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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)

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Had a deer permit for area 652 this year. 200 tags for bucks for this area is to many. this area has extremely good access maybe to good. You will not have a trophy area with this many tags given out. it needs to be reduced to 100 or less for a while. I did harvest a great buck but it cannot sustain this many tags every year and produce great bucks in large numbers.

Thanks, Skip

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## #2

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### Q1

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### Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 620, HD 621, HD 622
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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I do not support increasing the quotas on 620-20 from 60 to 70 and on 622-20 from 50 to 60. I have hunted these units for 15+ years every year during the archery season and have witnessed the elk populations continue to decline along with the quality of bulls continue to drop. I hunt on public lands in these units and the elk are really struggling in these areas. There should not be any type of increase in ES permits with the current state of the elk herds. These are highly sought ES permits in these districts and by increasing the quotas, it will inevitably lower the quality of the hunt for those lucky enough to draw these premium permits. Please do not increase these quotas.

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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 620,  
HD 621,  
HD 622

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I like them but I think it needs to be changed to open general bull tags with a general tag. No special draw

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## #4

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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 622,  
HD 630,  
HD 631

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Do not expand 622. The East side of timber creek needs to remain in 631. No reason for this!

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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)

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I oppose all changes and support leaving season structures, districts and quotas in place for the next two years. This process dictated by the director was severely flawed and suggests that he doesn't understand the hunters of Montana, game biology or the social aspects of big game management.

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## #6

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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)

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am in favor of the proposed changes. I would also like to add that I think a motorized hunting rule needs to be somehow created and implemented in region 6. Too many people drive all over on two tracks and hunt from their vehicles and it really needs to be addressed. I think in order to improve the overall experience, we should close down two-tracks during hunting season and make more walk in only areas on public land. I believe this would dramatically improve hunting in region 6.

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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 620,  
HD 621,  
HD 622,  
HD 630,  
HD 631,  
HD 632,  
HD 690

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6'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.

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## #8

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### Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province: MT  
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### Q2

HD 630

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

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Specific details are confusing. If someone draws are they fully restricted from hunting antlered bulls in any other hunting district period for the whole season; or are they only restricted from hunting bull elk only for the archery season dates; and what is meant by "any other portion of the HD"? ; and does the date reference ("during these described season dates") only modify the hunting in a portion of the district or hunting Bull elk in other districts as well.

In short, if I draw a tag for archery hunting can I rifle hunt in another general elk area open for bull elk in the rifle season? If not I object to these rules.

I may have other objections depending on what the specific details mean.

Thanks, DonNetzer

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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 620,
	HD 621,
	HD 622,
	HD 630,
	HD 631,
	HD 632,
	HD 690

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Even though I am a nonresident. I seen way more non-resident Hunters the last two years in these areas and think that they are killing way to many bucks and need to chop off the last 2 weeks . let them get bigger

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# #10

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## Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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**City/Town:** Glasgow  
**State/Province:** MT  
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## Q2

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

HD 630,  
HD 631,  
HD 632

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

the change of only allowing to hunt antlered elk in your permitted area is a great change. I believe the quota numbers are a little high for all permits. antlerless elk should be no more than 30 until resident cow numbers are established in this area. bull numbers should lower to around 15 as the bulls don't stay in the area as soon as pressure of hunting starts they move to 622, which is also the reason the archery tags should be set around 150.

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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)

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I'd like to comment on how big 670 is and how over ran we are with out of state hunters. Us as land owner have to chase and run off all of your road hunting out I'd staters. Why cant you just have a draw tag per district so it take the pressure off of some areas. You going to say there hunting public land, well they do till every approach or sign in box has 3 pickups from Washington at it. Then they start to road hunt the private land. I know this is a waste of typing because all your doing is managing money. Out of staters tear up our county roads and none of your money comes back to our counties, we just get to deal with it. I have 3 boys and want them to learn to hunt but they see how frustrated I get with hunters so there going to have a sour taste in the mouth bout it there whole lives. Contact me if you actually care. 406-674-5487

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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)

