, but for herd health and diversity of age class. I'll let other opine what we should do with whitetail deer hunts.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Manage each District or Region according to what is best for that area. Too much of Montana is managed as a "one size fits all." What is good for Libby is not the same for Alzada. What might work in Wolf Point probably won't work in Darby. Whitetails in Region 1 and 2 are completely different than whitetails in Regions 6 and 7. It is more work and requires more understanding, but it will also result in better management.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Under the 411 regs, the 411-20 elk permit has a listed quota of 450 tags. Under the 535 regs, the 411 has a listed quota of 150 tags. That a big difference. Also, the rule change that you could only hunt elk in a unit you draw a permit in would be a huge blow to hunters like me who live in southwestern Montana and hunt elk after work around Butte, but travel to region 4 and 5 on the weekends to hunt. It would make it so I would have to choose between hunting archery during the week around home, or only hunting 4-5 hours away from home on weekends. It seems like that rule change would only benefit out of state hunters who travel to hunt one specific area, or hunter who only live in that specific area.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 417,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 426
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The proposal to go to unlimited archery permits would be great if I owned or leased a private ranch. Since I do not, this proposal is an insult to archery hunters who would at least hope for a quality hunt on public or accessible private land. If you continue to propose regulations to cater to private land interests you might as well call New Mexico and get a copy of their regulations. They at least manage their public lands.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 447

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I think it would be a terrible idea to allow unlimited either sex archery tags in this district. In the past ten years elk opportunities on public land has dropped dramatically and the number of hunters has increased. The highwoods are a small and access is limited. There are already too many people necked down to the limited access points

#64

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Q1

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Q2

HD 410,

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Nice job FWP. Your recommendations seem to make a lot of sense. I especially like that if you draw a tag for a permit area, you may only hunt in that area. That will improve the odds for those who intend to hunt only that area, resident or non-resident.

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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 417,

HD 418,

HD 421,

HD 423,

HD 424,

HD 430,

HD 432,

HD 441,

HD 442,

HD 444,

HD 445,

HD 447,

HD 448,

HD 450,

HD 452,

HD 422,

HD 419,

HD 425,

HD 426,

HD 454,

HD 455

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please continue to have a bull permit for these units as this would take opportunities away from the ones who have been building points for several years. Increasing boundaries will create poor management. Management on a bigger scale is even harder to control. There are better ways for the private land owners to control the elk, hire a person to drive out there to scare them off their land, high fence, letting people come on their land. Giving unlimited antlerless tags is not a good solution.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 426

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I have hunted HD426 as a nonresident for two consecutive years and plan to continue to hunt that HD on a yearly basis.

During the 2021 general rifle season I observed that the deer numbers tended to be lower than in 2020, also speaking with local land owners they expressed that the deer numbers were down. On a typical year with good numbers they would allow people to hunt, but due to the numbers being lower for 2021 because of the drought they would not allow us to hunt as before. If the doe quota is increased to 500 tags with will only further increase to downward swing of the population. I hope that you will reconsider this decision

#67

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Q1

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Q2**HD 450**

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please do not change 450 boundary or regulations. Changing it from a special permit for bull elk to general license is a huge mistake. The Teton is well known for trophy bull elk. The elk along the Teton inhabit primarily private land, most of which is inaccessible to the general public. With a general tag for bulls, folks will flock here to try for a trophy. They won't get access. Trespassing will be high. The bulls will die mostly illegally and the trophy bull opportunity will be lost. If your goal is to reduce elk numbers, help get public access to the the Nature Conservancy, Letterman's, Dyal's, Salmon's, Crary's, and the other inaccessible private lands the elk escape to during the season. All you will accomplish with this regulation change is increasing trespass and illegally killed elk and reduce a trophy hunting area. You won't decrease elk numbers. You'll just trade the trophy bulls for spikes. If something is wrong in 450 its access. Bringing more people here is a piss poor idea.

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional) **HD 411,**
HD 432

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Adding more cow tags does not help the access problem in 411 and limiting it to BTB or cow in 432 doesn't help land owners. They need to be in better contact with land owners in 432 about damage hunts and it shouldn't be limited to cows as it should be land owners discretion or limited bull harvesting

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I agree with eliminating either-sex general licenses and going to cow and BTB regulations. I think this will be a good change.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 447

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am opposed to the proposed changes to HD447. Specifically, I object to the unlimited 447-21 either sex archery only permit and the number of Region 4 Elk B licenses available for the district.

First, please consider the reality of the situation in the Highwood Mountains. Very few elk are present on public lands during the archery and rifle seasons. Gaining access to or across private lands throughout the Highwoods is exceedingly difficult. Most of the elk in the northern part of this district can be found on one or two ranches during these seasons--the Skogen and Glenkirk Partners properties, neither of which provide any public access. Neighboring ranchers expressed frustration to me that these properties maintained non-native Sudan grass to attract elk, drawing herds and hunting opportunity away from their properties. Several plots of this vegetation can easily be seen along Shonkin Creek Road and serve no agricultural purpose, as they are not harvested or grazed by cattle. Significant numbers of elk can also be found to the east of the range, but again, finding access is extremely difficult. I've never experienced such difficulty trying to gain access. I started calling and visiting landowners in the spring and throughout the summer and fall--contacting more than 40 landowners—only to learn they either don't allow public access or were "full for the season."

Hunting on public land from the limited access points proved to be an exercise in frustration. All public access points were overrun with hunters who had the 900 archery-only tag and others who had cow tags that were only supposed to be used on private lands. Because of all these hunters on public lands, elk were either non-existent during the archery season or were call-shy. We secured permission on the one BMA during what should have been the prime of the elk rut in September. We found exactly two bulls and nine cows on the property after walking more than 10 miles per day for four days. We learned an August rifle shoulder-season hunt on the property moved out most of the elk and left those remaining on high alert, displaying no rutting activity. All of this greatly diminished the experience we expected with the 447-20 tag.

Rifle season proved to be just as challenging as archery. We finally secured access across private land to National Forest. Prior to opening day, we found a nice herd on public land with several legal bulls in it. We walked in several miles in the dark to set up where we expected the elk to go that morning, only to have a neighboring landowner drive up a road on his property just before first light, directly to the herd, which was just across his fence. He took the herd bull that morning and sent the rest up and over the mountain. For most of the remainder of the season, we had sparse encounters with elk here and there on public land, with small herds on high alert and on the run from a few other hunters who had the 447-20 tag and others who were hunting cows—who should have been hunting on private land.

My son and I finally filled our tags on Thanksgiving Day. He took a decent 6x6 and I took a smaller 5x5 with several broken points out of the same herd. We were both grateful to fill our tags and our family's freezer, but remain disappointed that we had to hunt so hard for more than 30 days to do it. For the 447-20 permit to be a "special tag" for the public hunter, the 900 archery tag needs to be eliminated and cow hunters need to be restricted to private land only. Moreover, the Department should look into the baiting situation at the property in the northern part of the Highwoods along Shonkin Creek Road and not authorize early shoulder season hunts. These changes would likely keep more elk on public lands during the archery and rifle seasons, leading to a more meaningful, successful experience for those who draw the 447-20 tag.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 418

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

In an area that remains closed to antler less mule deer hunting shouldn't there also be a limited antlered harvest(permit).

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Increasing the quota of the either sex permits will greatly NEGATIVELY impact hunting. The increased number of hunters will push elk off public land onto private land where access is extremely limited. Additionally, in a couple years the top end bulls in this district will all be shot. Elk hunting is prized position in Montana. Please don't ruin it by passing this proposed change.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Having an unlimited license quota for this unit (or any unit) will greatly NEGATIVELY impact hunting. Can you imagine the number of people hunting the public land in this district? It would make me not even want to go. Additionally, there will be so much hunting pressure on the public all the elk will get pushed on to the private where access is extremely limited. Elk hunting is prized position in Montana. Please don't ruin it by passing this proposed change.

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 411,
	HD 412,
	HD 417,
	HD 426,
	HD 455

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Having an unlimited license quota for this unit (or any unit) will greatly NEGATIVELY impact hunting. Can you imagine the number of people hunting the public land in this district? It would make me not even want to go. Additionally, there will be so much hunting pressure on the public all the elk will get pushed on to the private where access is extremely limited. Elk hunting is prized position in Montana. Please don't ruin it by passing this proposed change.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 417,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 426
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Increasing the quota of the either sex permits will greatly NEGATIVELY impact hunting. The increased number of hunters will push elk off public land onto private land where access is extremely limited. Additionally, in a couple years the top end bulls in this district will all be shot. Elk hunting is prized position in Montana. Please don't ruin it by passing this proposed change.

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Q1

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Q2

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

HD 411,
HD 417,
HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

FWP Thank you for all your hard work. I do not support increasing the number of either sex elk permits in this district. It will greatly hurt the top end bull population in the unit. Most hunters wait a lifetime (and are willing to) to draw this elk tag and have the opportunity to harvest a top tier bull when they draw the tag. By increasing the number of tags the number of top end bulls will quickly decrease. Additionally, the extra hunters will push more elk on private where they can not be hunted. Please vote Note on this proposal. Thanks

#77

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 411,
	HD 412,
	HD 417,
	HD 447,
	HD 426,
	HD 455

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

FWP Thank you for all your hard work. I do not support unlimited licenses in this unit. These are the top archery hunting units in the state and allowing an unlimited number of hunters will ruin it overnight. There will be people everywhere on the public. All the elk will get pushed on private and that only makes another problem worse.

#78

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 411,
	HD 417,
	HD 447,
	HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Increasing the number of either sex elk permits will hurt the hunting overall. These are trophy units and allowing more permits will soon degrade the quality of the units. Meat hunters can shoot cows. Lets keep elk hunting in mt great by not passing this proposal.

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 411,
	HD 412,
	HD 417,
	HD 447,
	HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Having unlimited archery permits in these units will destroy elk hunting in mt overnight. Can you imagine the number of out of states here? All the elk will be pushed off the public the first weekend the season opens. The 900 archery tag is excellent the way it is but if it must be dissolved please put a reasonable quote on these units. I'm willing to only here every couple years as opposed to every year if I know it going to be good.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 425

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The mule deer heard along the sun river game range is not in good shape. Would be very nice to see them have a sanctuary. I spent a few days driving around the game range and seen lots of very young mule deer bucks in the back of pickups. None harvested more then 200 yards off the road system.

In my opinion it would be fantastic to idea to close the sun river game range to all mule deer hunting. At least for a couple years. Let them have somewhere moderately safe to congregate.

I am a hunting guide in bob marshal complex and have been for over 2 decades. Also spend a lot of time running around that country in winter. Have seen a drastic drop in mule deer numbers the last 10+ years.

Thanks you for your time

#81

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I don't understand the logic in separating the snowies into different archery permits (411-21), as most hunters hunt in the entirety of the range. Especially during archery season, where often, elk migrate across the Red Hill road, from 411 into 535, on a consistent basis. I did read the justification, however I feel the snowies should be their own unit (not including bull mountains, etc.). Additionally, the archery permits need to have a specific quota. An unlimited number of permits is obviously geared toward outfitter/non-resident applicants, as these also become unlimited. Crowding/overpressure will become an issue. Thanks

#82

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Q1

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Q2

HD 455

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am supportive of the change to the boundary of unit 455 to include the Whitetail Prairie as a part of the Beartooth unit. This simplifies the regulations and the GMU. I am also supportive of the change to an Archery Permit for the single 455 unit and no longer bundled with the 900 series archery permits. I feel the 455 archery permit should be a first choice only permit. Thank you.

#83

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 432

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I strongly disagree with the redistricting described.

#84

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 413,
Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 416,
(optional) HD 448

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

There is no need to change from either sex to brow tine/antlerless. These units are over objective and these changes will take away opportunity, resulting in elk populations increasing.

#85

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I feel there is great disconnect between the department and who's wildlife they are actually entrusted to manage. Most of the proposed changes are based off an elk model that is so outdated any scientific professional working for the department should be ashamed. How can you make a plan with such outdated objectives. Nothing for elk should be proposed till you update you elk plan and data. The public will not trust any plan you come up with until you get yourself up to speed. Shoulder seasons should go away. The deer season needs to be shorter, especially after this year. No non-resident landowner should ever get any either sex tag anywhere that they didn't draw just everyone else in the country. And if elk are such a problem on private land then give them unlimited antler less elk tags. That is scientifically proven to reduce herd numbers, not shooting more bulls. This state has such great potential to do great things with its' wildlife if you can get away from the good ol boys club up there at the capital and all the big out of state landowners pulling the strings. The thing of it is how completely obvious it is. Please listen to the public landowners as much as the out of state, non-income tax paying, landowners.

#86

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Q1

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Q2

HD 455

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I believe the boundary changes for HD 455 to include the Whitetail Prairie addition will be a beneficial change for the elk management at the Beartooth WMA, glad to see this finally being proposed.
Regarding the archery only permit for 455 being unlimited quota, it would be nice to see it be capped for non-residents at 10% to stay consistent with past NR limits. Thank you.

#87

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Q1

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Q2

HD 401

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

1-5-2022

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Commissioners

The Liberty County Commissioners would like to comment on the proposed changes to the deer hunting in districts 400 and 401.

