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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: brian
City/Town: butte
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I agree with shooting cows only on private land in these districts but pushing it out until February isn't helping many people and putting a lot of stress on elk. I think we need to back off on the dates and allow it only during general season.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Dorian Boling**
City/Town: **Libby**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I support these changes

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Dave Shimek
City/Town: Shepherd
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

How will you manage the numbers without a range? Should still have a proposed quota.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Rodney Williams**
City/Town: **Deer Lodge**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

There is absolutely nothing I like if this because it will make the Outfitters an the State of Montana, richer because they exploit the cow elk as a money maker, and utilize it for marketing. Plus there should be a online game damage hunt roster, NOT unlimited cow elk tags because most landowners that actually DO have the huge elk herds, Don't an Won't allow hunting but instead, leasing it out to the Outfitters, all about the money, money, money..... When did our elk become a varmint, there NOT a varmint an the State should NOT treat them as a varmint, to kill on site status, to render an animal limited in species. Also, the elk should NOT be hunted pass general rifle season, NEVER. Have respect for this animal an follow the true ethics of hunting standards. Also these elk should NEVER EVER be hunted during Archery time, have respect for the Archery hunters because the lying manipulative shoulder season, has forever destroyed the elk behavior an there travels an has literally pushed some elk herds permanently out of there normal districts into other districts, I have seen it an know of it. Shoulder season has created overcrowding issues by 100 percent, it's absolutely crazy overcrowding..... Shoulder season was also supposed to have gone away BUT the Montana people were lied to BUT crooked Politics out way the elk an Montana people. Get back to true hunting ethics, NOT a money making extermination of a wonderful animal....

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Richard A Schneider
City/Town: Ekalaka
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Now you are making progress.....more cow elk opportunities will bring the elk population down. This is the only way of keeping the herd population in check.

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Please provide the following information:

Name: Dan Gagner
City/Town: Helena
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I'm in favor of this proposal and I believe this is actually the only solution proposed that will work in getting elk down to objective. In addition to this, I'd like to see cow hunting prohibited on public lands, to entice the herds to move off private.

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Please provide the following information:

Name: Vince Cebuhar
City/Town: Billings
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I support this proposal.

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Please provide the following information:

Name: Nick Trott
City/Town: Glasgow
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

FWP:

I oppose the proposed changes to the 900-20 limited archery elk permit regulations in HDs 401, 403, 411, 426, 447, 450, 455, 530, 580, 500, 502, 520, 557, 570, 702, 704, and 705; from limited permits to unlimited permits or unlimited permits on public lands and general license on private lands.

And I oppose eliminating the limited archery elk permits in HD 417.

These proposed changes will not contribute to lowering elk populations; they will only lower elk populations on public lands and will increase populations on private lands where elk are harbored.

These proposed changes in regulations only cater to nonresident land owners and private land outfitters that harbor elk. Eliminating the limited archery elk permits, with the nonresident cap of 10% of the total number of permits, is what nonresident land owners and private land outfitters have lobbied for. Outfitter clients and nonresident land owners will not have to draw a permit for a trophy elk hunt.

The reason for the limited archery elk permits was to eliminate crowding in the Missouri River Breaks and the other 23 HDs with limited rifle elk permits. Non residents were taking 55% to 65% of the bulls.

Please keep the limited archery elk permits.

Thank you

Nick Trott

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Please provide the following information:

Name: Brayden Davis
City/Town: Great Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am opposed to the new B unlimited B license valid in these HDs. HD 426 for example already has the 004 B tag and there is only 75 cow elk in the HD. R4 already has 6000 B tags which are OTC after the drawing. This further confuses the public and is an unnecessary license. We can already harvest 3 cows in most of these HDs with the tags we have available.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Matt Voigt
City/Town: Great Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am for this proposal to add a new statewide unlimited antlerless B tag for the units listed above. If the elk population is over objective in these units an increase in cow harvest would potentially benefit the situation. Additionally, having another opportunity to purchase a tag to fully utilize the 3 allotted elk licenses in a year will generate revenue for the FWP and provide another option for filling an elk tag. It would be nice to know in the proposal if this tag is only good on private land or State and BLM are included and if National Forest Lands and the CMR are excluded.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Jess Wagner
City/Town: Lewistown
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I support a statewide antlerless B license on private land in units over 200% over objective.

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Please provide the following information:

Name: Kristopher George
City/Town: Great Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I do not support

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Please provide the following information:

Name: Don Patterson
City/Town: Corvallis
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I support this.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Michael Lucas
City/Town: Lewistown
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am in favor of this.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Tom Lipko
City/Town:	Poplar
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I support leaving seasons structures, quotas and districts at the same level as last year with no changes. Hank has provided bad direction to his biologists and put them in a position that they can't reasonably consider phased logical changes within the boundaries of the hunting communities desires.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Hannity Davis
City/Town: Great Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am opposed to the proposal to provide yet another B license. In region 4, all the listed HDs have B licenses specific to the HD and/or the 004 B tag valid in all Region 4 on private sometimes for 6 months and there are 6,000 of them which go surplus so any person can buy 2 of them. We already have the tools in place for B tags. So does Region 5. If Region 7 needs an elk B tag, make one there. This just adds to the confusion and is an unnecessary license.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Dillon Downs**
City/Town: **Bozeman**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

This trend of further benefiting the private land owner and outfitters is a troubling theme for the future of hunting in Montana. The public land hunter funds FWP, how is their opportunity to hunt positively impacted by this. How the public gain access to these hunts in order to achieve the objective? I don't see any answers to this...

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Please provide the following information:

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Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Ron j hoagland
City/Town: Big Timber
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am in favor of the statewide elk b license

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Please provide the following information:

Name: Derrick Mueller
City/Town: Great Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am 100% in favor of this proposal assuming FWP is working on measures to help hunters gain access to the lands/ranches where these elk are living. If that cannot be accomplished then these districts will remain "over objective".