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The whole notion of allowing bull hunting on private lands without a special permit in areas that require permits on public was the biggest potential give-away to private landowners and outfitters I have ever heard of. Thank heavens that was squashed. Such a bad idea. The unlimited archery hunting drives elk onto private making them inaccessible during the rifle season. With archers shooting 70-80yds anymore, there is also too much bull wounding loss as well which is evident in the declining quality of bulls in units 600 and 700 series. A special permit holder should be able to hold out for a 350 class bull given the genetics and range condition, but they don't get old enough. My experience anymore is you better shoot the first 3 yr old 6 pt you see which is pretty sad. Please start to manage all limited entry elk units on a age range target for bulls, like Utah. Also, if FWP allowed cow hunting across the state on the general tag, that's about all they should have to do to cater to big private landowners. If they don't allow public cow hunting and complain about elk numbers, FWP could also tell them they can have unlimited cow tags on their place and have at it on their own land. The cows will move back on to the public in response. These artificially low elk tolerance numbers that set the goals are a big part of the misperception Montana has too many elk. Success rate should tell the department there aren't too many elk for the hunters. 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 621,  
HD 622,  
HD 630,  
HD 631,  
HD 632,  
HD 690

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Giving unlimited antlerless tags on private land isn't a good solution. Access to these lands is the issue. Changing boundaries is only going make things more difficult and FWP came out this year saying it was trying to simplify the regulations. Also increasing these units will make management harder to control.

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## Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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## Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	<b>HD 622,</b>
	<b>HD 630,</b>
	<b>HD 631,</b>
	<b>HD 632</b>

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I feel this is a huge step backwards by changing these three districts into one. Back in the in the 70's when I started bow hunting there were no districts as to where you could hunt, granted there were less people but we would all concentrate on a area where the elk were. Then the districts were broke up and you had to apply for a permit, this solved the problem to a certain extent and it still created good hunting. Once the (elk sanctuaries in 622) came on board the elk were pushed over there and the hunting slowly went to HELL. What needs to be done is to find a way to allow more hunting opportunities in these areas. Another thing that should be done to get actual ( hunt able numbers ) is survey these areas during the hunting season, when 75% of the elk have moved into 622. I have lived and hunted here all of my life and 10 of the 14 elk I have harvested on my 631 permit have been taken in the area that you are proposing to make into 622. Eliminating the best chances for a 631 permit holder to harvest an elk. You talk about making regulations and boundaries easier and you want to remove a natural boundary that has been in place for years, seems rather counter productive to me. I know there is a lot of issues in the western part of the state but I don't think there has ever been an issue over here. Another problem that definitely needs to be addressed is the out of state hunters. There has to be a better way to control their numbers, I stated I have lived and hunted here my whole life, and I have never, seen as many out of state hunters as I saw this year, it was pathetic !!!!!!! PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THESE HUNTING DISTRICTS AND PERMIT NUMBERS and do something about the out of state hunters.

Thank You B.J. Erickson ( a very concerned hunter)

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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)

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Montana is the only state that has a 5 week deer rifle season and allows rifle hunting during the rut and then a muzzleloader season that follows. Montana also have the worst age quality in mule deer when compared to the neighboring states of Wyoming, Idaho, and the Dakotas. We need shorter seasons, also I have no issue with the muzzleloader season but it should be a separate permit that prevents hunters from hunting the general rifle season as well.

With Montana's population increase we need to do something to address overhunting of deer, simply shortening the season by 1-2 weeks would have a significant increase in deer quality.

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## #16

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**Q1**

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
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**Q2**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	<b>HD 620,</b>
	<b>HD 621,</b>
	<b>HD 622,</b>
	<b>HD 630,</b>
	<b>HD 631,</b>
	<b>HD 632</b>

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I have Archery hunted this area(630/631) for the last 5 years, and I disagree with the proposed boundary change idea. I camp in the cottonwoods, the proposed change would mean that I could hunt the one side of the road and not the other. This will cause issues with hunting or shooting a bull on one side of the boundary and it crossing onto the other. This would cut my hunting access in half for where I like to hunt. I would suggest looking closer at each unit and hunting times and adjust numbers as needed. I moved from Utah and I'm afraid that were headed down the same road. I think Nevada is going to a quota per unit, once the number of animals are killed per unit/season it's done.

I dislike the new "Traditional" muzzle load season dates and idea. First, if you're going to have a muzzleloader season have All muzzle loader not just Traditional. Second, the date needs to be at the end of November not another hunt to put more pressure on the animal after it's been hunted to death for months. I would suggest for all muzzle loader and a date more like the last week or 2 of the season in November. Thanks for opening this up for discussion.

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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)

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Due to the overwhelming number of deer hunters over the last couple of years , I believe Montana should end the general deer season before the majority of the rut . End general season approximatly November 10 each year.