The traditional 3-week season was a very good compromise for Liberty County land owners, hunters and tax payers. It has worked for decades and would continue to work going forward. The proposed changes were considered because of the presence of CWD. Yet the season was extended to mitigate CWD but did not have mandatory testing in place to see if even any of the late season deer harvested even had CWD.

The impacts of increased travel on the county roads that time of the year are a maintenance issue. Late season road maintenance is often affected by winter weather, making it now spring maintenance leaving local taxpayers the impacts of driving on the roads that were left over by hunters.

On behalf of the taxpayers of Liberty County please consider going back to the historical 3-week season that has been working, and will continue to work in our county.

On Behalf of Liberty County Commissioners

Joette Woods Chair

#88

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 411,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 412
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am not sure I love the idea of unlimited archery permits for these areas. I like that out of state hunters are limited to 10% or our permits. I hate the idea that their permit would no longer be a percentage. Am I seeing this correctly? I would rather see a set number of permits for resident. 800 or so, and still limit 10 percent to out of state hunters. I also support 1st and only and either hunt your region or area.

#89

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name:	Public Land Owner
City/Town:	Lewistown
State/Province:	MT

Q2

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

HD 416,
HD 454

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The change to a universal "Brow-tined or Antlerless" regulation from the old 454 reg of "either sex" doesn't make sense. If both of the previous districts are over objective why would FWP limit harvest (11% reduction in bull harvest) opportunity by eliminating the ability to harvest a spike? In an area where much of the elk hunting opportunity is in heavily timbered portions of the National Forest this will result in lower harvest by public land hunters. This reduction in harvest will be due to folks both not being able to shoot a spike when they see it and also in instances where reduced visibility in the timber will result in missed opportunities to harvest cows and branch antler bulls because of the time it takes to confirm the elk is not a spike. Those elk will simply have more time to run away in a habitat type where it is already challenging to get a shot opportunity. This regulation eliminates opportunity for those of us who hunt for meat and caters to the outfitters and landowners who make more money off of branch antlered bulls. Once again showing that wildlife management in Montana is taking a turn toward benefiting only people who want to make a profit off of our public resource.

It would make more sense for the Castle and Little Belt districts to all adopt the "Either Sex" regulation.

#90

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Q1

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Q2

HD 410

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

In unit 410 in particular as an out of state hunter, it has very good access to public land/Block. But I Believe not having a quota on Buck Mule Deer is going to have lasting effects on the population and also cause more people to drive on land they shouldn't be. Several trails in Federal land shouldn't be open and causes animals to get pushed onto private land. In this unit you have a hard time getting 2 miles off of any road to pursue animals that exist in late season. In the end this unit is heavily road hunted and over hunted for mule deer. I also believe if the number of deer hunters is regulated correctly it would help people harvest Elk since less pressure should create more opportunity to people. If the population is to high of mule deer then I recommend changing it to "earn a buck" or increase the doe tags while limiting buck tags. the last several years I have witnessed small bucks IE single forks/salad tossers with does, to increase the size of bucks with better genetics the current plan I don't see it as the correct way to go.

#91

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I think that the new proposal for 411 Elk hunt is very fair and reasonable. I have hunted this area for over 25 years but have never drawn an ES permit. However, I still feel the proposal is more than fair. I have an excellent place to hunt in this district and appreciate FWP's efforts to preserve good elk hunting in this district.

#92

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Q1

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Q2

HD 401

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am in favor of removing 401 archery elk from the 900-20 tag pool. Thank for this smart decision.

#93

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name:	Cory Mark
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State/Province:	MT

Q2

HD 410

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I do not think it is OK to limit bow hunters to 1 draw region only in archery. Bow hunting is tough enough, and the common man/woman is typically a weekend warrior for hunting elk. With some of the draw only archery permits being in remote areas it is unrealistic to hunt every weekend in the draw unit. It is hard enough to make it to a draw only archery unit across the other side of the state even 2 times in a season. With that said, this change would all of a sudden put less hunters in the woods. With Montana Elk populations thriving it does not seem like a good idea to limit bow hunters. The bow success rate is already extremely low compared to rifle so why would it make sense to take people out of the woods during bow season. This change would have a dramatic impact the common man/woman who has to work Monday- Friday 8-5. Please keep the archery draw only permits the way they are. This type of change seems irreversible and unfair.

#94

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 411,
	HD 412,
	HD 417,
	HD 447,
	HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I believe you should leave any region that was previously accessible bundled in the 900-20 in a bundled permit or open on the general tag. As far as i can tell, it seems you are proposing to make unlimited archery permits, but limited to a district. That is bad as it makes it very hard for hunters to hunt new areas. Instead keep many areas bundled in an either sex archery only permit or make it open to either sex archery only on the general tag, so we can move around the state to different districts.

#95

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional) HD 417,
HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Hd 417 and 426 will be overrun with hunters even more so than before with the number of elk permits proposed. As these hunters will likely have deer tags in there pockets as well, furthermore decimating the mule deer buck population. These areas should be a permit for bucks even if it was unlimited.

#96

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Q1

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Q2

HD 447

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I represent a family farm/ranch of 1500 acres that is entirely in HD 447 on Upper Highwood Creek. I'm glad to see the General Deer license good for both mule and whitetail bucks since there are a lot around on our property, and there has been for many many years. I am glad to see the whitetail doe tag remain also since there are many of those and that separate tag helps to take out a few more of those. The general elk license for cows here is great; I would like to see more bull tags given out here. The elk run in big herds around here and spend a lot of time on unreachable forest service land or on bigger private ranch lands where they don't get hunted much and little pressure. The elk shoulder season has been great to give more opportunity for those days when the snow finally pushes the elk herd down to our property on a more regular basis. I utilized landowner sponsorship the past 2 years for deer. I regularly apply for landowner preference for elk either sex. I'd be glad to talk about anything if you have questions.

#97

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

wonder if land owners have agreed to allow more general public to hunt or if this change is for more guided hunting?

#98

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Q1

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Q2

HD 416,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 454
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Is 416 the new 454?

#99

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Q1

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Q2

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

HD 416,
HD 448,
HD 454

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I think absorbing these areas or any of the others is a terrible idea they been this way for how many years people know the boundaries and what not. Also the elk numbers in 454 448 have dropped i don't believe that you say they are over populated. Yes maybe they are on private but not the public. My family has hunted the area for over fifty years and has watched the population drop in last 10 years maybe it hasn't but my point is only changing it to where you can't shoot spikes is not making any real changes for public lands need to put it back to bull only like it used to be. If land owners complain to many elk all well they need to let u hunt without charging. All hunting has become any more is just a money game any more. Thanks

#100

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Thank you for making this unit an unlimited draw for archery and separating it from the larger archery draw unit it was previously. I had the chance to hunt this unit two years ago and was blown away by the hunting and lack of hunting pressure. I like that Montana F&W has the ability to individually manage this unit.

#101

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

My hunting partner and I bow hunted this unit in 2020 and we are both very happy with the unlimited archery permits and separation from the greater list of permit units. Thank you for making this change!

#102

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I strongly support the change to an unlimited archery permit area for 411.

#103

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Q1

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Q2

HD 417

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

STRONGLY Opposed to raising either sex elk permit numbers for rifle season. More pressure equals less harvest, and that's backed by FWP's own data: "All permit holders from 2020 and 2021 were surveyed and most (77% and 87%) have stated they could only get access on public lands (which were overcrowded), they were not in favor of the increase, they did not have a pleasurable experience, they feel like they wasted years' worth of bonus points, and would not be applying to hunt HD 417 again. Older age class bulls will always exist on inaccessible private lands, however increasing the opportunity to harvest bull elk district-wide with no concomitant increase in public hunting opportunity where the majority of elk reside (private land), will do no more than exacerbate the extirpation of elk on publicly-accessible lands during hunting season"

If anything, special permit numbers should be significantly reduced! Problem elk concentrations should be handled the same way that Region 3 handles it in the Madison - Management Season Hunts from a Hunt Roster.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 426

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

STRONGLY Opposed to raising either sex elk permit numbers for rifle season. At current permit levels, hunters have difficulties gaining access on private lands and are unable to find elk on legally accessible public lands. Increasing the opportunity to harvest bull elk district-wide with no concomitant increase in public hunting opportunity where the majority of elk reside (private land), will do no more than exacerbate the extirpation of elk on publicly-accessible lands during hunting season. Special permit numbers should be significantly reduced, not increased! Problem elk concentrations should be handled the same way that Region 3 handles it in the Madison - Management Season Hunts from a Hunt Roster.

Switching to either sex on the General Tag for archery makes the access problem worse by incentivizing outfitters to harbor elk on private lands. Resident Landowners and Nonresident Landowners have nearly 100% draw odds for the either sex elk tags in this unit. In addition to cow elk opportunities, they have more than ample opportunity to hunt on their land. Maintain permit system for both rifle elk and archery.

#105

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 447

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

STRONGLY Opposed to raising either sex elk permit numbers for rifle season and STRONGLY opposed to switching to unlimited permit on general tag for archery season. Hunter overcrowding on the USFS, particularly during the archery season, is a HUGE concern. Public access to private land for permit holders remains difficult. Given that the USFS is centrally located amongst most of the elk habitat, removal of either the archery or rifle permits would likely further increase hunting pressure on the National Forest and push elk out onto private lands. Permit-only opportunities in the Highwoods has largely been the preference of both landowners and the general public. Special permit numbers should be maintained at current levels or reduced, not increased! Less pressure = more harvest.

#106

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Q1

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Q2

HD 445,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 455
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am against including Whitetail Prairie into the 455 Beartooth wildlife management area. Whitetail Prairie is the only accessible public land in the 445 hunting region, although the access is difficult it provides a good public land hunting opportunity.
Thank you for the consideration, Bob Summers

#107

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Q1

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Q2

HD 412,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 444
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

We have over 50-100 head of deer in our field and in the haystack at any given time. We are dismayed at the number of doe deer that make up the growing herds. I would recommend more doe permits in our area.

#108

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Q1

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The main problem is non fee hunter access to private land. Give land owners a specific number of cow tags for public hunting and for local hunters only.. Non residents have the money to hire guides and pay large access fees. Compensate the land owner in the same way the block management program does. Hunters are becoming an endangered species due to lack of access.

#109

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Q1

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Q2

HD 413,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 416
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

i have been watching and recording deer and elk populations morning and evening for over 27 years,,,and the numbers and quality of animals is at an all time low for that period. with the season going through the rut, unlimited and uncontrolled poaching, the population has dropped to about 30% of what it was just 8 years ago.

#110

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Q1

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Q2

HD 417

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

land owner tags should only be4 for mt residents, outfitters should be limited to federal lands only, less nonresident elk tags. match licensing to nonresident state,if they dont make tags available to nonresidents neither should we

#111

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Q1

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Q2

HD 448

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Quit the persecution of the non- resident hunter. Realize what he / she brings to the state of Montana. Especially those of us that only hunt national forest lands. Which, can I remind u are not " Montana" lands but national lands and owned and payed for by all American citizens!

#112

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Q1

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Q2

HD 455

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I feel that having a unlimited number of Elk archery tags would be very detrimental to the elk population of this district. I can strongly support this because I have been hunting this area for a number of years and when it was open during archery season for all hunters the number of elk that stayed within the boundary was extremely low into comparison of the last few years that this has been a archery drawing area. Please consider putting this area to a drawing and a number amount of tags allotted. I feel this would be a great compromise for the the hunters and extremely beneficial to the elk population.

#113

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 410

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am very opposed to the proposal to increase the either sex elk permits in hunting district 410. For years this district has been written up in hunting articles as a premium area for trophy elk and quality hunting. In the short time Sona Anderson has been in charge of 410 she has absolutely destroyed the hunting. It is now an area of rag horns and is now considered a meat hunt area. She has taken a Montana treasure away from the people of Montana. Someone at the Fish & Game should wake up. Do not increase the either sex permits

#114

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Q1

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Q2

HD 455

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

unlimited archery permits,
i would like to see a limit of 100 on these permits, without a limit it has proven in the past the resource will get over used.

#115

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 454,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 455
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like the shoulder season to remain in affect till Feb. 15th.

I would like to see the Whitetail addition to the Beartooth Wildlife Management Area season type same as BTWMA. this would simplify management along with sportsmen understanding.

#116

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 455

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Archery permits needs a limit, possibly 100. There needs to be a measure of control.
Whitetail properties need to be include with Beatooth WMA regulations for simplicity.

#117

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Q1

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Q2

HD 447

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

While I'm not necessarily opposed to making either sex elk archery unlimited in 447, I am opposed to limiting archery hunters to just 447 or other similar districts and not allowing a archery permit hunter to hunt a general area. When you have many HDs in the state over objective, why do you want to limit where a hunter hunts?

#118

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Contact information: (optional)

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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I do not support the increase of either sex rifle permits for any of the areas listed. Everyone knows that "either-sex" means "bulls". Harvesting more bulls will not achieve population decreases. This proposal seeks to monetize elk and reward landowners and outfitters. The commission will never regain public trust with these types of proposals. Landowners have adequate means to harvest cow elk on private property, they just want to shoot bulls. Do not approve this proposal!