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Matt Todd**
City/Town: **Philipsburg**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

It is not indicated in this proposal how many tags will be available per hunter. I would hope that no more than one of these tags would be issued per hunter. FWP should maintain the ability to close the season on this tag at anytime in any hunting district or portions of hunting districts that are being over-harvested.

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Please provide the following information:

Name: Kyle Reedy
City/Town: Great Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Is there a better way to get landowners to provide more opportunity to hunters to help reduce antlerless numbers? We still have the mater hunter program operating right? Can those graduates assist if landowners won't provide opportunity to the average hunter? Do we really need these seasons to go all the way to mid-February?

Have a list of hunters willing to try and harvest a cow if they get a call in these winter seasons. So if certain ranchers stay the herd is on their property some hunters can come out and remove some cows and help ranchers out. Elk and being pushed off the rancher's land and people still wanting to fill the freezer are all winning.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Joel LaLiberty
City/Town: Belgrade
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am opposed to elk shoulder seasons lasting until February 15th. Shoulder seasons must end by January 1st. Hunting beyond January 1st should be by game damage hunt only. Game damage hunts allow FWP and landowners the flexibility needed to reduce herd sizes and control animal movement in a landscape where landowners are willing to allow public access. Landowners that do not allow public access would still have hunting until January 1st and hunters that do allow public access could have additional game damage hunts through February 15th. Further, game damage hunts provide good and equitable opportunities for the public via a lottery system.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Jon K Von Eschen
City/Town: Great Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am in favor of this proposal, however I don't think it will have much of an impact on reducing elk numbers. You need to find a way to incentivize landowners with elk problems to allow more hunting that targets cows, and not bulls. All the cow tags in the world are worthless if hunters are unable to access where the elk are.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Kyle wengerd
City/Town: Noxon
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I do not support the change to unlimited b tags

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Brett Hyde
City/Town: Gallatin Gateway
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

This is the only way to reduce game populations. I would like to see some sort of access worked out with the private land owners, since this will be a private land tag only. Do not make this valid for public land.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Royce Dake
City/Town:	ULM
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Why are the B license valid only on private land? There are many sections of State and BLM lands that are within the boundaries of private lands, a lot of these are un-fenced and a hunter would have to know exactly where the boundaries are. Also, there are many sections of accessible public lands that will be open for hunting elk with the general license but not the B license. If the overall objective is to reduce the elk population in over populated ares then the B license should also be valid on all public lands outside the National Forrest Boundaries.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Ronald G Schott
City/Town: Ennis
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

We shouldn't be hunting elk for thst long into the season. Elk need a rest to survive the winter. maybe only til Dec 15. Objectives for thise units and others neef to have a new look.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Dan Osborne
City/Town: Spokane
State/Province: WA

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

This doesn't resolve issues related to land access, making this proposal of little probable efficacy. An improvement would be to increase the fee for those hunting public land and use that difference to fund more private land access programs.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Schuyler Watt
City/Town: Great Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

If the commission's objective is to reduce elk numbers, increasing cow elk hunting opportunities can only accomplish this goal. Increasing either-sex permits is not the right path. For this reason, I support this proposal.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: TROY PAULSON
City/Town: Bozeman
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am in favor of the elk B OTC license in units 200% over objective. However I am against a hunting season going until Feb 15. There is no reason we should be hunting elk for that long.

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Please provide the following information:

Name: Gustavo Perez
City/Town: Plantation
State/Province: FL

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Since some cow elks would be pushed out of private land, I suggest also allocating some tags to public land and allow the general public do some caw only hunts as well. A 70/30 split or 60/40 split may work well. Even some private land owner may be able to hunt past their private land.

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Please provide the following information:

Name: Shawn Dean
City/Town: Burlington
State/Province: KY

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Not a bad idea overall, but these dates are WAY too liberal. Pushing elk around in their winter grounds all winter long sounds like a good way to stress a herd into lower recruitment and higher incidental mortality. Let them rest after Dec.31

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Please provide the following information:

Name: Samuel Norden
City/Town: Bozeman
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Unopposed

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Please provide the following information:

Name: Dean Blomquist
City/Town: Ryegate
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I do not support unlimited antler B licenses that are only valid on private lands. Some districts and areas have no or very limited access to private lands. Theses very same elk are often located adjacent to private lands without access. Therefore, opportunity to remove more antlered elk may be achieved with access to state and national forest lands in general or specific districts.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Bruce McGee
City/Town: LAUREL
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

As I understand this and see it this is just a give me to land owners for them to make money from a problem they have created. If actual elk management objectives where in their best interest they would have allowed more public to hunt on their property or provide easement to land locked public land. I oppose this because it rewards bad behavior and promotes poor land use management.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **T.H. Gibson**
City/Town: **Bozeman**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I don't believe that this proposal has been openly discussed jointly by large land owners and hunters so that all of the pros and cons for both parties can be put onto the table for consideration in whether this proposal should be approved. The full vetting process would allow both parties to see what each has to lose or gain by the approval of this proposal. It would appear that one side has more to gain and the other side more to lose, but I've not seen a full, open, honest discussion of this proposal by the hunters and large land owners.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Kalob Ownby
City/Town: Murfreesboro
State/Province: TN

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I agree.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Henry D McHenry**
City/Town: **Missoula**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

As a public land hunter, I really appreciate the motivation to improve opportunity and access for elk hunting. But it seems like you're thinking about it backwards. Making either-sex/antlerless tags valid on public land only improves hunting on private land. You know this. It doesn't matter what you call it--permit, B license, whatever it may be. Reducing cow tags and restricting their use to public pushes elk to private land, and in most units will not reduce populations. If you're saying we have too many elk, that must mean that we aren't shooting enough of them. My thought then is that we should pressure elk to public land by increasing opportunities on private land. Thanks for your time and effort.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Avery
City/Town: Bozeman
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am in strong favor of this proposal as but would these tag be available to both residents and non residents over the counter?