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## #18

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**Q1**

Contact information: (optional)

**Name:** Benjamin A Douglass  
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**State/Province:** ND  
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**Q2****HD 622**Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:  
(optional)**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I've hunted this area for several years now. The complete lack of deer last year was incredible. I hunt harder than most. My morning hikes are anywhere from 3 to 11 miles. I hunted the general season tag last fall. In 5 days of hunting and hiking I seen 11 deer. No bucks even close to being a size to harvest. The deer are simply gone. I talked to multiple people from fat old guys to physically fit men who hunt the same way I do. Deer are just not there. Rumors of "blue tongue" being the cause seem to be the general story. Idk if there's any truth to that or not but it seems like a strange coincidence. If you don't do something about the tag numbers and stop your doe hunts in this area I don't see it recovering for a very long time. I've seen this exact scenario take place in northeast Oregon. It was well over a decade almost two now before the deer population even came back. Hence why I hunt Montana now. Maybe I'm a idiot and have no idea what I'm talking about but from what I've seen with the yearly decline in deer numbers on the breaks is strikingly similar. It wasn't just me not seeing game, it was everyone. Hopefully this provides some insight and some changes are made. I highly doubt it. These animals are revenue and are treated as so, it's not about the game. Unfortunate. I've seen it in Oregon and it seems like Montana is following in suite. I'm not trying to be negative or some know it all, just a guy who loves to hunt and seeing wildlife out in nature. Hope this helps.

Sincerely

Benjamin Douglass

# #19

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## Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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## Q2

HD 621

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

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Change regulations to 4 pt mule deer buck or mule deer doe. Leave to end of season

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## #20

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### Q1

Contact information: (optional)

**Name:** Rod Donahue  
**City/Town:** Harlem  
**State/Province:** MT

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### Q2

HD 621

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

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I briefly looked at the proposed changes to the elk permits and licenses for HD621. I've hunted this district for 20 years and have noticed this year the drought and grasshoppers may have changed the grazing (migration?) habits of the elk. Finding a cow elk in HD 621 (off the CMR) was difficult during the normal rifle season and I wasn't able to fill my 698-00 permit. Additionally, my hunting partner currently has a 699-00 license and we have found elk on four out of five day-hunts to HD 621 (Dec 15-Jan 1). It seems to me that since 698-00 is proposed to be changed from a permit to a license, it could simply be combined with 699-00. This would create more opportunities (time) for hunters to harvest an antlerless elk in HD 621 without increasing the number of licenses sold. Thank you.

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## #21

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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 620, HD 621, HD 622
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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I agree completely that liberalizing tag allocation for more bull harvest will decrease the quality of the hunt experience in the breaks units.

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## #22

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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 622,
	HD 630,
	HD 631,
	HD 632

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am opposed to the proposal to move the HD 622 east boundary from Timber Creek to the Ridge Road and the Burke Ranch Road. This cuts out a big chunk of the best elk hunting in HD 631. HD 632 has very few elk in it and this proposal will just put more pressure on the eastern half of the present districts of HD 632 and 631. HD 622 is already a large HD.

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#23

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**Q1** Respondent skipped this question

Contact information: (optional)

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**Q2** HD 620,  
Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 621,  
(optional) HD 622,  
HD 630,  
HD 631,  
HD 632,  
HD 690

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**Q3**  
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Stop the practically unlimited deer hunting and stop hunting them in the rut

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**Q1** Respondent skipped this question

Contact information: (optional)

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**Q2** HD 620,  
Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 621,  
(optional) HD 622,  
HD 630

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Youth Tag 699-01 should allow the youth elk hunters to harvest up through February 15th. The two day early start does help youth hunters but the weather the past 5 years has no been conducive to high success rates. To better manage elk numbers and ensure youth success the tag needs to go through February. The 699-00 tag for the same areas allows adult hunters to hunt through February. My daughters have hunted the 699-01 tag the last 6 years. We have filled the tag 2/6 times. 33% after very hard hunting. Being an experienced elk hunter we had to hunt very hard to fill those tags. Compared to the 313 Youth cow hunt tag which we have filled 4/4 100% success rate. Hunting on the CMR game range can't be the issue when there is a special youth tag within shooting distance from Yellowstone National Park.