#119

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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City/Town:	Billings
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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 411, HD 412
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

First off, out of state comments should be ignored. They don't have the best interest of the whole ecosystem in mind.

I'm commenting about elk tags only not deer.

The 900-20 tag should to be dismantled. EVERY hunter that I've talked to about it is pissed, sad and scared that it might go away. It is so versatile and useable statewide! I understand the desire to have more accurate harvest data but if the goal is to manage high populations then the priority should be higher harvest opportunity not more accurate data.

#120

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province:	MT
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Q2

HD 411,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 412
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

First off, out of state comments should be ignored. They don't have the best interest of the whole ecosystem in mind.

I'm commenting about elk tags only not deer.

The 900-20 tag should not be dismantled. EVERY hunter that I've talked to about it is pissed, sad and scared that it might go away. It is so versatile and useable statewide! I understand the desire to have more accurate harvest data but if the goal is to manage high populations then the priority should be higher harvest opportunity not more accurate data. Also, limiting a general tag to one district if a permit is pulled seems unnecessary. It should be left that you can hunt a district with a permit IN ADDITION TO general season districts.

#121

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 426

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I feel with the large bull population in this district would justify having the general season tag legal to harvest all elk except bow time bulls, this would still limit the harvest of trophy bulls to 90 if that's what the quota is set at. In my hunting outings I saw cows once last season, but would see up to 40 bulls together. I don't think limiting the general tag to cows and spikes would work, because yearling bulls in this area are often fork horn bulls.

#122

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Q1

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Q2

HD 417,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional) HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

unit 417. I am strongly against the changes to the elk draw tags. I do not think it is appropriate to limit hunting to only one unit if a draw tag is drawn. Draw tags should allow hunting in the draw unit in addition to all the other general draw areas.

I also am strongly against the change to the 900 tag. The current system limits archery hunting in the 900 areas, and with unlimited tags this will negatively impact hunting opportunities.

unit 426. I like the proposal.

Thanks for considering my comments.

#123

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Q1

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Q2

HD 450

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The proposed changes for HD 450, specifically moving from 5 either-sex elk permits to brow-tined bulls will only increase opportunistic hunter traffic along the boundary between HD 441 and 450 (I have property in both HD's) with no additional hunting access. It sets the hunters up for failure and creates an additional burden for landowners, particularly along the northern edge of of HD 450. Approximately 75% of the elk in HD 450 are essentially unavailable at present due to restricted access (south end), so those few elk (bulls primarily) that move back and forth across the HD 441 and HD 450 boundary (the Teton Canyon Road is the north boundary of HD 450)) are exposed to two different season types and ever-present opportunity for illegal activity from a county road (already a headache for me as a landowner) if this proposal is adopted. In addition, I see no biological sense in restricting the bull harvest to brow-tined animals. There is ample evidence that shows that this regulation results in very few mature bulls within a very short time. Please keep the season as is; this proposal is nothing more that a house-cleaning item that has no redeeming biological or social value.

#124

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am against the unlimited either sex archery only permits as this will lead to overcrowding. We need to somehow cap the non-resident allotment in these districts to 10% especially with the limited amount of public access to elk.

#125

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Q1

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Q2

HD 455

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am in support of including the Whitetail Prairie addition into the 455 boundary. This will allow more capable management of older age class bulls but also & more importantly keep the entire Beartooth WMA as a permit only hunting district, which in my opinion is very important as the number of general license hunters going into whitetail prairie has been high and the hunting pressure heavy. Adding the whitetail prairie addition into HD455 is a great step towards managing the elk herd in that regional area. Thank you

#126

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The unlimited archery permit should be first choice only.

#127

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: **Shane**
City/Town: **Butte**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 417,**
(optional) **HD 426**

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Making archery elk permits unlimited in 417 and 426 will make the non-resident archery permits unlimited which will result in more nonresident hunters and more money for landowners selling hunting opportunity. This will result in the landowners tolerating/hoarding more elk and thus elk numbers will go up even more. Nonresidents do not want to archery hunt in 426 and elsewhere in the state--only residents want to do that. Anyways, making the season cow elk only on private land and either-sex permits only valid on public land would actually decrease the elk numbers and keep the elk on public land to be hunted. I recommend you do that. Thx.

#128

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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 411, HD 417, HD 426
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I was at your meeting last week and have had time to think about it. Archery- Why didn't you add rifle hunters to reach FWP goals? In your proposal for 410-21 you are planning to increase the quota. But you didn't say who's quota. I'm assuming it will be the archers. Why can't rifle hunter quota be increased to achieve the same goal? Area 411, here you say increase 411-20 permits to 450. Doesn't say it was on private land or combined government lands with private. 411-00 has a huge increase. The problem there is access, plus once shots are fired buy end of the first day elk head for protected area where hunting is not allowed on private lands. Too much emphasis is focuses on archery. Again, this doesn't include rifle hunters.

As many of us can see, FWP is the reason for the high elk numbers. You allow more outfitters in the state and with the rising cost of booking a hunt has prompted outfitters to lease up more land and they shut it down for their clients. Read the Montana constitution again. It states that the wildlife in our state BELONG TO ITS RESIDENTS, not them and not you. As for your propose you are to manage not dictate. We have requested some changes and historically you have ignored our requests. One state senator said we need to convince you that it's your idea. Many of the landowners going to outfitters are fed up with FWP's approach to elk management and now want a piece of the pie. It's all about the money. Recap, elk herds are high because of miss management on your part. You allowed the increase of outfitters, and it has become clear that your enhancing bow hunting. Yet you want us to help with your problem. Lastly it was your people that said the elk drawing was fair. There's no such thing as fair. It took me 41 years to get my first drawing tag and that was 10 years ago' I can quote several individuals that put in for lifetime and NEVER drew a tag. They have now quit putting in. I can also quote several people around here that have drawn consecutive tags for several years and some on average one every third year. I can tell you why. Your system is flawed as I was told by a retired FWP personnel that explained it to me. Stop making small groups happy and work for the good of the average hunter in this greatest state in the union...

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: Blake Moore
City/Town: Billings
State/Province: MT

Q2

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

HD 411,
HD 417,
HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I strongly disagree with unlimited archery permits in these areas! I do support doing away with the 900-20 tag and doing limited archery permits based on what the biologists see fit. I also disagree with increasing the number of rifle tags in these areas. These measures would increase pressure and crowding on public land which would only make problems managing elk worse. It could also ruin bull elk age class and quality and if population control is truly the goal killing more bulls isn't the answer. First of all the population objectives need to be updated. The goal for these areas is unachievable first of all, and second of all if we met objectives as they are set it would leave very few elk for the volume of land and elk hunting opportunities would be horribly decreased. The main problem in these areas is private land access, if we can come up with a solution to those problems we can help curb the population growth. Please don't approve these proposals as they are written and come back with something better for montanas sportsmen.

#130

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 410,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 411
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Stop issuing so many out of state tags! I've seen more out of state hunters the last 3 years than I have my entire life. The proposals you have for just about all of the districts are ridiculous and pointless and are only going to make it harder for resident hunters to fill their freezers, the ones who really truly need the meat and aren't out just trying to find a trophy to hang on the wall! It's bs that you're proposing to only let us hunt elk in those districts if we draw that tag. I hunt extremely hard every season just to fill my freezer and it seems like every time I turn around the fwp is dicking with the regulations making it more difficult for us montana born hunters to fill our freezers and making it easier for the rich out of states to come here and take their "trophies" so please stop making it harder for me to put food in my familys mouths and catering to all the out of states. Cut down the out of state tag numbers and stop ruining the hunting opportunity for the blue collar hard working native montanans

#131

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 411

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I strongly oppose having an unlimited archery either sex tag in 411, or in any trophy area for that matter. 411 is already pretty crowded during archery season, this would only increase the number of hunters and decrease the quality of the hunt. It will also further push elk onto private properties in my opinion.

#132

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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 411,
	HD 412,
	HD 417,
	HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I supported the biologists' original proposal to bundle 412 with 426 and 417 for archery. This makes sense as elk frequently move back and forth among these units. Bundling 412 and 411 does not make sense from a biological standpoint. 411 should be bundled with 535 on the south side of the Snoweys (the same as the rifle permit is). It is the same herd on both sides of the mountain range, it doesn't make sense to manage each side of the mountain differently. I would rather see the units bundled based on biology rather than sportsmen's desires.

I do not support increasing rifle permits by 50% in any of the units. I do not support making these units unlimited for archery, the crowding on public land was bad enough even under the limited permit structure. This additional pressure will only lead to more elk seeking refuge on private lands.

I support the unlimited elk B license on private lands, EXCEPT in unit 426. The elk population in that unit is not high enough to justify unlimited cow hunting.

Rather than just point out what I don't like, I will offer an idea. One of the biggest complaints from hunters is crowding. Currently in units like 621 in the Breaks, they offer permits that are valid for the entire district, and permits that are only valid off the CMR. We could use this same model in units that are primarily private land like the former 900 districts (which average 75% private land). Offer some permits that are valid for the entire district, and offer some that are only valid on private land (Not landowner or transferrable tags, they would have to be drawn the same as every other permit). This would do several things. It would help to put more hunting pressure on private land, where most of the elk are. This could help displace elk to public land. It would also lessen pressure on public land, so public hunters would have a better hunting experience and possibly allow elk to still feel somewhat safe on public. People who have access to private would likely apply for the private land only permit because they would have better odds to draw. The percentages of each permit type could be adjusted based on amount of private and public and also by how far over objective the elk population is. In the current system when elk are over objective, we just throw more permits at the problem and it results in the public being more crowded and often less elk being killed. The biologist pointed out that when rifle permits were increased in 417, the hunter success actually went down, and it was pointed out that it was likely due to the increased hunting pressure.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am writing in STRONG opposition to the proposal to "reduce" the number of elk by issuing more bull permits on private land in elk districts 411, 417, 535, 590, 702, 704 & 705. This proposal is to make general elk permits valid for either-sex ONLY on private land within these districts. I do not believe the stated goal of decreasing the number of elk on private land will be accomplished through this change. If anything I believe this change is being put in place to only serve private landowners and outfitters. I believe this to be a MAJOR insult to the public land hunters.

I think this change would not have the "desired" result of bringing the number of elk down, primarily because elk numbers are not decreased through bull permits, if you want to decrease elk numbers cow permits have been proven to be the most effective way to accomplish this, FWP and hunters KNOW this! I think opening up more cow elk hunting during the archery and general seasons is a MUCH more viable and effective means to bring the elk numbers into desired management objectives.

This change would also reduce the number of public land hunter tags and SIGNIFICANTLY reduce the available public land to hunt as landowners would have no incentive to allow access through permission or through the Block Management program. Why would landowners enter into Block Management if they could receive MUCH more money from outfitters. Also, it cannot be understated how much this would have a SEVERE impact on the hunting for Mule Deer as most BMA's wouldn't be entered into anymore for Mule Deer hunting either since it is at the same time as the elk hunts AND because landowners will lease land for much more money. It will decrease the access that The State of Montana, landowners, and hunters have collaboratively worked so hard to create.

In addition, as previously mentioned, outfitters would RAPIDLY swoop in to lease more private land for paid bull hunts. I have heard talk in the past of outfitters desire of doing this, I believe it would escalate beyond anything we have seen if they can get more bull elk tags. More elk tags on private land only will decrease public land tags and the tags that are drawn for public land hunters will cause major overhunting on public land, this will ultimately force even more elk onto private land, I believe it will dramatically decrease the quality and success rates on public land and would be a severe downward spiral for the public land hunter.

Overall, I feel this proposal increases the privatization of Montana's elk and dramatically shifts this resource OUT of the public's hands and ability to hunt, and INTO private hands. Most public land hunters do NOT have the ability to pay thousands of dollars to hunt private land. Montana's elk herd is a PUBLIC RESOURCE, I implore you to PLEASE reconsider this devastating change that will have HUGE negative impacts on the residents of this State and the public hunter in general and do not let Montana become just another 'pay-to-hunt, cater to the elite and highest bidder' State. There have been too many people who have dedicated so much time and effort to protecting this public resource and it would be a travesty to their legacy and our future public hunters to rip this resource away from them. I STRONGLY encourage FWP that you do not pass these elk regulations and that instead another solution be explored that is a better compromise between public hunters and landowners.

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Q1

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Q2

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Q3

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Q1

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Q2

HD 417

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Hi There i just spent 5 days hunting in 417 south of Knox ridge road putting alot of miles on, land owners were very nice to let us on to hunt. But they all told us that all the elk were on the horse ranch 3000 head whats so specal about the horse ranch, its the feed they feed them, we need to get this under control. i contacked the landowner of this 26,000 arce ranch and asked him if i could hunt a cow elk he said it would cost me 1.000 dollars to hunt one. i just don"t understand how a management program can be controled by one landowner, something needs to be done about this. i am up against this every year, the older i get the harder it gets, so someone please help us hunters out that don"t have alot of money, but we need the meat, and are willing to get out and work for it. we cannot be stoped my a landowner that controls the herds. THANK YOU !!!

#136

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 410,
	HD 411,
	HD 412,
	HD 417,
	HD 447,
	HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

These areas that are being made unlimited archery permits need to be first and only choice, Otherwise people will put in for rifle permits first choice and archery second choice and overcrowding will be a problem.