#41

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	David W.
City/Town:	Billings
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

If the objective is to decrease population numbers I absolutely agree with the increase or addition of B tags, with that being said I also think it needs to be paired with some sort of plan for increased access to private land during the shoulder seasons. I personally have a B tag that is in 314-00 and have been unable to fill that despite spending 18 hunt days from the archery opener to mid November. The elk have been, seemingly, religiously bound to parcels of private land that hold large agricultural fields and do not permit access. The elk in that unit are described as over objective but without access we can't reduce the females in the herd and thus reduce population. I'm sure this is an argument that is stated over and over, hopefully the squeaky wheel can get greased. Can BMA be opened to only shoulder seasons to help benefit outfitters on private and public access how can we deter and reprimand public hunters from disrespecting private lands and ruining access for others, additionally how can we deter and reprimand Outfitters that are handling publicly held wildlife that forces or encourages them to reside on primarily private lands?

#42

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Fred Jakubowski
City/Town: Townsend
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Opposed to this new B license. Until access issues are addressed there is no reason to sell more tags. FWP should not be hunting elk until Feb. 15th

#43

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Joe Carr
City/Town: Missoula
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

All Antlerless permits should still be included in the non-resident cap.

#44

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Jerry McGuire
City/Town: Thompson Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

No B license in Region 1 nobody should be able to kill 2 elk

#45

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Cory Hess
City/Town: Billings
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am for unlimited number of cow licenses in areas that are indeed over objective. These however should be limited to private land only, and there should be some way to incentivize landowners to allow access. The problem is not the elk on public land. A better solution to this problem would be a more aggressive damage hunt program.

#46

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Tim Smith
City/Town: Green Bay
State/Province: WI

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Makes sense if population goals are over by 200%. Good for hunters and ranchers.

#47

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Andrew McKean**
City/Town: **Glasgow**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I previously commented on this in the general statewide field, but I will reiterate my comment here. For these districts, I recommend these unlimited antlerless permits be available only via the draw, as either first, second, or third choices. By doing this, we will select for a more serious, dedicated, and effective hunter.

#48

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Please provide the following information:

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Disagree with this proposal. Please update the objectives for each HD using recent years data before modifying the season structure. Each district should have a limited number of permits to allow effective monitoring of hunter interest, landowner tolerances for hunters and elk numbers, and harvest success rates.

#49

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Marcus Hockett**
City/Town: **BOZEMAN**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I don't like it, but this is about the only regulation change that actually makes sense to accomplish your so-called "goals" This regulation better stay on private land only, otherwise you will really be screwing the public land hunter.

Director Worsech already stated the "elk management plan is out of date" yet provided no insight as to when it will be re-visited. These objectives are a joke, they're an old social construct that are likely not accurate in the biological nor social realm anymore. Sentiment about elk has changed amongst all stakeholders in recent years. It is time to re-visit and re-evaluate the elk management plan.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Stephanie Prater
City/Town: Lewistown
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am for the unlimited cow on private tags (I think you could offer multiple tags for purchase of the same type ie one could purchase up to three (3) 900-20 antlerless B permits)

#51

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Richard Schwalbe
City/Town: Big Sky
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Applying increase to PRIVATE LANDS ONLY (in HD535)

1. Has serious political overtones implying that the wealthy have special privileges, exacerbating the rich/poor divide. It looks like corruption.
 2. Appears to be an "end-around" to the proposal removed from the December 14, 2021 agenda as the result of substantial public backlash.
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#52

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Pat Van Eimeren
City/Town:	Whitefish
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

There is no rationale provided as to why elk numbers need to be reduced now. The elk management plan from 2005 should be updated prior to attempts to reduce elk numbers. Objectives may change and the working group may come up with new tools such as landowner incentives. It is best to allow the collaborative approach to develop and look at regulation changes during the 2024-2025 biennial. Why the urgency now? Please explain that to us. We have heard the Director say that we have an elk problem. Who has determined that? Please initiate a statewide survey to determine if all user groups have that sentiment. If there are landowners that are experiencing problems then why not reinstate the damage hunt or find incentives for those landowners to allow hunter access. I'm copying the November 10, 2021 letter from UPOM here to ask the question as to who is managing the state's wildlife as the Director's proposal that created the firestorm prior to December 14 is eerily similar to the UPOM proposal. All interested parties need to sit at the table and any elk management decisions should be set aside until this happens and the elk management plan is completed.

To the Commission:

As you are aware, according to Montana law, "the commission shall determine the appropriate elk, deer, and antelope numbers that can be viably sustained...(and) the department shall implement, through existing wildlife management programs, necessary actions with the objective that the population of elk, deer, and antelope remains at or below the sustainable population" Mont. Code Ann. § 87-1-323(1). Prior hunting regulations have failed to achieve this goal for elk populations, especially for limited-entry permit districts. Of the ten districts that are the most over objective, all have limited permits.

Thus, we request the Commission to consider two proposals for consideration as part of the biennial season setting for elk management:

1. Eliminate limited-entry archery permits in all districts that are over objective.
2. Adopt a formula for setting the number of rifle permits for limited entry districts. The number of rifle permits allocated should be a function of the Department's preferred 30:100 bull-to-cow ratio, historic harvest success data, and the objective level for the district.

These proposals are intended to address two problems: persistently over-objective elk populations, and the disparate treatment of landowners in districts with a limited-entry permit.

The trend of elk populations exceeding objectives is well documented. Reducing hunting opportunity through limited-entry permits has been the primary driver of this problem. The number permits should be based on reaching the biologically healthy bull to cow ratio based on the

objective limits—not based on niceties like creating trophy opportunity.