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**Q1**

Contact information: (optional)

**Name:** Landon holte  
**City/Town:** Fort Peck  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

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

HD 622,  
HD 630,  
HD 631,  
HD 632

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Hello,

I strongly discourage the change in boundaries for the 622/631 area. For several years now there are ample opportunities for hunters to harvest elk in all of the units in region 6, mainly number of tags given out. plus shoulder seasons for more opportunities. This area east of Timber creek was removed from late season hunts to try and keep the elk that winter on that side over there on given winters. Now if that boundary change occurs that area will be open again to late seasons and more hunting pressure. I have hunted 622 for several years now for cow elk only. The amount of pressure by both residents and nonresidents driving these elk herds to private inaccessible land is the main problem occurring in that area in my opinion. This area is also seeing a large increase in nonresident mule deer hunters that are also increasing pressure in that area. Spike camps for hunters are now being setup away from traditional camping areas that were used for years because they are full, now these hunters are setting up camps wherever on public lands, often times occurring right in traditional elk hunting areas. Increasing tags and opportunities for hunters are not increasing elk harvest in these areas. It would be interesting to decrease tag numbers, reduce pressure in given areas to see if harvest would increase? Or to require archery hunters to harvest cow elk or receive just a cow permit instead or either sex every year to increase cow harvest? These are just my thoughts and observations from me hunting in that area alot in recent years. Thank you for allowing me to comment on this proposal.

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#26

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Contact information: (optional)

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**Q2** Respondent skipped this question

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

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**Q3**  
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The proposal to increase either sex tags in certain HD's is a horrible idea! Ranchers need to shoot cows to reduce the population, not bulls. They have plenty of shoulder seasons, B tags and damage hunts to shoot cows. Please don't approve!

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#27

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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)

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I oppose the elimination of White-tailed Deer B License 699-00 and increase per person limit for White-tailed Deer B License 006-00 from maximum of one to maximum of four. I rely on whitetail venison as a primary food-source in my household and proposed changes would have a negative effect on my hunting experience as well as limit a food-source. If the maximum number of 006-00 licenses were increased to 7 from 4, I would not oppose.

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# #28

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## Q1

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## Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 620, HD 621, HD 622
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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I think there should be more bull elk tags as there is more bull elk than cows in those purposed areas.

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#29

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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 620,  
HD 621,  
HD 622

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I'm in opposition to the boundary changes in the 622/631 units. I'm also in opposition to the license quotas. I feel like we're slowly getting to a point in these units that a once great herd will soon be well below a science based carrying capacity. I understand that ranchers, farmers, and the general public have to be considered for human tolerance of the herd, but I think the pendulum has shifted too far the opposite direction to the point that actual carrying capacity of the land is being mostly ignored. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Riley Zavada

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#30

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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)

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

We should not allow Cow Elk to be shot in the eastern part of region 6 on a general Elk tag. it would be nice to actually have Heard's here. Protecting Cows will help establish Elk in eastern MT.

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## #31

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**Q1**

Contact information: (optional)

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**Q2****HD 620,**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 630**  
(optional)

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support the boundary change as proposed to expand HD620 (old 622) to include areas farther east, and to contract HD630 (old 631) commensurately. However, because elk hunters in the new HD630 lose so much opportunity, I recommend that the archery only permit in 630 (630-21) also be valid in HD620. I would like to see the antlerless permit for 630 (630-00) and the either-sex rifle permit (630-20) also be valid in HD620. Yes, this would dilute the impact of the boundary change, but it would allow those new HD630 hunters to have more opportunity and not to put undue pressure on the small and vulnerable population of elk in reduced 630.

As a second comment, I strongly support the proposal that would require elk permit holders to hunt only the district and the season for which that permit is valid. Doing this conforms our elk permits with our deer permits and will hopefully slow some of the opportunistic hunting that can cause crowding and conflict. With this in mind, please see my next comment.

As a third comment - I strongly encourage the commission to hear from your constituents who are saying loudly and universally that we need to do something to better distribute out-of-area hunters. These are not just non-residents, but in Region 6 they include a huge wave of out-of-area resident hunters. Possibly it's a pick-your-region regulation in coming years, or maybe we look at picking a specific week in the season, but the current rate of participation in some areas is unsustainable.

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## #32

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### Q1

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### Q2

HD 690

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

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

With all the elk in 690 I agree with the unlimited antlerless tags on private land only. Especially with the early season 2 weeks prior to archery season. Thanks from an old guy who cant hunt cold weather.

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## #33

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### Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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### Q2

HD 690

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

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I support removing the 200 antlerless permits in 690.

I don't love the idea of unlimited antlerless permits on private land, but as long as it stays on private land only.

Allowing unlimited cow permits on public land would very likely pressure elk off of the already limited public land in 690.

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## #34

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### Q1

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### Q2

HD 631

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

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would support this

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#35

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### Q1

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### Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 620,
	HD 622,
	HD 630,
	HD 631

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I don't see any problem with moving any Boundaries that no making a sense where there at right now.