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Q1

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Q2

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

HD 401,
 HD 403,
 HD 411,
 HD 412,
 HD 417,
 HD 447,
 HD 450,
 HD 426,
 HD 455

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am not in favor of general or unlimited archery tags in many of these units. I live in this area and these units have VERY limited public and private access. Unlimited permits will cause a severe over crowding issue and push elk from public onto private land faster and more permanently. The non-resident numbers need to be capped, especially in 411/412/426 & 417. Please put a quota on these districts for archery permits. Archery hunting in Montana already has a low success rate, Unlimited permits in these units will make it even harder to have a quality archery experience in Montana.

- LIMITED archery permits with quota range in 411/412, 417/426, 447, 455, 502/535/555/590/701 & 702/704/705
 - "Unlimited" archery permits for 401, 403, 450, 515, 574, & 580 to allow for hunt your permit distribution.
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#138

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Positive comment: The boundary change to 411 is a good one in the context of clarifying the regulation language/directions. Appreciated.

Concern: Great concern over the proposed addition of unlimited Elk - B licenses that are good only on private land (a bit more appropriate if made just not usable on USFS lands). This proposal takes a dangerous step toward more fully privatizing wildlife, but making these tags available on lands where landowners severely limit general public access, which is the case for many in district 411 and associated districts. Please rethink this half baked idea!

#139

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 410, HD 411
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I and my wife Leslie Reynolds , owners of the Three Smokes Ranch, would like to address the following proposals. We host most of the West Snowies elk herd. Ironically we have not been contacted by any FWP personnel in the last several years for our input on the elk management options. As I write this note on 1/13/2022 I am looking at 400-500 head of elk on my property. I have sent the main body of these comments previously on the first comment period, but feel a repeat is in order.

- NO Increase quota on 411-20 either-sex elk permit to 400 [I see you increased this to 450 ES in direct opposition to my comments below]

This either sex quota should be cut not increased.

This proposal is in direct conflict with the elk management goals for 411 which is to favor older age class of bulls. By increasing harvest of bulls you are not favoring older bulls. As land owners we have seen the quality of large bulls decline in the last 10-15 years generally due to the increased bow hunters and the ability to kill big bulls with call proficiency and equipment advances. We used to regularly see 350 to 400 class bulls on our ranch, these large bull sightings have declined to the point of 300 to 330 size becoming the large size norm. I have bow hunted since the 1960s so I am well able to judge elk. WE ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF THIS INCREASE IN EITHER SEX TAGS. Furthermore I see this increase as a tactic to favor paid hunting advocates to increase the amount of hunters, ie bull tags, they may be able to host for payed hunts. Tell me if this increase was not proposed by political or financially driven individuals or groups!!!

- Create new, 411-21 either-sex archery elk permit (valid in HDs 411 and new HD 535;quota unlimited)

This proposal of unlimited either sex archery permits in 411 is to many. Unlimited either sex archery permits will put tremendous pressure on landowners that allow public hunting and an already declining large/mature bull herd. Take a look at the land owners in 411 who have elk available to hunt and which ones like us that allow public hunting and see who will be getting the preponderance of hunter calls. NOT the large land owners on the east end!

Lastly I would like to address the 410 proposal of adding more districts to releave hunting pressure. This is in my oppinion a band aid remedy that will not cure the problem of crowding. please take the bull by the horns and reduce the amount of either sex archery tags. The over harvest of older age class bulls by archery is also an issue in 410. Try to manage elk instead of bending to political, outfitting and individual pressure.

Thank you for the input opportunity.

Darwin and Leslie Reynolds

Three Smokes Ranch

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Q1

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Q2

HD 442,

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

HD 455 "Should the 900-20 permit bundle be removed, local biologists would make available 100 archery-only, either-sex elk permits valid only in HD 455 and establish a quota range of 50-150 permits" conflicts with Statewide reg to make HD unlimited. The same is true for HD 447. A good example as to why elk regulations should be deferred until the 2024-2025 biennial to update the elk management plan and collaborative groups have a chance to work together to come up with new ideas.

Combining units and dropping spike harvest across R4 makes sense as does adjusting the HD 442 boundary.

#141

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Q1

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Q2

HD 450

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Re: HD 450. Changing the boundary of HD 450, eliminating permit 450-20, making a general elk license valid for brow-tined bull/antlerless elk, and adding unlimited elk B tags won't solve the over objective problem. The real issue is access to private land. Once hunting season begins, the elk seek safe haven on private land where minimal or no hunting is permitted. Adding brow-tined bull to the general license will only bring more hunters to the district and hasten the departure of the elk from public accessible land. I live in district 442 and very close to district 450 and I see this happen every year.

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 411,
	HD 412,
	HD 417,
	HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am supportive of unbundling the 900 archery hunting districts. Keep Archery permits limited. do not go unlimited. this will cause overcrowding and reduce harvest as the elk will be pushed to private lands with no access.

#143

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Q1

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Q2

HD 450

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am a landowner and I think that the boundary line change for 450 will be a positive change along the west border because there won't be any confusion now. I also don't see a problem in changing the 5 bull permits to just a general brow tine only tag. I think landowners will still limit the amount of bulls shot because the real problem is the amount of elk. The only way to maintain or disperse the large herds are to hunt the cows.

There should be three different hunting opportunities for hunting the cows to maintain/decrease the herd size to a manageable level. I think there should be an early shoulder season for two weeks before archery season starts. Then the regular rifle season as it is now, and a late shoulder season after the first of the year for six weeks.

We had a damage hunt this past season starting August 15 until the start of archery season. In my opinion it worked very well. There wasn't necessarily many elk harvested but it did disperse the large herd into many smaller herds and the impact on any one landowner was minimized. I would like to see this continued only as a shoulder season where each landowner could have more input and decision on each hunter that wants to hunt. The elk seem to come back after the regular season in one big group again and I think a late shoulder season after the first of the year until February 15 would make sense to help reduce the number of elk and disperse the large herds. Thank you for your consideration.

Jon Redland
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#144

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Q2

HD 450

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

As a land owner and lessee of ranch and farm land in district 450, 441 and 404 I very much support the proposed boundary change for district 450. Also I would support and grant access to hunters in this district for a shoulder season on elk from say January 15th thru February 15th to harvest cows. I get over run with cows in the winter but not many during the general big game season. Thanks for the ability to comment. Nels

#145

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Q1

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Q2

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

HD 447,
HD 426,
HD 455

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

i would like the commission to look at the 900 bundle archery tag for elk and the districts separated out from its dissolution. I would like to see a limited draw entry into the broken out districts mentioned above and the rest of the districts not noted above that are part of the bundle. Thank You

#146

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 447, HD 426, HD 455
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

If the commission is going to do away with the 900 series archery bundle, I would like to see them put limited draw entries for archery in each of those districts.

#147

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Going to browline bull is all right everywhere in region 4. Keep the quota's for either sex elk hunting the same as where we have been for archery and rifle permits.

#148

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 411, HD 417
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The hunting districts 411 and 417 do not have an elk problem, they have an elk access problem. We have out-of-state absentee land-owners who have purchased large sections of land for the sole intent and purpose of developing elk sanctuaries to fuel their own special interest (trophy bull) hunting. In these regions we must be careful how we can potentially allow these out of state land owners feel they are able to control/own the public resources you and I care so deeply about. In this vain, I would like to recommend making these large sanctuary ranches, that harbor large herds, their own hunting districts with their own set of regulations, ensuring Montana and FWP continue to maintain management and control of these large herds of elk and public resources. If we want to follow the science to maintain critical habitat and health elk herds we need to ensure proper science driven management. We have a large herd in the east Snowies that now has grown to 8,000+ animals. This herd is significantly over objective and runs the risk of disease and over grazing especially in drought years (not to mention the challenge this number of elk bring to the neighboring ranches who are trying to work the land for a profit to sustain their families). In order to reduce this herd size by 10% we would need to harvest ~800 cows in the coming year. I propose that this may be accomplished by making the N-Bar and similar ranches their own hunting district that will issue 1 bull tag to the owner of the ranch for every 80 cows that come off the ranch. This way the land owner is guaranteed the coveted bull tag he wants and has purchased the large ranch for, the general public will have opportunity to fill their freezer, and FWP is closer to achieving management objective. This land owner will have the opportunity to "earn" up to 10 bull tags (provided 800 cows have been harvested) for his hunting preserve and he can now use them in any way he desires. He can offer these bull tags to family, out of state cronies, or sell them for the thousands of dollars they desire in some cases.

For this to be managed in an efficient manner, it would be wise to split the harvest of these 800 cows into 3-4 different hunting blocks of time. These blocks are specified on the tag that is drawn and the hunters must report hunting success so the land owner can get "credit" toward his bull tag quota. Perhaps FWP would go so far as to have a check station to help manage hunters so as to not be such a burden on the absentee owners.

This will allow Montana FWP to maintain control and ownership of the public resources we are so passionate about and these out-of-state absentee owners are shown that Montana will maintain control, but is willing to work with them as land "owners" to maintain our healthy elk herds in our home state of Montana.

Thank You for your considerations!

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Q1

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Q2

HD 445

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

In response to the idea set forth by the Fish and Game commission to change the hunting unit boundary around the Whitetail Prairie addition of the Beartooth WMA to be included in HD 455 rather than 445, here are my constructive comments. First, having spent a lot of time in the Beartooth, Whitetail Prairie, and even limited time on a couple of the ranches in HD 445, I feel I have a fair amount of knowledge and tremendous respect for the elk herd here. This elk herd is thriving and in my opinion, one of the better opportunities to harvest a true trophy bull elk. This combined with the hunting season in 445 being open to brow tine bulls the first couple weeks of hunting season is what makes the 2,700 acre addition so appealing to motivated sportsmen. I will attest, during those two weeks, there is more traffic than I would like to see, and overall harvest is generally high for the amount of huntable land and timeframe given. This appears to be the biggest concern among the bordering ranches and the FWP, but my rebuttal to that is there are MANY areas and seasons in MT that are far more congested that get little to no concern. Even watching "Wardens" FWP personnel happily admit opening week in Montana is chaotic. I have been on antelope hunts that felt like I was in a battle field and every legal buck within a 10 mile radius was dead, I have been duck hunting where there are 10 groups of people lined up no more than 150 yards apart, I have seen single elk camps, 15 miles deep in the Scapegoat, that had more people than Whitetail Prairie holds in a year, and I have been in Ennis on the last day of hunting season when the migration is in full swing. I have also seen some of the hunter participation / harvest data on neighboring ranches and those numbers far outweigh what I have personally witnessed in Whitetail Prairie. On top of this, I have hunted every other part of the Beartooth WMA during every season and hunter presence is just as bad if not worse in several areas during certain times of the year. I am raising the question as to why it is so important to minimize pressure in this one back corner of the WMA? Whitetail Prairie has a healthy percentage of trophy elk that winter in the area, but that does not mean that hunting one is easy. In fact, there are a lot of people I have talked to that were coming out of the area that said "never again." You are looking at a 7.5 mile jaunt, although easy, it is long and if you encounter mud or snow it can really be difficult. The only legal camping is on a piece of BLM that is right on the current unit boundary, this chunk of steep rocky terrain is a natural wind tunnel that makes keeping a tent on the earth challenging. Last year I spent a few days camped up there during the second week of the season without a weapon, just along for adventure. In my 4 days, I saw a total 15 people that were hunting this area, but I ran into very little while in the field. Among these people, there were the guys that were along to hold the camp down and didn't even carry a firearm and there were hard hunters that were gone from before daylight to after dark. Every encounter I witnessed was positive and everyone worked together to distribute the pressure. I also ran into a couple different two man groups that came in for the day and didn't see any elk and were moving on. From the outside looking in, yes the numbers look overwhelming and I can understand how the conception that the pressure is raping the land and damaging the herd, and although I saw the numbers, that is not the interpretation I walked away with. While I was there, there were two bull elk killed, I did not hear one shot nor did these other hunters even cross paths with me. It wasn't until I got back to camp that I heard of their success. I also want to point out that there may be bigger issues with the elk herd and ranchers both in the future if this boundary change does go through. Two or three years ago I had the opportunity to talk to the biologist prior to Jake while on a bike ride up Cottonwood Cr. He informed me that the bull elk prefer to be in Whitetail Prairie late in the year after winter sets in. It has become a safe zone for these animals. Because of the nature of this tag, most people putting in for 445-20 are dead set on hunting one of the elite ranches in the area, and the horseman and backcountry hunters generally put in for 455-20. This dynamic produces very little pressure on these animals in the last three weeks of the season, he explained to me. In my experience, I have seen a couple people up there late in the year deer and cow hunting only to turn up multiple trophy bull elk relaxing on open hillsides un-molested. Along with what has become a "comfort" zone in the WMA going away, I see two potential problems for the ranchers in the future. First, 455 hunters will be just as prevalent in the area for the entire 5 week season rather than two as it is no secret it is a favorite of bulls, just look at the hunting pressure on the border of Sieben at the end of Elkhorn Creek which is harder to access. This is going to cause further frustration with ranchers who used to benefit from Whitetail Prairie as private land before it was sold to the Beartooth WMA. This prolonged pressure could potentially affect future migrations. Second, I mentioned that most everyone that is hunting this gem are motivated people that know what an opportunity awaits and are willing to go through great lengths to pursue that opportunity. These are the guys that you already know are extremely upset, and are not going to stop, we will just get more creative. The use of Helo transport is becoming more and more popular and I already know of three parties planning their departure this fall into the Timber Hill area of Sterlings and some of the other checkerboard public land that is not accessible throughout the area. If you think the wrath you are getting now is bad, wait until these ranches start seeing Joe Blow pay half the cost of their clients to hunt the exact hillside they are outfitting. I myself have called on helicopter transport and looked into the laws, and even though there are different sets of rules for different types of public land, it is definitely attainable, cheaper than access fees in bordering ranches, and easier than biking 7.5 miles uphill. To answer a question that Jake Dogget asked me earlier this year over the phone "All other

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WMA's in the state are regulated under one hunting unit, doesn't it make sense that this one would as well?" My answer to that on paper is yes, but this isn't paper, this is complex and the Beartooth is the largest WMA in the state so if one is going to have different parameters and regulations, it would be the Beartooth. Aside from the biological social impact, leaving a small piece of opportunity during the first two weeks of the season for the general public should not be up for ridicule, it is this public land that makes Montana great and it is the lack of this public land that are going to keep your children and grandchildren from experiencing this raw beauty and life lasting experiences that many of you cherish. As a passionate sportsman, with great respect toward all FWP staff and landowners in the are, I respectfully request that this boundary change not be taken lightly. Knowing the influence of the private land ownership amongst the Devils Kitchen, I ask you to look at all angles not just get pushed in the direction you're getting the most pressure from.