These proposals may not fully bring the Department into compliance with this law, but they would achieve a big step in the right direction.

Sincerely,

CHARLES DENOWH

Executive Director

#53

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Ronald G Schott
City/Town: Ennis
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Over objective units need to be updated as they are way outdated. If still out of objective mske them cows only until objective is reached. Harvest should br done during regular season. Eliminate shoulder seasons. They are providing insensitive foe more private and being locked up.

#54

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Eric
City/Town: Libby
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Leave everything alone please

#55

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Mike Mershon
City/Town:	Billings
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I do not approve of a state wide OTC B licenses that are good though Feb. 15, remove the over the counter offering, make them good for the general archery/rifle/muzzle loader seasons only.

#56

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Mike Mershon
City/Town: Billings
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I do not approve of a state wide OTC B licenses that are good though Feb. 15, remove the over the counter offering, make them good for the general archery/rifle/muzzle loader seasons only. Add language stating B licenses are only good on private lands, the current language of not valid on national forests is not sufficient and needs to include BLM, state and other public lands.

#57

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Jeremy Hogsett
City/Town: Roberts
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

No new unlimited tags or permits. It only benefits outfitters and nonresidents.

#58

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Trevor Nichols
City/Town: Belgrade
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I oppose any measure that will allow hunting to take place till February 15th. I favor increased cow harvest on private lands in the hopes to reduce elk populations. This makes sense to me as populations are controlled by reproduction in females. However, I do not believe that we should have any shoulder in place which may impact already winter stressed animals.

#59

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Jeff Braaten
City/Town: Shepherd
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I like the idea of unlimited permits but why don't you do it in all of the areas that are above your objective numbers instead of only the 200% and above districts. Why not try something different because the shoulder seasons are working so well at lowering target numbers. Most of the districts in Mt are above your population objective so for the hunters that want to harvest additional cows they can.

#60

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Jeff Watkins
City/Town: Missoula
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I support additional harvest on private lands where justified by a new and accurate Elk Management Plan.

#61

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Mark Mayernik
City/Town: Lewistown
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Make the Elk B License:004-00 valid on National Forest Lands during the general archery and general rifle seasons. No, it will not stop the overabundance of elk on private land. But it will lower the overall population some because it will give the average public land hunter another opportunity to shoot a cow elk. Any elk harvested helps the problem of the overpopulation of elk.

#62

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Kurt Rued
City/Town: Bozeman
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I SUPPORT the new statewide antlerless B license valid on private land only in over objective districts. However, I expect few of these permits will be utilized if the archery hunting is changed to "unlimited" or "general" and rifle permits increased by 50% - as most of the focus will be trophy bull elk hunting, not antlerless.

#63

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Mollie Hunt
City/Town:	Glendive
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

This should be balanced by a quota that would still cap the final number of harvestable elk. There is also no presented reason to limit this to only private lands. If the elk numbers are truly too high in any area, the current proposal would only benefit private landowners, rather than address the high population numbers in an area. Hunting exclusively in one area, will only drive the high numbers to other areas where hunters are more limited to harvest the animals. It should also be clarified how many of the private areas currently allow for hunting to take place, as this could have contributed to the original problem of overly high population and damage hunts are supposed to help take care of this problem.

#64

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: BRIAN B MCCULLOUGH
City/Town: Helena
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Clarify that the unlimited antlerless licenses would be available over the counter until Feb 14.

#65

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Cole Dallaserra
City/Town: Butte
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

This is a good start at targeting the "problem" elk in these HD that are over objective. It gives landowners with little tolerance a mechanism to manage their operations as they see fit. However, I do think it should be an urgency to update the Statewide Elk Management Plan and operate under a more current and validated population objective number in all HD based more on carrying capacity and science rather than tolerance. The access issue is still going to be an issue in these HD especially on places leased by outfitters and non traditional landowners whom have high tolerances for elk. But as mentioned before, it at least gives those operations with little tolerance a mechanism for management and is less hands on than administering localized damage hunts and generates revenue from sale of these license types. Maybe revenue from these particular license sales can be used to help increase access.

#66

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Chris Griffiths
City/Town: Columbia Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I Do NOT support any additional Antlerless elk tags. We are seeing such few animals the last few years and I believe it is from the over harvest of cows. Whether it be from shoulder seasons or regular seasons, the amount of cows that are being harvested is off the charts and the amount of cow elk has become breathtakingly low. I have a great number of trail cameras set up in a number of game units in sw MT and the cow elk numbers that I see are absolutely alarming. Especially when comparing them to the far greater numbers that I was observing just a few years prior

#67

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Scott Vollmer**
City/Town: **Gallatin Gateway**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Dear Commissioners,

I fully support the creation of a new over-the-counter elk antlerless B license that is valid only on private land in hunting districts that are over 200% over-objective. Many, if not all, of the hunting districts this affects have an overabundance of elk on private land. The only way to address this overabundance is with a robust cow harvest and this tag does precisely that. However, some have argued that there is no use in having a tag if there is no way to access the antlerless elk because the landowners will not allow public access. I respectfully ask that you ignore these short-sighted arguments and instead continue to seek solutions to incentive landowners to allow more public access. A perfect example is the most recent 454 agreement that you completed with the Wilks Brothers. I have been told through reliable sources that as of last week they have allowed residents to harvest over 150 cows from their property. If this is true, this is direct evidence that this program is working immediately and impressively.