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# #36

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**Q1**

Contact information: (optional)

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

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**Q2**

**HD 690**

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

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

No one approves of unlimited tags. Killing mass amounts of cows is only killing off future trophies, in what is one of the best units. If you wanted to harvest some cows encourage land owners to let people onto private property to harvest. Also make it a draw tag with a limited number.

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# #37

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## Q1

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## Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 621, HD 622, HD 630
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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I oppose either sex archery tags in any of the Missouri River breaks units.

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#38

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### Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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### Q2

HD 621,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 622  
(optional)

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I was hoping to see some changes to the units surrounding fort peck lake. The deer in the Missouri breaks are getting absolutely crushed and mature buck sightings have dropped drastically. Maybe shutting down the season early, like it used to be over there, should be implemented again. Plus that would give special permit elk hunters more opportunity at undisturbed elk.

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# #39

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 620,
	HD 621,
	HD 622,
	HD 631,
	HD 690

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

changing boundary between 622 and 631 makes no sense from the biology side to the hunting side. the elk are not guaranteed to travel every year from one district to the other. by doing this it will cut a lot of archery hunters out because they have a hard time drawing tags in 631 as is. If the change is made you will add 200 people to the pool that are already looking to draw the 1400 tags. you should have to up the tags possible in 622 by 200 to accommodate the hunters from 631. By doing this you would also put more pressure on the cow elk herd during the rifle season pushing them onto private land in the larb hills where the majority of the herd is located during season where they cant be hunted anyway already as is.

Now with the 698 permit removal, this makes absolutely no sense to take the highest success rate tag and removing it. this tag is going to very specific group of hunters that want the elk for meat, and are willing to give up there chance at a either sex permit to do so. you would be adding this tag to the main groups that only hunt cow elk out of convenience for the most part, not willing to put forth the effort that it takes to kill the elk. This should remain a permit for that reason alone. this proposal is proposed to simplify the tag entering system. well guess what you still have the same amount of lines on the paper by changing it to a tag instead of permit..... If you want to simplify the applying process have a archery only section with only archery tags listed in that section , and a rifle only section with only rifle tags in the books, separate the two and you wont have people applying for rifle tags in the archery tags section. the way they are intermingled is the problem for the confusion....

the 690 proposal change is just plain stupid. you will never change the population by only hunting the private land. the general public cannot afford to hunt the private land that holds the majority of the herds. So where you can hunt them there will be increased pressure pushing the herd to the land the public cannot hunt. this proposal will only help the outfitters in the area. which is whom i assume has pushed for this proposal.

You cannot continue to over pressure these animals and expect a higher harvest. you have to get the tags in the right hands, those that want the meat instead of just want the tag.

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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)

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6'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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# #41

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## Q1

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## Q2

HD 622

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

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

This is my second time commenting on the 698-00 elk permit and am very disturbed that the Department has failed to listen to public support for the permit. I understand what the Department is trying to accomplish statewide but all areas of the state are not the same. The staff of Region 6 would like to keep the permit as is but the director insists on making it a B tag. The elks working group was unanimous as was the Region 6 CAC in keeping the permit. I have not heard from anyone who is in favor of making the change to a "antler less B tag". This permit was very well like by individuals who have been hunting and supporting the fish and game for the past 50-65 years, the ones who still enjoy hunting but don't care about horns. Yes its a social issue but what is wrong with that? I realize the Commissioners have a tough choice to make, but if public comment is used in your decision the 698-00 will remain a permit not a 698 B tag. Thank you for your consideration and please listen to the voices of Region 6 hunters!

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## #42

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 622,
	HD 630,
	HD 631,
	HD 632

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I moved to eastern Montana in 2020, I hunted 631 last year for the first time. My friends and I camped at the cottonwoods. I do not agree with the proposed boundary changes, I invested a lot of time last year hunting most of what you want to add on to 622 and a lot on the other side as well, multiple times we were running into elk on one side and they would run over to the other side and back of the proposed boundary change. No one is really gaining very much by moving the boundary over. There are a large amount of camps in that area and there's good reason, it is a very centralized area between roads so that you can hunt in any direction. By moving the boundary, that will ruin it for a large number of hunters and 622 would hardly gain anything at all. Also if you claim the bull/cow ratios are so high in 631 why would you combine all three units, add acreage to 622 from 631, but keep the same amount of tags for one giant unit? Like I said I covered a large amount of ground last year and hunted very hard, I know those bull/cow ratios are from 2020 and I hunted 2021, but unless we had a really bad winter kill with the mild winter we had, those numbers are way off in unit 631! If one of the main reasons for wanting to change these boundaries is hunters complaining about crowding then maybe reduce the number of tags in 622, you guys claim the bull/cow ratio is way down anyways. I did not feel crowded last year in 631. All in all I do not like the boundary change idea at all, I think if you want to change something with these units do it by adding or reducing the number of permits in that area, it also does not make any sense what so ever to cut the Burke Ranch BMA in half either! This is a terrible idea and not very well thought out!!