#150

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Q1

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Q2

HD 455

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I really like the direction you are going with the archery permit for this district. I feel it is a perfect blend of providing hunting opportunity along with limiting impact. Making it a district specific tag vs general tag or the 900 tag will cut down the number of people and tag holders and not being able to hunt a bull elk in any other district for archery season, really cuts the publics options down and forces them to choose. This balance is what Montana needs more of. Thank You!

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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 411,
HD 413,
HD 416,
HD 418,
HD 432,
HD 448,
HD 454

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please leave the region 4 elk units that are "general elk harvest" units the way they are. Don't put restrictions on those units just because that is how some other units are in the state. It is hard enough to find an elk on public land sometimes. I know of 3 people, including myself, that harvested elk in these units. Guess what, we all shot spikes. We were out to hunt elk and when we got our chance at an elk, we took it. It is all about opportunity to harvest an elk and when restrictions are put in place, it makes that opportunity a little harder. It doesn't make sense to shoot spikes in "trophy units", where big bulls are wanted and then be not able to shoot spikes in "general units", so the opportunity for branch antlered bulls will exist later.

Also, it doesn't make sense to be able to hunt Mule Deer Bucks in 411 on a general tag and then over the Big Snowy Divide not able to hunt them in 511 (now 535). Keep 411 and 511 together as a general tag for Mule Deer Bucks.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Permit 411-20 will be valid in HD 411 and 535. Yet permit 411-21 will be valid in HD 411 and 412? This is more confusing. Why wouldn't both permits be consistent and valid in 535? HD 411 shares significant and continuous public land with HD 535 aka the big snowie wilderness study area. Archery hunters such as myself hunting that area would find it more proper to be able to hunt/move back and forth between 411 and 535. Not have to drive all the way to HD 412. Thanks for allowing for my feedback. I as a non resident appreciate all that FWP does for Montana's wildlife and hunting heritage. I am grateful for the opportunities to hunt there.

Sincerely,
Jose R.

#153

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 417

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Dear Commission,

I have been archery hunting elk in unit 417 for over 15 years. The previous quota's were implemented for a reason- to limit the amount of non-resident hunting pressure in these units. I have not drawn this permit twice in 15 years. I will take these odds any day over having to compete with unlimited numbers of hunters.

Regarding this as a justification to reduce populations on private lands. Biology 101 would suggest that to reduce a population you need to be reducing females in the population. Folks have the tools at their disposal to meaningfully reduce the population if they are serious. I am opposed to the unlimited archery permit.

Thank you,

Logan

#154

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Q1

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Q2

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I believe the effort to simplify hunting regulations will be a failure! Other than consolidating districts, the regulation are still a boondoggle. It is very apparent social numbers of elk are superseding the biological statistics. I resent the attempt to limit hunters choice on where they can hunt and why. It will be exciting the complaints from land owners forced to take on more antlerless hunters. I do not and will not participate in eradication of elk during shoulder season . What is needed is habitat manipulation to hold elk longer on public lands. Biology capacity should be 1st consideration, not feelings which are domination Montana's wildlife management policy's today.

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Q2

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Unbundling the 900 archery elk tags is a good idea in my opinion. However making those Districts along with the districts over objective unlimited or general for archery is going to create a lot of distrust, frustration, over crowding, over pressuring, unfair drawing system state wide for coveted elk tags and mismanaged elk numbers.

- archery is not a management tool it's a opportunity tool
 - put a quota on those areas, not unlimited or general. If not 4800 people have the unfair advantage of applying for coveted bull tags for either archery or rifle knowing they can use there second choice on an unlimited area or their general tag. This will move the problem to other areas that have sustained good elk numbers and/or taking away opportunities from local hunters in those districts that don't have the funds or means to travel access the state to new areas.
 - if you want to manage elk do it during the general season work closely with landowners for ACCESS and give out COW ONLY tags.
 - ACCESS is the key to managing! you can sell a million tags but if there is no access your creating bigger problems. Overcrowding, over pressure and mismanaged game.
 - Elk management plan and objective numbers NEED to be readdressed! A lot has changed since the current elk management plan was last revised. Overdue! It clearly has stopped working in many areas. Take a close look at elk tolerance and where we are at now!
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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 410, HD 417, HD 426
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Increasing either sex tags as a means of population control has been shown to be scientifically ineffective. You do not control a population of ungulates by reducing the male population. To argue otherwise shows that there are clearly other objectives at play. In these units, increasing either sex tags will only reduce the number of bulls and not the overall population. To address overpopulation on private lands, access to those lands by the public to harvest cow elk will have to be improved. Also, management of public land needs to be addressed to increase the carrying capacity of those lands for wildlife. The best way to facilitate this would be to reduce the amount of public land that is being grazed by private livestock.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 445,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 455**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I'm Opposed to the boundary change.

#158

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Q1

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Q2**HD 410,**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 411**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

My son & I have waited 4 years and have purchased elk bonus points each year in order to draw the current 900-20 tag.(we will lose the \$300 in bonus points we invested into) If this changes to a new unlimited tag in 411 and a different tag in 410 I don't feel we will get the same archery hunting experience. It appears the unlimited archery tag in many of these units are geared towards outfitters and not the diy hunter, the 900-20 tag already had to many hunters on publics lands already. I brought my entire family of 5 to Montana 3 years ago and we all had the elk/deer combo license. Montana hunting was providing a great diy experience and we brought money to your local economy along with money to the state with the tags we purchased. These proposals will be a deterrent to the diy out of state hunter, you all already give out to many general tags...based on my experience in region 3 elk hunting. I would propose to reduce general tags in various units and to NOT make the 900 archery tag units unlimited. The 900 archery units was a dream hunt to us..it appears that could be gone.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 445

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I feel if 445 and 455 are combined that to hunt elk in the area both public and private land should be restricted to hunters drawing a permit. There should be no hunting elk without a 455 permit on private land. To allow hunting on private land for the first two weeks is totally bias to outfitters.

#160

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Q1

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Q2

HD 417

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Does no good to expand hunting licenses if the elk are on land you cannot access. If you want to fix your issue you have to get serious about fixing the access issue.

1. Landowner tags - goodbye - only make eligible for landowners participating in block management
 2. Depredation - goodbye - only make eligible for landowners participating in block management
 3. Access issues - I know where elk are...but unless I am going to try to pack 10-12 miles into armell's creek from the north side i cannot get to them because the access has been shut. Unless you guys are going to work easements this will never get fixed.
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#161

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 411,
Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 412,
(optional) HD 417,
HD 447,
HD 426,
HD 455

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

With the new proposal these units are unlimited tags. This is the problem I worry about. These areas will get over hunted pushing the majority of the animals on unhuntabe private lands. I figure if you gave out 4000 tags for 22 units that we could put out a maximum of 182 permits for each of the units that are "unlimited". The proposed areas you could get on your third choice of the draw. Maybe we could also put first choice only as a option. Thank you, Travis

#162

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

With the combination of these districts are we worried about our game wardens being stretched to thin? Also in what world is population control have to do with the amount of bull tags you hand out... everyone that hunts on public or private knows if you want to manage population you give out more cow tags. This is only promoting rich out of staters to come in and buy up land and landlock more public land. Our state was the last true place to hunt. With this proposal we are heading in the wrong direction.... please don't take hunting away from the public.

#163

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 411,
	HD 412,
	HD 417,
	HD 447,
	HD 426,
	HD 455

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please limit the number of archery permits in these districts to avoid over crowding in these popular districts with very limited public access. Not having a non-resident cap will overwhelm public areas and push the elk faster onto private ranches. Thank you

#164

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Q1

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Q2**HD 455**

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am opposed to the proposed boundary change in unit 455 to be relocated so that it will encompass the Whitetail Prairie addition. I am also opposed to the proposed adjustment of the boarder along the northern boundary of units 455 and 445. The proposed boundary adjustment in the vicinity of state lands owned in Township 14N Range 2W, section 8. I suggest leaving the Whitetail Prairie in unit 445 as it has been in the past. Leaving it in unit 445 provides an opportunity for hunters to venture way into the backcountry to rifle hunt for either sex elk during the first two weeks of rifle season. It is a lot of work getting back there and for folks that are willing to put in the work they can be rewarded. If the boundary is changed and Whitetail Prairie is now in unit 455 it will decrease opportunities for hunters. For those lucky enough to draw the 455 either sex elk rifle tag, they can still enjoy a quality hunt on the rest of the Beartooth Game Range. I am also opposed to the proposed adjustment of the boarder along the northern boundary of units 455 and 445. The proposed boundary adjustment in the vicinity of state lands owned in Township 14N Range 2 W, section 8, further deviates from the existing fence line on the ground which is posted as the boundary of the Beartooth WMA. The proposal to adjust the boundary in the vicinity of section 8 does will only further confuse hunters on the ground given the current location of the fence and the proposed adjustment to the boundary at this location. Thank you for listening to this public comment.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 410

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I have read and studied the proposed 2022-2023 hunting regulation changes and wish to address the following issues: special draw permit restrictions, tag reductions in HD410, permits for landowners, and the dysfunctionality of landowner's preference.

I fully support limiting any permit holder to hunt ONLY that permitted area for archery season, however, I propose that the restriction goes even further—If an individual draws one of the coveted, trophy area ES archery OR rifle permits they should ONLY be permitted to hunt a bull in that district for the entire archery AND general season. The reason for this is that it would eliminate the number of hunters who draw special draw tags and do not use it. Many hunters from other parts of the state or non-residents put in for that tag but never actually come to hunt—waiting to use a general rifle tag elsewhere.

In HD410 the FWP proposes to reduce the 410-21 ES archery tags to 1500, since they removed HD417 from the HD410 draw. That is a 22% reduction. If they are going to reduce the 410-21 archery tags by 22% they should also reduce the 410-20 ES rifle tag by 22% (33) to 117. Proportionately reducing the amount of rifle bull tags in HD410 helps to maintain the quality of bulls in that area especially with the removal of HD417 tags from the draw.

Finally, I propose that FWP extends "landowner preference" to the General License draw instead of restricting that privilege to just special permits within a hunting district. If a resident or nonresident supports our Montana economy by investing in property, their chances of drawing a tag should be significantly higher. Landowners, especially nonresidents spend significant amounts of money in our state purchasing land, paying land taxes, hiring local labor, and purchasing equipment, gas, food and supplies. This commitment to our state and economy should allow them to also use landowner preference for the general license draw to give them an advantage over other non-resident hunters who are not invested in our land and wildlife populations.

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Q1

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Q2**HD 411**

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am certainly not opposed to increasing the number of either sex elk permits in HD411, as the elk population is too large. The trouble with increasing the permits is there is still very limited access through the private land to hunt the elk. The reason for the increase in elk numbers in the Snowy Mountain range is because of the limited access through private land and the dollar value of the trophy bull elk on the private land. Take the profit out of the elk and make the Snowy Mountains an antlerless elk only area. The landowners will then allow access to control the elk herd. By rewarding landowners either sex permits for themselves and a few others, you are not going to solve the problem at all. All you are doing is contributing to the problem by allowing the rich to buy up Montana and be rewarded by getting either sex permits that will allow them to have their private hunting paradise and to profit from the trophy bulls that are on the National Forest land that they control the access to. The landowners that get the additional permits will still control who gets to hunt on their land. The landowners have by and large created the dilemma that they are in. The Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks should not be rewarding them for mismanaging the public's elk population by giving the landowners either sex permits. I am a landowner north of Moccasin and I believe it is my responsibility to allow the public to hunt on my land and I encourage hunters to come and hunt. We wonder why our young population is leaving our wonderful state and part of the reason is there is such limited access to hunt our mountains. Montana is becoming a hunting state for the rich and I believe that is happening because of decisions like this. As a lifelong Montanan and a large landowner, I fear that decisions like this will sour the public on the rights of landowners in Montana. I have spent much time at the Montana Legislature lobbying to make sure that property rights are not trampled on. Decisions that will benefit landowners at the expense of the general public will eventually be used against us, as Montana becomes more urban and more rich people buy agriculture land adjacent to mountain ranges.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I'd like to see the 411/530 districts be removed from the 900-20 bundle for archery hunting. I'd like to see changes that if you draw a 411/530 rifle or archery permit that is the only district you can hunt elk in. I like the idea of increasing the rifle permits and would like to see the archery permits as a special permit, with a number that would allow all 1st choice applicants to draw it and some, maybe 25%, of 2nd choice applicants to draw it. Thanks

#168

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Q1

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Q2

HD 413

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I do not think the regulations need to be modified to: "Change mule deer opportunity on General Deer License from either-sex to antlered buck only."
There are plenty of Antlerless Mule Deer in district 413. They are running all over the place around my home.