Many have argued that we do not have an "elk problem"; we have an "access problem". I am in complete agreement. Unfortunately, immediately following this statement is often a suggestion to address this problem that involves punitive actions towards the landowners denying access. The idea that we need to fight these landowners instead of finding common ground with them has been the cumulative history of this argument for 16 years. I personally prefer a reward or incentive towards these landowners, something you have begun to address with your 454 agreements. Despite the constant drone of the detractors, this is the correct path, and I urge you to continue down this path. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Scott Vollmer
MOGA Director at Large

#68

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Marvin mace
City/Town: Helena
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I'm against this primarily because the cows are carrying calves in to February, Also most of theses districts are access restrictive, or they are controlled by outfitters and the landowners seem very content to let the elk live on their property,.this state is turning into ranching for wildlife sad

#69

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Matthew Strauch
City/Town: Chester
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Changes to Montana's elk hunting regulations SHOULD NOT be made until a more current elk management plan is drafted.

#70

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Jake Schwaller
City/Town:	Billings
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, on behalf of our 3,000+ dues-paying members, submits these comments regarding the statewide 2022/2023 antlerless B license proposal.

Montana BHA believes that the foundation of Montana's successful hunting heritage is rooted in our state's adoption of public trust principles, and we hold few species in higher regard than our elk. Montana's elk hunting legacy is at stake with these proposals. Montana BHA strongly urges the Fish & Wildlife Commission to maintain the status quo with the seasons as they currently stand until the following issues can be addressed by FWP.

First, we ask that the suite of changes re: elk hunting in Montana be denied for failure to follow sound public process. Both this Commission and the public have a right to fully understand what motivated FWP to suggest these changes without any updated elk management plan or clear data. Since the inception of these proposals, there have been issues with incomplete, missing or confusing information provided by FWP. During many regional meetings, FWP's biologists pointed out that the proposed changes on the website did not match the changes as they understood them, creating a situation where the public truly doesn't even know what we're commenting on. This makes it impossible for the public to fully understand the effects of these proposals, rendering the process, at minimum, ineffective, and potentially in full violation of the public's rights.

Second, the objective population standards being used to justify these statewide changes are based upon numbers that are long outdated. FWP has an obligation to provide updated management objectives prior to any comprehensive alterations to elk hunting in Montana. To make these novel changes without operating on any corresponding new data is not simply unprofessional, it is reckless. It puts the cart well before the horse and provides no means to measure and quantify success, nor to justify the wholesale changes being proposed.

Third, if we were to accept the process and the reasoning behind many of these proposals (which we don't), we're still forced to point out that these proposals do not address the stated problem of too many elk, especially on private lands:

The Antlerless B proposal would continue the failed experiment of shoulder seasons by extending cow tags through February 15. Shoulder seasons were implemented in 2015 as a three-year experiment; seven years later, they have proven to be as divisive as they are useless at reducing over-objective elk populations. The answer cannot be doubling down on something that simply has not worked and expecting different results. For this reason, we oppose the statewide antlerless B license proposal.

The Commission's decision now regarding the future of our elk will echo for many years to come. We implore the Commission to make its determinations based upon updated elk management objectives, sound science and comprehensive and transparent public participation and input. Therefore, we ask that the Commission please reject these proposals and maintain the status quo until new elk management objectives are in place. To do otherwise would be a gross breach of the public's trust.

Respectfully,

Jake Schwaller
Montana Chapter of BHA Board Member
montana@backcountryhunters.org

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

City/Town: Missoula
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I disagree with allowing unlimited antlerless b licenses. They should not go to February 15 as sportsmen have time and time again rejected these late seasons. If we do have this change in licenses, they should only be valid until the end of general season and not go into a late season. Elk should not be counted on private land for objective data. Many of the elk in these units are not accessible. Killing all the elk on public land with these excessive hunting seasons is not solving the objective issue and does not help with landowner conflicts with elk. Again, if these units are so over objective, shut down bull hunting and only allow antlerless elk to be harvested until the objective is reached.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Sean Benton
City/Town: Missoula
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

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

#73

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Charlie Talarico
City/Town: Missoula
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

February 15th is to late to hunt elk. January 15th or February 1st seems more ethical and won't tarnish relationships between landowners and hunters. This won't be a sustainable proposal for long term goals. We need a new elk management plan!

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	John Herzer
City/Town:	Missoula
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Support. Though none of the proposed changes in elk regs should be passed before a new science based management plan is accepted (200% over who's "objectives"), this seems like a logical addition. Hopefully, this would encourage private land owners to open up some hunting and further the urgent need to distribute elk more evenly across private/public lands.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Dustin Fisk
City/Town:	Bozeman
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I oppose the the b license proposal

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Michael Prater
City/Town: Lewistown
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am in favor of this unlimited private only cow permit. I think people should be able to purchase more than 1.

#77

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Guy Stickney
City/Town: Miles City
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I do not support the statewide nature of this tag. I support an increase in antlerless opportunity for elk in most of these units but to avoid overharvest in any of the units, the antlerless permits need to be unit specific.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Angelo Reda**
City/Town: **Lewistown**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

The state has already added an insane amount of cow hunting opportunity to the regulations so why do we think that adding more will solve the so called problem. At what point are we going to realize that the problem has to do with insufficient access and bogus objective number. It's time to update the EMP and use real world numbers. Or maybe we should just focus on following the current EMP before making any other changes

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Brian Robbins
City/Town: Anaconda
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Opposed to changes until a new EMP is in place. Reasons are as follows if you choose to read further. As a lifelong Montana Resident with 40 years of hunting, every year for the last several years seems to get just a little worse when it comes to hunting public land. Elk numbers on Public land have been on a dramatic downward spiral in recent years and these proposals do nothing to reverse that trend. I would argue the majority of these elk proposals will only further the decline of elk on public lands. While I've struggled to find the right words to express my comments, I've read Helena Hunters and Anglers Comments as well as Montana Wildlife Federation. I believe they are spot on and I agree with them regarding elk management in Montana.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Eric Midtlyng
City/Town: Missoula
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am opposed to this proposal, specifically with the proposed season duration for these licenses.