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# #43

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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 622, HD 631
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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

The extension of HD 622 and reduction of HD631 I'm totally against for the following reasons. The elk in 622 that stay on private deeded ground do not come off that ground during huntable hours unless pushed off by hunters or weather. Snow amounts heavy enough to move the elk off these private grounds usually does not arrive until very late in the general season if at all during the season. So the point being made that extending 622 across Timber creek so the elk are huntable after being push off due to snow cover and lack of a food source is not a valid reason.

Reducing HD 631 (or 630 if 631 and 632 are combined) will greatly reduce elk numbers and opportunity for elk hunting in that district by eliminating square creek, broken bow, Smith, cut throat, carney, wolf and thought. Reasoning is that basically from opening day of archery season, what few elk that were in 631 and 632 begin the migration across Timber Creek to the sanctuaries of private ground. They do not leave there unless hunters are allowed to pursue them. Thus dispersing them.

All this plan will do is create a false larger area for 622, cuz those elk won't leave unless made to. So eventually more huntable area but still no elk to hunt. On the 630 (631&632) side you have taken a huge chunk of land that may hold a few elk away from hunters in that district. A district that as soon as archery season starts holds a lot less elk than 622.

I don't see this as a win win for sportsman. The only gain will be for the 622 tag holder who gains more established camping areas and more land to hunt. 630 folks loose. Period.

How bout you make private land COW only permits. Don't tell me you can't cuz you're currently giving private land owners bull tags. If they are not allowed to kill bulls than maybe they will allow hunting and the people's elk will be dispersed and more accessible. Would you rather piss off a few land owners or thousands of tag and permit buying sportsman. Seriously. If land owners do not want to allow hunting so be it but don't reward them with deals that are not offered to every sportsman. Private land owners that don't allow hunting have created their problem. It's not up to FWP to fix it at the cost of resident sportsman and it's certainly not your obligation to monetarily reward those land owners. After all its the resident hunter who financially keeps FWP going. So in reality rewarding land owners is basically flipping the bird to resident sportsman. And to be totally honest residents are getting tired of being treated as non existent.

Thank you.

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#44

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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)

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

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

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# #45

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## Q1

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## Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 620, HD 621, HD 622
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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I approve of the boundary change on the eastern boundary of district 622 moving to the Ridge road. I disapprove of eliminating the 698 cow elk permit and making it a 698 cow elk b tag. Everyone at the Missouri Breaks Elk working group voted to leave the 698 permit as is. Someone in Helena fish and game overrode our local input and decided to eliminate all cow elk permits and only have cow elk b tags. Our local biologists try to listen to local input only to be over ruled by administration in Helena.

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## #46

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### Q1

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### Q2

HD 690

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

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like to see some kind of public access road that goes south of cow Island road to help get in farther and access for hunting.

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## #47

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### Q1

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### Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 620, HD 621, HD 622
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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

If the cow permits are not valid on the cmr the seasons are irrelevant, the elk stand on the other side of the fence.

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# #48

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## Q1

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## Q2

HD 630

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

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am writing to express my support for the boundary change and a new elk unit of 630. I believe the boundary change could lead to a healthier elk population under a new management plan in the new unit than we have seen over the last decade on the east half of 631 and all of 632.

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## #49

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

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	<b>HD 621,</b>
	<b>HD 622,</b>
	<b>HD 630,</b>
	<b>HD 631,</b>
	<b>HD 632,</b>
	<b>HD 690</b>

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Questions why does what is written in this post, different then what the FWP is telling us at the meetings.

In the meetings they state the biggest factor for changing the regulations is to simplify and make it easier for the public to understand. The regulations have been easy to understand in the past. Simply apply for either sex or cow. Simply apply for archery or rifle. Not sure what's so hard about that.