#169

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 411, HD 412
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am in favor of combining these 2 units for archery season. However I am not for unlimited archery tags. I am in favor of using your second choice for the archery tag but instead of "unlimited" archery tags there should be more tags available than applicants which would be almost the same as "unlimited". By doing this it will limit the nonresidents to 10% of the tags. As your own biologist have said having unlimited tags will limit because more land to be leased up and decrease access. By doing this you are almost guaranteed a tag, nonresidents are limited to 10% and would still be able to apply for a limited entry either sex tag.

If you are considering making these two units into a general licenses unit please read my findings from last year and what will happen to the access when landowners have a ES tag.

*****PLEASE READ MY OWN ACCES STUDY*****

I hunted unit 412 last year and I invested many hours of scouting and talking to landowners I called 37 landowners starting about 6 months before the season to see if they allowed access for elk hunting for both bow and riffle. My numbers are as follows:

24 Landowners were a defiant NO

7 Landowners allowed either just bow hunting, just riffle hunting, or both

6 Landowners had the tag themselves and said that they might let me hunt after they get their bull and to check back later in the season.

0 Landowner allowed me to hunt their land while they had a ES tag.

This tells me and I hope it tells you that when a landowner has a ES elk tag they are not willing to allow hunting to the general public when they have a tag. (I don't really blame them), which takes us back to the access issue. I have seen the Director say "by allowing the landowners to be able to hunt their own land for a bull the landowner will be more willing to open up their land to hunting.....well that is the exact opposite of what I found and my numbers have proven that.

#170

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Q1

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Q2

HD 454,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 455
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I fully support the proposal to remove Whitetail Prairie from 445 and roll it into 455. For too long the 445 general season loophole has been used for the first 2 weeks to harvest a lot of bulls out of Whitetail Prairie on what should be a limited entry hunt and a part of 455. (Not to mention the archery hunters that didn't draw a 900 permit adding pressure) I myself have benefited from this, but I believe it has taken a toll on the mature bull population and prevented a lot of younger bulls from reaching maturity. So I fully support the removal of Whitetail Prairie from 445, and becoming a part of 455.

I do NOT support the unlimited archery license quota for 455. I have hunted the Beartooth WMA for many, many years. I have hunted it during archery as well as rifle, and have hunted it long before it was placed in the 900 archery bundle for region 4. Prior to the 900 permit it was disaster. There were way too many archery hunters, which resulted in a difficult enforcement issue for FWP, as well as a difficult hunt for those of us who hunt it regularly, as hunters were practically tripping over each other. The 900 permit resolved much of that! The original proposal for this year was to limit the archery tags to around 100. Now the proposal is unlimited??? That is pure craziness. It appears the 900 series permit is going away, which is a bummer, and I don't agree with that, however, if that is going to be the case, you don't go to the other extreme and allow unlimited archery hunters, in 455. That would defeat the purpose of proper game management for the WMA, and will guaranteed result in another free-for-all type hunt like it was before the 900 permit. That is a terrible proposal. I would suggest a reasonable number of 150 archery permits, with only 10% going to non-residents. The number could be adjusted from year to year based on harvest numbers, which is tightly and meticulously tracked by the WMA, but unlimited archery is a BAD idea. This was done before and was not good for the hunters or the WMA. Please do not do this.

Lastly, the proposal to reduce the rifle tags from 75 to 50 for 455 is a great start, but not far enough. The issue isn't too many bulls. The issue is too many cows. 200 cow permits could increase to 250, but when you consider the Bears paw unit (690) is significantly larger than 455 but only allows 30 bull tags, it is silly to allow for 50 bulls tags in a much smaller unit. Again, if the issue is reducing elk numbers, give out more cow permits, but please reduce the rifle bull permits. 30 bull rifle tags would be much more appropriate based on the unit's size and hunter numbers/pressure.

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Q1

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Q2**HD 445,**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 455**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

My husband and I have hunted 455 for many years now. I do not support the removal of the WMA from the 900 archery permit. It would appear that the commission is set on eliminating the 900 permit altogether. If that is the case PLEASE DO NOT place the 455 WMA into an unlimited archery opportunity. This has been tried in the past and was a colossal failure on many fronts. 455 is really not that big of a unit (Around 38,000 acres including Whitetail Prairie, and much of it does not hold elk). Please place a number on the archery tags, 150, maybe even 125, but unlimited archery access is a poor choice for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to, over pressure, game management, etc. If FWP and the surrounding land owners want to reduce the overall elk numbers in the area, then allowing more hunters during archery is a bad way to go about it. This causes a poorer hunt for everyone, due to overpressure, and as a result fewer elk are taken, not more. Please do not consider unlimited for archery elk.

The proposal to remove Whitetail Prairie from 445 and enroll it into 455 is a great idea, and one I fully support.

The reduction of bull general season bull elk permits from 75 to 50 is a great idea, but not far enough. Please consider reducing it further to 25-35. There are too many bulls shot as it is, and if mature bulls and a trophy unit is the goal, as it appears to be, reducing these tags would go a long way towards that goal.

#172

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Q1

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Q2

HD 410

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

There are already too many hunters in this district. Instead of pushing more hunters into this area, figure out how to keep outfitters like Harris from harassing the elk to keep them on his land during season. Also, allowing rifle hunting for a few people before archery season makes the elk pretty much nocturnal before archery hunters even have a chance to hunt.

#173

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Q1

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Q2

HD 412

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The primary problem in HD412 is access. So many privately owned ranches do not allow hunting of elk, yet they complain bitterly about the elk eating their hay, damaging their fences and invading their hay corrals. They are selling OUR elk to the rich for thousands of dollars for a bull elk yet it is the cows that need reducing. I am uncertain of a good solution but, in my opinion, elk hunting in Montana is becoming a pastime for the wealthy. And FWP giving rich ranchers like the Wilkes is only making it worse. FWP should be ashamed of themselves for giving in to the rich when it is the average hunter that supports FWP year-round and year after year.

#174

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Contact information: (optional)

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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

There are some valid proposals to this document but I have to say the vast majority is unbelievably ridiculous! I know I'm no biologist but I would like to think MTFWP biologists would take into consideration that Montana is no longer owned or controlled for that matter when it comes to the wildlife by the sportsman! Absentee landowners and out of state landowners own control and harbor the wildlife in this state. I would be willing to bet these over targeted numbers are being counted on private property. From what I see in all my travels there is very few elk or deer for that matter living on property that is open to the public! My opinion on this matter is let the biologist do there job and quit catering to the Wilks brothers and all the other out of state landowners who have done nothing for the sportsman or the state of Montana. Outfitter and the out of state landowners are very grateful to the MFWP! Keep up the great work!!!

#175

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 445

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Why is HD 445 Muzzle Loader limited to 30 special draw tags?

#176

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Q1

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Q2

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

HD 415,
HD 442,
HD 450

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

415: While the elk population is nominally within range, this district experiences severe winters and has a very high predator concentration. Removing any antlerless harvest will help stabilize an elk herd that has historically high population fluctuation. I do not support antlerless elk hunting in this district for this reason.

450: This district has experienced significant mule deer population decline. It is measurable and observable and is not improving. It makes not sense to harvest mule deer does in these districts given the terrible condition of these mule deer herds. I do not support any antlerless mule deer harvest in this district.

#177

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please stop extending hunting seasons for elk on public land. The extended seasons should be used to control numbers on private land by landowners who want to reduce population numbers. We are approaching 6 months of hunting in some of these areas and are in large part conditioning the elk to stay off of publicly accessible lands.

#178

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Contact information: (optional)

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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I don't think archery will solve ythe elk problem
But putting a limited tag saying that is your area to hunt will stop some of the over crowding
Also giving land owners tags is wrong
They already have land owner preference
More BMA money for land owners so the public can hunt more elk and public can compete with outfitters and leases
This is for all of region 4 as well for the rest of the state

#179

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 411

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Adding unlimited tags in this region appears to be a money making move in the guise of elk numbers management approach and increasing hunting opportunities . The elk are not evenly distributed in this zone, with the largest populations being on private land. You increase hunting pressure on public land and decrease success rates to make more money, especially with out of state license sales. This appears to be more of a marketing move, rather than elk number management. Again, the elk populations on public land do not warrant unlimited tags.

#180

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Q1

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Q2

HD 426

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please keep the existing regulations in place for number of bull permits (60) and maintain existing archery 900 tags. Thank you

#181

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Q1

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Q2

HD 445

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like to see Whitetail Prairie stay in HD 445. It provides a great hunting opportunity for my friends and family.

#182

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Specific changes in the elk regulations pale in comparison to the fact that landowners treat the game populations as their property. They sell access to game either via trespass fees (as much as \$1000 for a cow hunt) or leasing their property to outfitters who then charge substantial fees, and often to out of state hunters. My perception is that the average Montana hunter plays second fiddle to big money. It is so difficult to find a hunt on public land that actually hold game. This year I bow hunted in the Big Hole valley. I saw one elk on public land, yet I could see herds of elk on private land from various highways.

#183

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 410

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I fully support limiting any permit holder to hunt ONLY that permitted area for archery or rifle season, however, I propose that the restriction goes even further—If an individual draws one of the coveted, trophy area ES archery OR rifle permits they should ONLY be permitted to hunt a bull in that district for the entire archery AND general season. The reason for this is that it would eliminate the number of hunters who draw special draw tags and do not use it. Many hunters from other parts of the state or non-residents put in for that tag but never actually come to hunt—waiting to use a general rifle tag elsewhere.

In HD410 the FWP proposes to reduce the 410-21 ES archery tags to 1500, since they removed HD417 from the HD410 draw. That is a 22% reduction. If they are going to reduce the 410-21 archery tags by 22% they should also reduce the 410-20 ES rifle tag by 22% (33) to 117. Proportionately reducing the amount of rifle bull tags in HD410 helps to maintain the quality of bulls in that area especially with the removal of HD417 tags from the draw.

I also propose that FWP should work more closely with private landowners by adding a new ES permit available to landowners where they can hunt their own land and their land only. The permit would not be valid on any other lands, private or public. The landowners, him or herself, can choose an archery or rifle permit. The landowner can then use it for themselves, give it to a family member or sell it to recoup the losses inflicted by elk herds. Each year landowners complain about the significant loss caused by elk herds—i.e. crops eaten, fences damaged, and hay crops destroyed. A landowners permit would pressure elk herds that are dwelling predominantly on private land and help distribute them more evenly onto public lands for all to hunt.

Finally, I propose that FWP extends “landowner preference” to the General License draw instead of restricting that privilege to just special permits within a hunting district. If a resident or nonresident supports our Montana economy by investing in property, their chances of drawing a tag should be significantly higher. Landowners, especially nonresidents spend significant amounts of money in our state purchasing land, paying land taxes, hiring local labor, and purchasing equipment, gas, food and supplies. This commitment to our state and economy should allow them to also use landowner preference for the general license draw to give them an advantage over other non-resident hunters who are not invested in our land and wildlife populations.

#184

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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 4'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.

#185

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Q1

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Q2

HD 412,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 417
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

In addition to the changes proposed, the commission should look at addressing the issue of bachelor bull groups that have been destroying ranchers haystacks. These groups have been doubling in size every year and in turn doubling the damage they do. It's especially bad this year due to the drought. I propose that the commission needs to enact a system that allows hunters that didn't fill their either sex permit to get on a list. Then when landowners have issues with these bachelor bulls, they can request that the people on this list come remove these problem elk. This would allow the state another option for managing their extremely over quota elk herds and would help solve both the land owner and hunter's problem. It would obviously require photo documentation from the land owner of the number of elk and damage occurring to his haystack. Then you could also require photo and location documentation from the successful hunters to ensure that they are in fact eliminating offending bachelor bulls and not sport hunting. There is no reason why this program couldn't run concurrent with your already active shoulder season.

This policy would not only help bring the elk quotas down to your desired numbers, but would also show us landowners that the commission is willing to help us when the state's elk start reaching felony levels of destruction.