#81

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Paul Kemper**
City/Town: **Bozeman**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I oppose this proposal. I wish I could support it because it would potentially benefit me personally, but here is why I am against it. In the 2005 Elk Management Plan, which is outdated, it states, "To avoid over-harvest of accessible elk on public lands or private lands open to hunting, the inaccessible elk may not be included in objective numbers." I understand that this tag is private land only, but the idea that we are going to essentially double-down on elk shoulder seasons, which were meant to be temporary and scientifically backed, and have been proven largely ineffective, and introduce new de facto shoulder seasons when we are operating on outdated data is wrong. We should have an updated elk management plan before any broad-sweeping changes are made.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Jack Sorum
City/Town:	Florence
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am opposed to this proposal based on the following. I believe this is too much pressure on elk in these units for an extremely long season. I hunt elk and or apply for elk licenses in other western states including Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico. No state has a season even remotely close to what Montana has, and add in the shoulder seasons, and elk are hunted and harassed from September archery till February rifle season. It is not a reasonable approach to elk management and causes too much long term disturbance to elk, landowners, and other adjoining wildlife. I am also deeply concerned about the grossly outdated and unscientific elk objectives that are used by MFWP and the legislature. It is time to put science, data, and an objective biological approach to determining elk objectives and a units carrying capacity. Let's put biologists back into elk management, and take the politics out of elk management.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Mitchell Thompson
City/Town: Helena
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

They should not allow unlimited tags on private land. This is absolutely insane. If the private land owners want to trim down the elk beards and get elk off their property, they need to open it up for block management so hunters can do it for them. This will just cause a paid hunting crisis where only people with land will decide who gets to shoot the elk and what cost. We can't let land owners have the hunting power. Nobody owns these animals.

#84

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Cameron Schmitz
City/Town:	Missoula
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

This is a ridiculous proposal. Montana does not have a tag issue. There are plenty of hunters who would be willing to hunt elk in districts with good populations. If private land owners have trouble with the elk on their properties they should enroll in block management. This is privatizing big game hunting giving power to land owners and not the average hunter. Big money is now coming into Montana and influencing decision making. I am strongly against this.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Kyle Mlynar**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Please quit playing politics and use real science to determine population objectives rather than rancher complaints

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Colton Kaspar
City/Town: Big Timber
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Disagree with shoulder seasons that go above the science based objectives.

#87

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Lance Morlock
City/Town: Kalispell
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Keep limited to residents only. Reduce or forbid non resident

#88

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Tyler Warren
City/Town: Missoula
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

This additional tagging would increase the ability of hunters to help maintain sustainable elk populations in a district that includes large portions of private land.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Wesley Sherman
City/Town: Stevensville
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I support the idea of restricting successful permit applicants to only hunting the designated hunting district for which their permit is valid. This has been implemented with mule deer as far back as I can remember, and I believe implementing this restriction will help slightly with overcrowding.

Although it is not listed or is unclear in the proposal, I propose the following suggestions:

- If an applicant is successful for an Archery Only permit, that applicant should not be allowed to hunt antlered elk under the General Elk License during the firearm season. This would do one of two things:
 - o Lessen the overcrowding issue in the general units if the applicant was successful in acquiring an archery only permit.
 - o Lessen the overcrowding issue in the limited permit hunting district as an applicant does not want to lose his/her ability to hunt the general units.
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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Wesley Sherman
City/Town: Stevensville
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I support the unlimited B licenses on private lands to manage elk populations although I oppose how the units are decided to be above, at, or below objectives.

Habitat, land use, private lands & public lands access, diseases, populations of human and game, etc. have changed drastically over the past decade. It is unacceptable and irresponsible to manage, propose, and implement ideas based entirely on the guidelines of an almost 20-year-old document (Elk Management Plan). Stating that a hunting district is any percentage at, above, or below objective based on the current EMP is misleading.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Shawn Moody
City/Town: Kalispell
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

In favor at long as those districts didn't also increase public lands elk tags, though we are "over objective" the carrying capacity of the land could hold more elk, and now elk is what I would like to see. If we open up unlimited harvest on private and increase public land tags I fear we will take too many animals

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Ian Wargo**
City/Town: **Kalispell**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Please consider letting the process play out before prior to enacting these drastic changes to our elk regulations. FWP is currently in the process of revising the elk management plan. As part of that process elk objectives will be reviewed and updated. I have to wonder if much of the flack that FWP gets with elk being over objective could be alleviated with adopting a more reasonable elk objective number. I'm not saying the elk objective will go up with the results from the elk management plan, but the results of that plan are critical to making informed decisions on regulation changes. An observation that I think has weigh in this conversation is that Montana is home to approximately 2.6 million cattle and last elk number I saw was roughly 150,000 elk give or take a little. That's roughly 17 times more cattle in the state than elk, begs the question what is the states carrying capacity of elk compared to the elk objective. I think showing the discrepancy between those two numbers would be very educational... Thanks.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: J Barr
City/Town: Victor
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

If the goal is to reduce population, why restrict this to private land only? Obviously the majority of hunting access is via public land. Opening this to private land-only will not effectively address overpopulation as most private land owners do not allow access. This should be open to all public lands without the restriction to private property.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Michael Kubas
City/Town: Great Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I do not support an increase in Elk B permits on private lands. We have been hunting cows Aug 15 - Feb 15th for 7 years and it has not really reduced Elk numbers. We need to update our population objectives before we move forward on such a proposal.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Sean
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I disagree with allowing unlimited antlerless b licenses. They should not go to February 15 as sportsmen have time and time again rejected these late seasons. If we do have this change in licenses, they should only be valid on private land and until the end of general season and not go into a late season. Elk should not be counted on private land for objective data. Many of the elk in these units are not accessible. Killing all the elk on public land with these excessive hunting seasons is not solving the objective issue and does not help with landowner conflicts with elk. Again, if these units are so over objective, shut down bull hunting and only allow antlerless elk to be harvested until the objective is reached.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Kyle Marvinney**
City/Town: **BOZEMAN**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