Again seems the governing bodies are being controlled by the people with money (out of state hunters). If you want to control something look at hunter pressure. This resource should be manged for the residents of Montana to enjoy, not out of state hunters. We need to make all out of state tags district specific on all species of game, and also allow a smaller quota to them(say 5%). Most of today's wildlife management issues in Montana can be directly related to out of state hunters, and outfitters. These two groups are using their large bank accounts to tie up large tracks of land, and in resulting in changes in animal population density of these ares, which then cause issues on neighboring lands. FWP solutions to this is punish the average joe hunter by limiting his already limited hunting opportunities. (Available lands to hunt, numbers of animals to hunt)

Montana needs to abolish the outfitting for hunting of big game. This has done nothing but cause increasing problems since the 1980's.

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### Q1

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### Q2

HD 622,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 630  
(optional)

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I don't believe we should be making a changes to boundaries or elk until we have new elk management plan. This does nothing to simplify our regulations. This will create headaches for fwp and hunters if we ever get a new management plan. Please leave the districts the same for now

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#51

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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)

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6'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.

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# #52

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## Q1

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## Q2

HD 690

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

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Against increasing quota on permits in 690 until an updated elk management plan can be adopted in Montana. Limited access district and increasing quotas will only contribute to overcrowding. Against eliminating youth opportunity two days prior to general season (FWP hunter harvest numbers poor indicator of utilization of this opportunity)

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# #53

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

HD 631

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

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I would like no changes to the proposed regulations for changes in the area size in 631-20 archery elk and 631 rifle elk. I have hunted this 631 area since 1957 when my father and grandfather took me out to the Don Burke ranch to hunt mule deer. I love this area and if the proposal goes through we would lose hunting in Wolf Coulee, Carney Coulee, Short Coulee, Cut throat coulee, Square creek coulee area, and all the smaller coulees that hold a lot of elk and mule deer and wouldn't be fair for those of us that like the 631 area. This is a large area that those of us in 631 will lose to hunt elk as they migrate around. This area should not go into 621 as the 621 area has a lot of elk and the hunters do well there. Right now the elk move back and forth across Timber Creek and it works well for hunters in the 631 and 621 areas. We need no changes in these two areas. I am an region 6 CAC member and I am concerned about the hunting and the wildlife in this 600 area, the deer, elk, antelope, and bighorns are doing fine here and they migrate back and forth from hunter pressure and looking for good grazing for forage. Timber Creek and north to the Anderson Road is the boundry between Phillips and Valley County and this works well for all hunters and we are used to the area. I believe we should wait at least one year so all who recreate here can respond to the changes that FWP wants to make. To think out of the box I would like the FWP to think about combining 630, 631 and 621 into one larger area. This has not been proposd but it would be fairer to all elk hunters. Right now the elk are pressured from all the traffic that comes into the area through Willow Creek Road as it is a graveled road as is the only all weather road into the area. There is also a lot of boat access for fisherman going to Bone trail FAS on Willow Creek Road. All of this activity pushes game mostly East across Timber Creek where there is limited access. Those of us in 631-20 don't have athourity to follow the elk east so we lose our hunting. If this would be one bigger area we could go over after the elk and they would migrate back across Timber Creek and would be better and more fair for all of us who love to hunt elk. I vote for no change or looking into one big combined 632, 631 and 621 area. This new proposal ( that hasn't been brought up at a meeting to my knowledge) would make it easier for hunters trying to find elk and also for game wardens that patrol the area! Thanks for chance to comment on this proposal in the area that I fell in love with many years ago! Sinerely Ronald Garwood Region 6 CAC member

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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)

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6'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

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## Q1

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## Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 620,
	HD 621,
	HD 622,
	HD 630,
	HD 631,
	HD 632

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

In areas thought to have excess elk numbers, I do not support giving extra bull licenses to large landowners/outfitters who do not allow public hunting for cows on property they control. This includes private land and landlocked Federal & State lands they may lease. For example, for each bull tag given to the landowner there should be 10 cow tags available for public hunting on that property. Also written verification of success for all special permits should be mandatory for all hunters and landowners. The penalty for non-compliance should be denial of drawing special licenses in the future.

Thank you and I am an eastern MT landowner. You may call me if you care to discuss these issues further. (406)261-4370

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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)

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

## Region 6 - 2022-23 deer, elk season setting changes

Dear Fish & Game Commission

This is my response to your elk and deer proposals for the upcoming 2022 hunting season and beyond. I understand that the original proposal recommended that many Eastern Montana hunting districts be open to general rifle either sex elk hunting. I understand that this was met with angry resistance as it was seen as an attempt to commercialize elk hunting. Well now to be honest, I and others feel that it was a ruse in order to get what top MT FWP officials really are after and that's unlimited either sex archery hunting in many Eastern Montana hunting districts. See we all, including the biologist, know you don't reduce elk numbers by increasing elk permits of any kind that are 90+% used on bull elk. It's simple, you reduce elk herds with rifle antlerless permits and as much access to elk habitat as you can get.