#186

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Q1

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Q2**HD 412,**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 417**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would also like to propose a different way to manage these destructive bachelor bull groups. Each year, not every hunter fills their tag. I propose that if a land owner has photo documentation that a large number of these bulls are damaging his/her haystack, they be allowed to give permission to any individual that holds a valid general tag. These individuals would have to have a signed for from the landowner with the lat/long of the haystack they are defending. The state would then allow the hunter to purchase an over the counter permit. Similar to the regs already in place for bears, after a the hunter fills the tag, they must show documentation that the bull was killed in the close area around the stack yard.

This policy would:

- A. Allow the state another tool to manage the over populated elk herds.
- B. Allow hunters the opportunity to fill both their freezers and their purchased tags.
- C. Allow landowners the tools they need to secure their livelihood and prevent the felony destruction by the state's animals.

This policy would be a huge stride in a positive way towards getting all three partners back to a place of mutual respect and working to achieve the same goals.

#187

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Q1

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Q2

HD 413,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 432
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

to much hunting pressure, to few mule deer , looks like you are trying to limit mule deer doe harvest, that's a start. i have kept records a.m. and p.m. for 31 years and this is the leats amount of mule deer i have seen,, unlimited poaching ,, but ,, here no one seems to care.

#188

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Q1

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Q2

HD 444,

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

HD 422

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I think the elimination of the 498 tag is a terrible idea. This region has a huge over population of whitetail. The 498 tag gives great opportunity to take an extra in this unit. And not only that but since the qouta is never met you can buy extra. I personally get 6 of these a year and my wife gets around that also through the surplus tags. We hunt private property including the Broken O ranch. There is such a high overpopulation of deer in this area that it really puts the unit at an extreme risk should cwd or blue tongue strike it. We hunt several different farmers places and we barely make a dent the population. How is fwp going to deal with getting rid of this tag and having it where less deer are taken out of this region. While the second 004 tag is not a bad idea for reducing white tail population as a whole. Don't forget that you're also taking away the mechanism for precision targeting severely overpopulated regions. As a side note the extra 498 tags are how a lot of families in this region get to feed themselves. And how many farmers control the population. Taking away a tool the state gets money for through license purchases that targets overpopulated specific regions is a terrible idea. Now we will have to pay even more for game damage. And we need to be keeping the population in check in case of diseases spreading.

#189

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 411

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I live in western Montana and archery hunt here for elk. I am against limiting the drawing hunter to only hunting in 411-20 for elk as I only hunt there during rifle season. This would limit my opportunity to achery hunt only in 411.

#190

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Q1

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Q2

HD 455

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal of changing the boundary between hunting districts (HD) 455/445. I would like to reference my comment submitted during the scoping phase of this proposal process, emailed to FWP as an attachment on 10/20/21 from cdallaserra@pionner-technical.com. As outlined in my first comment, I still do not support the boundary change as it arbitrarily restricts the public land user while not equally imposing regulation on all users with the lack of supporting objective evidence. With the proposed boundary change and proposed quotas for the 2022-2023 seasons for either-sex elk in HD 455 and 445 collectively, the opportunities for the public land hunters is going to decrease by more than 20% for permit drawing opportunities (significant decrease in general opportunity for first two weeks of rifle season in HD 445) while maintaining status quo for other users within the same Elk Management Unit (EMU). This type of inequality is not managing a public trust resource for the benefit of the greater good, and certainly lacks any justifiable objective evidence for doing so (see original comment for details outlining access and opportunities). In my initial comment, I feel I provided enough supporting objective evidence to maintain status quo across the board. I even proposed some more equitable alternatives. I realize there is an emphasis around "simplification" during this proposal process. However, I do not feel that the status quo regulations are complicated and do not give "simplification" much merit when it comes to managing natural resources. Yes, there are examples of logical and appropriate simplifications such as the boundary change along the western edge of HD 445 and eastern border of 421. It makes sense and is clean to make that the interstate all the way instead of jumping back and forth between the Missouri River and Interstate. If simplification is the objective, doesn't it make more sense to combine 455/445 into one HD since it is considered one EMU? I am not advocating that scenario just pointing that out and making the case that there is more to natural resource management than just "simplification". As we have progressed through this proposal process, I have expanded upon my understanding of the use, and users across this EMU. The "Devils Kitchen Working Group" has identified a unique set of management objectives that has helped in crafting the regulations for this EMU, and its users, through the years. I believe status quo is the most equitable scenario for all users and aligns with those objectives. However, there has been a growing emphasis on antlerless harvest within this EMU, as outlined and discussed in my original comment. I noted several challenges and offered alternatives to increase antlerless harvest in my original comment. I do not feel that in any shape or form the proposed boundary change is going to significantly impact antlerless harvest opportunities as expanded upon and supported in my original comment. In closing, I would like to thank MFWP and the commission for the consideration of mine and others public comments. I think it is important to note that during the first public comment period, comments solicited relevant to this topic were in the supermajority favor of opposing of the boundary change (73% against the change). I would urge the Commission and MFWP to not adopt the proposed boundary change, or at least consider one of the more equitable alternatives.

Thank You,

Cole D.

#191

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I strongly disagree with drawing an archery permit and not being able to hunt other districts. That is taking away one of the best aspects of hunting in my opinion. Being able to hunt with friends and family in different areas is one of my favorite things to do. This will make this virtually impossible leading to reduced animal harvests. Elk hunting in September on public land when the weather is warm need to be done with a team approach and this proposal will limit that ability greatly. Thank you for your consideration.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The permit quota the 411-21 archery tag should be reduced from unlimited to a quota more in line with sound management practices. Having hunted 411-21 during archery season for the last two years I can honestly say that antlered elk are few and far between on accessible public land. In addition, the issue is not the number of bulls in the area, but the overwhelming number of cows. The majority of elk in this area are located on the Wilks Ranch creek bottom during archery season. While I do not have an issue with an unlimited quota for cows (to reduced the population), an unlimited quota for bulls seems like a give away to the private land owner interests that is disconnected from sound management principles.

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I will try to keep this as short and concise as I can. But please understand the conciseness of this is only to respect your time, and does not represent my full and absolute opinion on the current proposals.

1. Please do not move forward with the current proposal.
2. Please listen to our biologists. I have talked with biologists, and I have seen email threads that other people had with biologists in the past month. All of the replies I have seen from biologists vilify your committee... You(the committee) are not listening to them. They are not happy.
3. Please wait to make any radical changes to the landscape that is hunting in Montana. At least until we have more up to date data.
4. Please consider, "A man will always feed his domain first." Part of your duty as the commission is to decide what men get to feed their domains and what men don't get to... That's not an easy task, you as the wildlife commission are put between a rock and a hard place. But at the end of the day you must realize that your duty is not to one man or another, your duty is to the food. Your duty is to make sure that there is food for the future, and that all men are equal and deserve a fair and equal amount of food. Some men are landowners, some men are hunters, some men are wildlife enthusiasts... The food is our wildlife. Publicly it has been portrayed as landowners vs hunters when talking about this proposal. But when you talk with the less radicals you realize it's not one party vs another. Every man is for himself. Every man will feed his domain first. It is purely human nature and the natural will to survive. It is fight or flight... I understand why landowners want more tags, they want that benefit. I understand why hunters want to hunt private land, they want that benefit. I understand why landowners want wildlife crop damage funding, they want that benefit... and so on for all parties. At the end of the day we are almost all in this for ourselves. We want what is best for ourselves. However, it is YOUR job to decide what is best for the wildlife.
5. Please consider the scientific effects of killing bulls vs cows, bucks vs does, rams vs ewes, billies vs nannies. If overpopulation of elk was the problem, than how did you get to the solution of killing bulls????
6. Please consider that the "problem" may not be as big as it sounds. Are there really too many elk? Or are men just trying to feed their domains first. Are there really not enough elk on public land or are they just a little harder to kill than the ones you drove by on private land to get to your public spot?
7. Please consider NOT moving forward with "choose your unit" (where you can only hunt one unit). I have positioned myself in life to be able to spend an above average amount of time hunting. I spend well over 100 days in the field scouting and hunting a year. I move around through different units spreading out my pressure across most of region 4. If I had to spend 100 days in a unit I personally would create a relatively significant impact on the number of hunter days in a unit.
8. Please consider moving forward with "choose your region." As much as I don't want to say that because I want to be able to hunt anywhere... I believe that is a tool that would likely help manage hunting pressure and harvest pressure. BUT before moving forward with my opinion that has little to no relevant data or facts behind it... Please look at the hunter days and hunter harvest data. Is one region of Montana being over hunted on a general tag? OR is one unit?
9. Please consider the laws of nature. Nature is pretty good at sorting itself out. Politics aren't.
10. Lastly, please consider no decision you will make will be perfect, and in that case... maybe less decisions is better... The more decisions you make, the more you will enrich some, and the more you will starve others. After this record breaking debate of wildlife policy im sure you feel a lot of pressure. I urge you to see through the clouds of landowners and hunters to see the forest for what it is. The forest is something with no voice. No matter how many people tell you they speak for the forest... they don't.

Thank you for your time.

#194

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Q1

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Q2

HD 422

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

According to the proposed regulations, there would be no Mule Deer hunting in district 422 on National Forest land. If this is not an error in the regulations, I am opposed to this change, as this past year allowed the hunting of antlered mule deer only within the National Forest boundary.

#195

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

As a Montana resident hunter I think the biologists should be listened to more often and not what the director says. The recent number of wildlife biologists/managers "retirements"/quitting's shows how much the resource is not being managed properly. Stop listening to politics and listen to their research.

#196

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Q1

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Q2

HD 445,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 455
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am commenting due to the concern of the archery permit proposed on hunting district 455 and the permit status being unlimited. I am totally against this proposal being unlimited due to not allowing the actual biologist for this area to actually work with a number, any time you make something unlimited I feel like there is no concern in regards to the actual management. There should be a number in the quota even if it is a little larger than the biologist we pay suggest, just so they have something to work with that will allow them to adjust and modify to management status. Unlimited is not a number and is not management in any form. I do agree absolutely on there being a permit for hunting in district 455 elk, but there needs to be a number that is suggested to our biologists in this area for they do a great job managing and working with this area. I also do agree 100 percent with moving whitetail property into the Beartooth WMA hunting district 455.

#197

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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 4'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

#198

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

1. The underlying issue in 411, 417, 426, 535, 590, 702, 704, 705 appears to be congregation of elk on private land and those landowners complaining about it. However, the solution was to up the quota by 50%. Is this 50% increase based on FWP biologist recommendations? More importantly, the problem is access to elk on private land, adding more tags won't increase harvest without some way to incentivize access to these tracts of land. The 2005 elk management plan dictates that elk populations that are inaccessible (those on private land that do not allow public access) are not to be included in elk populations objectives so as not to over-harvest accessible elk.
 2. Unbundling and removing the 900-20 archery permit will only increase early season pressure on many of the elk populations at issue in #1, push them from public to private, and exacerbate the issue of elk on private land. Further, this proposal removes the 90:10 split for resident:non-resident permits. While we Montanans love to share our beautiful state this goes too far in favoring folks that are wealthy enough to purchase non-resident tags and potentially harvest two elk when many Montanans struggle to harvest even one in a season.
 3. The recommended unlimited antlerless B tag is a great and promising start to address the elk populations in the aforementioned units that is both based in science and the 2005 elk proposal. I would LOVE to see this executed with some creative incentives to allow access to the private land it's good on. Because right now, the biggest issue is access. So if it's just set up as an OTC tag and nothing more, it will only serve wealthy individuals that can pay for private hunts on private land.
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#199

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Q1

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Q2

HD 455

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I 100% disagree with unlimited archery tags in district 455

there needs to be a number set by district biologist.

I do agree with archery drawing in this area.

I was one that did not receive a permit last year and I was ok with that, it insured me that the system in this area is working.

I've hunted this area for many years harvesting many animals.

I also think its in the best interest to add Whitetail property's in the the Bear tooth WMA this will insure good elk management in this area by area biologist

We have biologist for these reasons.

#200

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Q1

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Q2

HD 445,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional) HD 455

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am responding in regards to the unlimited status proposed for the archery season in 455. I do agree with the permit status but absolutely don't agree with the number of permits being unlimited due to the biologist need to be able to have an actual numbers to get information and management. I also agree with white tail properties being added to the Beartooth WMA.

#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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support breaking up the 900 series archery tag into separate districts. In recent years the hunting pressure in the Snowies complex has skyrocketed and driven the majority of the elk onto private land reducing opportunities for public land hunters like myself.

#202

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I vote in favor of an unlimited archery permit in area 411 with a booked outfitter in the season of 2022. I vote to hunt 411 with an outfitter without the luck of having to being drawn. Very glad this area is specifically being looked at.

#203

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 417

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Guides should not get any special consideration for tags in Montana, their clients don't contribute squat to local economy, the guides feed them, house them, & haul clients around, I've hunted unit 417 for 34 years & I've never seen a guide or his clients in any of the local establishments. I thought it was already voted on & passed that guides get no special options on tags!

#204

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support getting rid of the 496, 497 and 498 tags if they are replaced with a second 004 whitetail doe tag

#205

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please reject this proposal and keep the 900- archery tag for elk. Unlimited elk archery tags will increase hunting pressure on public lands and make the elk even more inaccessible to the general public and public land hunter. Without the ability to move areas, public lands will be overrun. Additionally, increasing the either-sex tags (411-20) to 450 will continue to erode the public land hunting with more elk being pushed to private. We need to manage with science, not politics. Please revisit the elk management plan and remove shoulder seasons from the regulations.