If controlling elk populations is the goal, then more antler-less elk hunting sounds great. However, it would be nice to see some assurance of better public access combined with this proposal. As someone who does not have access to private land beyond BMAs, this increase is of little help to me. Perhaps rather than increasing the number of permits, it would be more worthwhile to create further incentives for private landowners to put land into the BMA program to give the hunting public more opportunities to access elk on private land. More private land tags benefits landowners, those privileged enough to have private land access, and outfitters. With this in mind, Im not sure I see how this will really bring elk numbers down as it does not create more opportunities to access elk hunting. If this proposal were paired with a goal of adding more BMA access, then I would be strongly in support of it but as is, I dont feel it does enough for the general public hunter.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: D.J. Zor
City/Town: Columbia Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

While reducing herd size by increasing antlerless B licenses makes good sense, I cannot support a proposal that supports the already proven failed shoulder season three year experiment that is going into its 7th year.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Molly VandeVoort
City/Town: Columbia Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I strongly oppose the Antlerless B proposal. I believe shoulder seasons are an outdated season extension and this proposal seeks to perpetuate a failing process that currently exists. In 2015, shoulder seasons were sold to the public as a three-year experiment. Today we know these are polarizing and failing to reduce over-objective elk populations. To perpetuate and replicate something that is already failing is to fulfill the criteria for the definition of insanity.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Kevin Farron
City/Town: Missoula
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Please reject the Antlerless B license proposal. While I commend the department and the commission for putting forward a proposed solution that actually - at face value - addresses the stated problem of too many elk (on private lands), I cannot support the continuation of the failed experiment that is shoulder seasons. This was supposed to be a trial tool with clear measurements of success outlined and expectations that the tool would not be continued if it wasn't meeting these goals; the program hasn't, it's been a failure, yet the Department continues to push it. Montana has the longest elk hunting season in the country: 12+ weeks between archery and rifle and now muzzleloader. The problem isn't nor ever has been season length; the problem is access to elk. Again, while I'm appreciative that this proposal targets private lands only - instead of some of the extremely contradictory decisions to allow shoulder season hunts on public lands - but I still can't support trying this same thing over and over again and expecting different results. One oft overlooked effect of the shoulder seasons is the fact that it's made the hunt roster damage hunts nearly obsolete. We need to put more efforts into the scalpel-like approach of the hunt roster damage hunts by creating two application periods - one for early season damage hunts and one for late season damage hunts - to provide better, equitable opportunities for Montana hunters looking to fill their freezers and create better, more reliable lists of hunters for landowners experiencing legitimate damages from publicly owned wildlife. And finally, hunters must be ever conscious of the non-hunting public's perception of hunters and hunting; killing elk in January and February does little to help the future of hunting. And of course - and there's a theme here - these conversations should not even be taking place until we have updated elk objectives to help guide our decisions. For these reasons, I ask that you please reject the Antlerless B license proposal. Thank you, -Kevin Farron

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Brian Scott
City/Town: GLEN
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Have no problem with increased quotas for the private lands but hunting them for 6 months is unacceptable! Get in there and get them and disperse them during the general season. This will put more elk on public lands and available to the public. Why have we started to cater to private interests with a public resource that is the envy of the world? It is inhumane to pressure these poor cows for 6 months of the year starting while they are still nursing calves until they are packing sizable fetuses!

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Paul Dinkins
City/Town: Bozeman
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Please vote no on expanding the failed shoulder season experiment which has done nothing to decrease over objective elk numbers. This is just one example among the vast proposed changes which are a complete re-imagining of elk hunting in Montana and incredibly ill conceived. There has been a lack of opportunity for public engagement, and lack of input from and time for consideration by the FWP department's professional wildlife managers. With the stated aim of "simplifying hunting regulations" in Montana, what has been proposed only makes things more confusing and further removed from sound science and social input. Based on outdated population standards and no foundation in biology, the proposals seem like they will massively decrease the quality of elk hunting in Montana, especially on public land and do nothing to decrease elk populations in over objective areas. In fact, the proposals will likely drive elk onto private land. These proposals are great for outfitters and horrible for montanans and land owners who actually want to decrease the number of elk on their valuable range land. Specifically I object to the increase of either-sex bull permits in many areas, changing the 900-20 permits, the failed experiment of cow elk shoulder seasons, and the "pick your district" limitations on Montana residents. Please go back to the drawing board and reject the unprofessional and irresponsible "try it and see" approach to regulating this species. Please consider getting back to the long overdue revision of our Elk Management Plan with a diverse group of stakeholders before hastily overhauling elk hunting in Montana. Please vote no, and thank you for your service

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Brian Barbaree
City/Town: Columbia Falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I support this B-tag on private lands for areas that are over objective during normal season dates. I do not support hunting elk until February 15th, however. If private land owners would like to have elk harvested on their land, they should enroll in BMA or similar programs allowing cow elk hunting. Extending seasons into mid February does more than just allow additional harvest. It adds continued stress on the remainder of the herd during times that elk need to conserve their energy resources.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Chris Griffiths
City/Town: Columbia falls
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I absolutely oppose this. If this proposal goes forward it will take decades to return the elk population to a acceptable level. I am a hardcore hunter and so are many of my friends are also. It is the general consensus that the cows have been absolutely hammered because of the shoulder seasons and now we're starting to see the results of that. I very frustrating hunt that rarely equates to a successful hunt

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: THOMAS PUCHLERZ
City/Town: Stevensville
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

In all of these hunting districts there are incredible numbers of antlerless elk hunting opportunities available from antlerless harvest on private lands with a general tag, shoulder season opportunities with both B licenses and a general license, antlerless permits, etc.. It is not the lack of licenses that is preventing from getting populations to objective but lack of access to those elk on private land during the general archery and rifle season. I would suggest that time and effort developing actions that would require more cow harvest such as cow only harvest during a major portion of the general archery and rifle season (in the current elk mgmt. plan as an alternative but has never been used) or a requirement to harvest a cow if you want to harvest a bull would go a long way further to reducing populations to objective than just throwing more antlerless licenses at the problem. I do not support this proposal because it does nothing to resolve the problem and will likely be counterproductive in regards to landowner hunter relations and in the general support of hunting as an acceptable wildlife management action.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: THOMAS PUCHLERZ
City/Town: Stevensville
State/Province: MT

Q2

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Scott Ball
City/Town: Missoula
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

HD 260 should not be included in this. There are already options for OTC B licenses in 260. Over objective is according to an outdated elk management plan. I do not support HD 260 being included in this B license list

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Hunter Johnstone
City/Town:	Missoula
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

The B tags have not shown themselves as particularly effective tools for elk management. Let's not do more of what isn't working.

#108

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Randy Newberg
City/Town: Bozeman
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I support unlimited antlerless elk permits in these units, on private lands, during the general elk seasons. The term "Valid only on private lands" must be used. Currently, some draft proposals say "not valid on National Forest Lands." That is a huge difference, as it leaves out BLM lands and State Trust Lands.

I support unlimited antlerless permits in these units, provide such tags are "Only Valid On Private Lands."

#109

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Gene Bosley
City/Town: Cottonwood Heights
State/Province: UT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I support elk B proposal, but it should be clarified whether this includes, as it should, block management lands.

#110

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: KARSON ROSANDER
City/Town: BILLINGS
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I oppose the proposal. There should be no distinction between quotas on government land and private land.

#111

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Aaron Agosto
City/Town: Bigfork
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Dear Fish and Wildlife Commisioners,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the antlerless b license proposal. B seasons were introduced as an experiment, which has shown to be largely unsuccessful. I am asking that you please reject this proposal.

Thank you.

#112

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: ELIZABETH MCFARLAND
City/Town: OTTER
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

Yet another inappropriate, unjustified unnecessary and non-supportable proposal that fundamentally and unfairly pits private land against public land hunters. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING I CAN SUPPORT WITH THIS PROPOSAL IN REGION 7. AND AGAIN, NO CUMMULATIVE ANALYSIS AS TO CONSEQUENCES ALONG WITH OTHER PROPOSALS THAT INCREASE TAKE.

I am a private landowner with a cow/calf operation in Region 7 and currently there are plenty of tools and opportunity to manage elk numbers on private land. This proposal is nothing more than a greedy in your face grab to commercialize and privatize elk.

Unlike the other Regions listed in this proposal, the 200% above objective for Region 7 is based on the 2005 Elk Mgt plan that placed elk objectives extremely low as there was limited data with this new herd. With 80% of Region 7 in private land, that low objective would demand a substantial landowner request for depredation hunts as elk numbers increased and tolerance decreased, but that hasn't occurred (Region 7 data). So there is no social rationale for this proposal in region 7 (much less scientific). These proposals can't just materialize to fit an agenda - show me the issue, problem or need other than a self serving, greedy and ultimately destructive proposal for Region 7.

And finally as stated elsewhere, not interested in a proposal that will cause a congo line of hunters at my front gate, innumerable phone calls and increase trespass as this proposal will result for us, particularly since we are a large block of private adjacent to public land.

#113

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

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The claim that there are "too many elk" is a falsehood. Who says there's too many elk in MT? I've lived and hunted in MT my entire life and I've never heard anyone other than FWP and wealthy land owners say there are too many elk. I especially do not hear this from other hunters.

Here's some facts:

MT total area - 93,155,800 acres

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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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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Please provide the following information:

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am not in support of this at all. Block management parcels are already overwhelmed, and I can't imagine how much worse this would make it. I could see it MAYBE working in units that are already general units and this would in addition to those.

#115

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: **Marcus Svee**
City/Town: **Corvallis**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I support this proposal.

#116

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Jordan Carter
City/Town:	Missoula
State/Province:	MT

Q2

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As a side note as somebody who has hunted around 260 almost all of my life I can guarantee there is not too many elk in that district. The only people complaining about too many elk are a handful of wealthy land owners that do not allow any hunting. And all of the INSANE hunting pressure in the District has driven all of the elk to the private land. If you go out and hunt around 260 you find hardly any elk sign anywhere on public land.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: ARTHUR ROSANDER
City/Town: COLSTRIP
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I oppose this proposal. There should be no distinction between quotas on public or private lands.

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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name: Chris Pileski
City/Town: Miles City
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

- I do not support generalized private land cow hunting into February. In my opinion to truly get at better management of the cow elk population we will have to make the hard decision to disincentivize the harvest of only bull elk. In my opinion, AFTER, we have gone through the collaborative process of updating the elk management plan, those HD's that are deemed scientifically over objective for population should have limited or no bull elk harvest allowed until that population is back under objective. I believe that this would incentivize landowners to allow access to the public to manage the cow herd in order to in the future secure bull tags that they so covet. Without a change like this those large landowners are never going to be incentivized to manage their elk herd because their clients don't pay large sums of money to shoot cows and they certainly aren't going to allow the public on the property to harvest cows because they sell access to unmolested herds of elk. That is just my opinion, if managing the cow herd is truly an objective of all the proposed changes.
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Q1

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Tavis P Campbell
City/Town:	Missoula
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022–2023 antlerless B license proposal

I am okay with the unlimited cow tags on private land only in 2X over objective units. But to keep hunting elk through February must be considered harmful to the elk for obvious reasons.

I also support mandatory elk and deer checks for hunters. Like you must report your harvest. How else are the biologists going to ever get an accurate count on what people are taking. Montana is behind the times on that front!