#206

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 447

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please consider increasing the over the counter White-tailed Deer B tag from 1 to 5. There are an abundance of White-tailed Deer does in the hunting district and I fear when CWD reaches this hunting district, the results are going to be devastating mainly because of the the large number of does and their close proximity to each other.

#207

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional) HD 412

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am opposed to the changes being proposed to go to an unlimited number of archery tags. Overcrowding is a significant issue today and this change will result in an increase in pressure that makes the unit unhunttable. This change will only result in more land being leased and lowering the elk kill.

I do not support the changes being proposed to breaking up the 900 tag. First, the little snowies should be kept as 1 unit (411 plus the portion of region 5 that makes up the Little Snowies). It should also not be split up without research and setting tag quotas so hunting pressure is not increased.

No changes should be made to the regulations without significant research and consideration into the impact it will have on hunting pressure.

#208

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support these changes to unit boundaries

#209

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Q1

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Q2

HD 417

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Please do not turn any limited draw districts to unlimited or general. This will lead to overcrowding on public land and more elk being harbored on private. We should not be making any changes to elk management until we have a updated elk management plan. Hunters can manage elk if we have access, that what we should be work on.

#210

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Q1

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Q2**HD 417**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

In district 417, lower the either sex permits back to 2019 levels. As the fwp has observed, many folks with this permit had a lousy hunting experience due to public pressure on limited accessible public land. I harvested a mature bull in 417 fall 2019. If mtfwp would like to increase cow harvest in response to landowner complaints, consider confronting Rocket Land and Livestock's continued efforts to harass large elk herds onto their deeded land. These activities eclipse would-be opportunities for public land hunters, and are flagrantly illegal. It's not some sort of local myth this is happening. I've seen it myself on at least two occasions, and have talked to adjacent landowners who mentioned this happening. Adding to Rocket Land and Livestock's activities the idea that private land owners should receive landowner permits will further divorce public hunters from hunting opportunity -and is angering. Dealing out landowner permits is antithetical to cultivating public hunting opportunity, and any fwp employee or commission member should realize this, or take a trip to Texas where hunting is a rich person's activity, instead of a fall ritual for people to harvest their own meat, share tradition and enjoy being on the land. Handing out landowner permits double crosses public hunting opportunity by encouraging fee hunting and coupling money with hunting opportunity. I can't believe a department tasked with stewarding wildlife populations and hunting opportunity would even consider doing it, especially in this district.

Yes this is a comment period for proposed changes, but herding large elk herds onto deeded land by one of the largest landowners of prime elk habitat in the district is influencing public land hunting opportunity and population management. Not addressing this problem before making season changes is foolhardy and disadvantages public hunters and hunters in general.

Please decrease either sex permits back to 2019 levels in HD 417

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Q1

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I do NOT support the proposal for unlimited archery elk tags for HD 411. This will allow anyone to put HD 411 as a 2nd choice for elk hunting, after applying for a rifle permit. This clearly benefits outfitters and their clients, while MT residents customarily hunting public lands will be crowded by nonresident pay hunters! The right for a resident Montana hunter to have a reasonable elk hunt on our public land must be upheld, and nonresident hunter #'s limited.

I believe applying for a rifle and archery hunting permit should not be allowed. A hunter should pick one or the other.

Instead of limiting an archer to a single HD, it makes more sense larger localized areas should be created, for example, where I live in Lewistown, HD's 411 and 412 are both hunted by numerous archers.

Use of CROSSBOWS should NEVER be allowed during archery season!

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 401

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Hi, I appreciate the opportunity to comment. I wish to submit this comment on behalf of myself and a group of landowners and sportsman. I (we) are adamantly opposed to the late season deer permits that are offered for HD 401. After the general 3 week season I would argue that there aren't 20 mature bucks left in 401 let alone 75. I have interviewed 100% the landowners that surround the West Butte of the Sweetgrass Hills and they unanimously oppose these permits. Chuck Clark, owner of the West Butte Ranch went so far as to close a long time access point (south end of west butte) to public land in response to this. Landowners continue to feel as if they do not have a say in FWP commission decisions. Currently there is no public access to the West Butte area of the Sweetgrass Hills. The landowners have decided to close their ranches to hunting after the 3 week season. I completely understand the biological reason for this, to combat CWD, but if harvesting mature bucks is the goal, it's been met. Now we are simply killing the younger ones.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 418

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I hunt near Judith Gap and muley does have come back well in most areas and there should be some tags available and they are coming back in 511 across the highway where we also hunt.

#215

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name:	Gary Carter
City/Town:	Missoula
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 4'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.

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MT total area - 93,155,800 acres

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vs.

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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.

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#216

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Contact information: (optional)

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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Increasing the either-sex tags by 50% is simply unbelievable. There is no long-term strategy or "science" behind this. The fact you guys are pushing this and don't even have the support from your own biologists is mind blowing. I'm not saying numbers don't need to be updated or looked at, but a change of this kind is not something you just wing. Quite obvious this is driven by landowners looking to make more money, which as a landowner I fully understand. However long term this will just destroy elk hunting in these units. Not to mention it will affect other units across the state with even more pressure and harder draw odds than ever before.

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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 401,
HD 403,
HD 410,
HD 411,
HD 412,
HD 413,
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Q3

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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 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am against unlimited tags for elk or deer. This is just a give away to MOGA and private land owners that hoard public wildlife. Our wildlife is a public resource. Giving fewer tags to the public and more to private landowners for outfitting should not be done. We need access to our wildlife for hunting and this means easements across private lands to public lands that have been off limits to us for too long yet outfitters can use those public lands as private hunting preserves. That needs to stop.

#219

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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City/Town:	Kalispell
State/Province:	MT
Email Address:	rich@northernrockiesoutfit.com

Q2

HD 401

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Hi, I accidently sent the last comment before I was finished, sorry. I was commenting on how much I (we) oppose the late season special permits for the deer in 401. There is no access to hunt them because a far majority of the landowners oppose the late deer permits, especially for the mule deer. In response to this they are closing their properties to hunting after the 3 week general season. We strongly feel that the 3 week season is more than enough to harvest a large number of mature bucks. If the goal of the FWP commission is to harvest a large number of mature bucks, it was certainly met this year. A late season permit hunter would have a difficult time finding a mature mule deer buck after the 3 week general season. This is only further dividing the relationship between the state and the landowners. Thanks,

Richard Birdsell

Jackson Birdsell

Charles Clark, West Butte Ranch

Matt Clark, West Butte Ranch

Bryan Ratzburg, Bobcat Angus

David and Lenora McEwen, local landowners

Marc Evans

Chris McCreedy,

Danny Catlett

Paul Heimeryl

Jason Beau Hill

Destry David

Matthew Doucett

Sam Clark

Jay Pribyl

Barbara David

Kodi Pletcher

Tony Hale

David Leech

Chuck Leech

Matt Myer

Josh Alcott

Jackson Nagy, Local Landowner

Damian Jones

Kevin Jones

Ryan Jones

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Q1

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Q2

HD 410

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I drew a 2021 either sex for HD 410 last fall, hunted 15 days, Sand Creek, Carroll Coulee, Skyline Trail west to Sand Creek station, seen no Elk off the River bottom, heard no shots, seen no harvested Elk.
Make it easier to contact land owner that wanting shoulder season Elk harvested. Many of us hunters have no clue where to hunt Shoulder season Elk.

#221

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 410,
	HD 411,
	HD 412,
	HD 426

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Though I appreciate the changes made recently to the 411 and 412 districts in response to public comment I still feel that it falls short of the mark. All that increasing the number of district specific archery tags and snowies bull tag will do is continue to allow more hunters and pressure on the already pressured public land. The increase in b tags and making one available on public land for the late shoulder season on public land is a step in the right direction. Once again though the elk will be pressured off of the public land during the regular season especially with an increase in hunters due to the increased either sex tags. So the huge increase in B tags will not make much of a dent because the issue of access to necessary lands to decrease numbers will not be solved and B tags for shoulder season will not be filled at a high rate on public land.

Related to my comments above is the huge increase in out of state and region hunters in the area. As a long time resident of lewistown it is very frustrating to see so many local spots that I have to fight over with out of staters. The issue expands to the areas around Jordan and the Upper musselshell as well. I have limited my hunting to mid week to avoid these but the affects on the disposition of the game are undeniable. The animals are more skittish earlier than they ever have been before. I think that it is necessary to limit out of state hunters to more region specific tags at lower rates to preserve the quality of the hunting for local hunter and out of region resident hunters. At least a point restriction on bucks would limit the number of animals killed and likely the hunters interested in hunting. Due to the increase in hunters the larger animals are fewer and far between because so many small animals get killed, especially deer..

Thank you for listening to the public and adjusting the original proposal. It has been great to the public-agency interaction work the way it is supposed to.

Thank you
Dustin

#222

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Q1

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Q2

HD 410

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

HD 410: Adjust Either-Sex Elk Permit 410-21 quota to 1500 (range 1,000-1,900). Support Going to 1st & Only Choice

#223

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 411

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Dear Montana Fish and Game,

I have applied for and received the 900-20 tag for the last 5 years, during which I have hunted the Big Snowy mountains Extensively. (Primarily East half). Some things I have observed:

- Low numbers of archery hunters (seldomly do I run into anyone in the field)
- after the first week to week and a half of archery season, elk vacate the Big Snowy mountains in favor of the lower elevation surrounding areas (due to the breeding congregation)
- limited public land access.

The proposed changes for archery in 411 and 511 are contradictory to stated objectives:

- First, by eliminating the ability to hunt other districts while holding an Archery 411/412 tag, hunters will have no option but to hunt extensively on the limited access to public land these districts offer—Increasing pressure, not decreasing pressure. (permit holders hunting days will exclusively be within the district for the entire hunting season—(currently hunters will move into other 900-20 tag areas once the elk have left the Big Snowy's public portions for private land, alleviating hunting pressure on Elk.
- Secondly, The proposed district line separating the north half of the big snowy's and the southern half of the snowy's creates numerous situations where back country hunters will have to park in one district and must hike (sometimes a few hours) to another district where their tag is valid.
- lastly, the proposed hunting district lines and regulation changes limits a hunter's ability to track and follow elk during their migration to breeding grounds, limiting a hunters window of opportunity to harvest elk in the big snowy's to a matter of hours (literally) for the whole season.

The proposed changes for the Snowy mountains will disincentivize hunters applying for the special archery permit—Less hunters on public lands in the Big Snowy's during archery season, which is in direct conflict of trying to manage an elk population that is "1,067%" over objective. In conclusion: Hunting on public in the Big Snowy's is not easy as it stands—the proposed changes only stand to make it more difficult; parking in one district to walk to another, limiting ability to track and follow migrating elk, disallowing permit holders to hunt elsewhere (increase pressure on public portions)

Its easy enough for private land owners and outfitters to obtain archery tags (900-20) as is—this area should not be changed.

Sincerely,

Evad Vanspoore'

406-546-3464

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 450

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I oppose the proposal to bull elk hunting on a general license in HD 450. I spend time on family property in HD 450 near the Teton River. While I see a few bulls in the spring and summer, those bulls disappear by late August. I rarely see bulls or cow elk during the archery season or general season.

Elk numbers on our property have dropped significantly in the past 10 years. It is my understanding that success for the current five bull permit holders is low.

By allowing bull hunting on a general license, I am concerned that this will only increase pressure from road hunters waiting for elk to cross the road on patchworks of state land. This happened when the regs were changed to allow cow hunting on a general license. I don't want to see more elk (and deer) killed illegally or unethically.

--Jeff Olson
Great Falls

#225

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Q1

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State/Province:	MT
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Q2

HD 411,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional) HD 412

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am not in favor allowing a general license from Aug 15 to the day before archery season to harvest cows on private land 411-21. This pushes all the elk onto private land where they do not allow hunting.

I am in favor of combining hunting districts (411-412) 411-21 unlimited archery tags for resident hunters. Non-resident hunters should be limited and have to draw for the number of either-sex permits that were issued in 2021 or 10% of the total number of resident unlimited archery tags that were applied for in districts 411 and 412. If you allow unlimited archery tags for 411 and 412 for non-residents all private land will get leased by wealthy non-residents and outfitters. Do not turn hunting into a wealthy individuals sport. Most Montana residents cannot afford to pay for hunting and will have little access.

I feel district 411-20 should remain at 300 either sex rifle permits. Adding more permits for bulls does not help over population. As we all know cows produce calves and we need to reduce the cows. Adding more bull permits will lead to more outfitting and leasing. The FWP should not be allowed to give landowners bull permits. This leads to commercialization of wildlife which is owned by the general public.

All other proposals for the 411-412 are acceptable

#226

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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City/Town:	Lewistown
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Q2

HD 411,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional) HD 412

Q3

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: John Suden
City/Town: great falls/ augusta
State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 425

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 4's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

If you allow either sex mule deer hunting, it is mostly private land which most due not allow access so the sun river game range is the only access and there is not as many muleys there as a person thinks. As a avid hunter this change may hurt the deer population on the game range for years to come so you may want to rethink this proposal. Thank you