There is a very good reason why the 900 limited archery elk permit came about years ago, which you are possibly about to unravel. There were hunting pressure issues on public land and unlimited elk permits was recognized as a vehicle for commercial interest to lease private land and the "average joe" could not compete with that. Do you know how many more archery hunters there are in Montana now compared to how many there were when the 900 archery permit was created? Please get that info from FWP and share. Do you know how many tens of thousands of people have moved into the Bozeman, Kalispell, Missoula and Billings areas even over the last two years? Did you know that some in Bozeman are predicting that the Gallatin Valley will be as populated as Boise, ID in the next 15 years? I have been told by FWP employees that Montana has had a 30% increase in resident general deer and elk licenses in recent years. Is this true? Do you even know what this has done regarding the increased pressure on public land, Block Management and private lands that allow hunting? If you pass this proposal, you will be responsible for all the conflicts as archery elk hunters increase exponentially on public lands. This will also lead to more pressure on the elk as they are pushed to private lands where there are complaints about there being too many. Does this idea make any sense? You will also be responsible for the loss of any inroads FWP and hunters have made over the last few years getting access to elk on private lands as with your one action, you will make the bull elk extremely valuable to special interests who will market to the approximately 12,500 non-resident elk hunters who get licenses every year. Now, does it makes sense to have so many districts combined into one 900 archery permit, maybe not. If that is a major hiccup, then set the district by district permit numbers to be comparable to the overall 900 archery permit number now offered. If FWP Wildlife and its director want to reduce elk numbers, then quit insulting us with these proposals and work on getting access and increasing the antlerless permits or over the counter antlerless licenses as appropriate.

Now as it pertains to deer hunting, there isn't much to go over except the obvious, much of what I pointed out above. We have a population and hunter increase problem that MT FWP is ignoring and I hope you chose not to do the same. It is impossible to hunt in R-2 now without a permit for mule deer bucks. I understand that more proposals are coming to do more of the same, even more limited and I completely understand why. So I ask you this, where are all those deer hunters who don't draw the limited deer permit going? They still want to hunt and go somewhere. Has MT FWP ever provided data to the commission on how all the deer permit areas have displaced hunters and put more pressure on public and private lands open to hunting in Central and Eastern Montana? Does the Commission know how much pressure they put on hunting when they adopted splitting the Non-Resident Deer/Elk Combination licenses and putting two non-resident hunters in the field instead on one? I believe these are fair questions and my points here are only the beginning of the conversation that I hope the commission and Montana Sportsman Groups begin to discuss and address.

In summary, I hope the commission does not chose to go back to an unlimited hunter number archery elk season in any of the hunting districts proposed. If things continue down this road, I believe there may be ramifications in the upcoming 2024 gubernatorial election as well as possible state house and senate races. I believe that avid Montana resident hunters are found on both side of the political spectrum and nothing unites sportsman more than anger at what is perceived as proposals that are economically and politically, not biologically motivated.

Thanks for your time.

Lennie Buhmann  
Big Sky Chapter Chair  
Mule Deer Foundation

# #57

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## Q1

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## Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 620,
	HD 621,
	HD 622,
	HD 630,
	HD 631,
	HD 632,
	HD 690

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I have no issue with these boundary changes

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#58

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Respondent skipped this question

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

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I learned to hunt in MT and return from Idaho to hunt every year. I am opposed to combining hunting districts based on the justification of "simplification." I have never had any problem understanding Montana regulations and I have never heard that complaint from a Montana resident either. Also, some of the proposals have had contradictions between the online documentation and what is actually proposed. Changes to wildlife management should be based on science and conservation, not just a paperwork exercise.

Elk proposed changes are being justified with management objectives that are severely outdated; it is my understanding that new elk objectives are currently being drafted. Why introduce sweeping changes without a current blueprint for operation? Would it not be in everyone's best interest to roll out the new management objectives and then use that to make necessary regulation changes?

Although this suggestion may give the impression of "kicking the can down the road," it really is finding proper –

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

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

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HD 620,  
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 HD 622,  
 HD 630,  
 HD 631,  
 HD 632,  
 HD 690

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am commenting in support of all the 600 unit changes including the quotas. My only issue is changing the 698 to a B license. That tag was acheiveable on 2nd choice as it was. I would imagine it will still be as a B license however one can't get 2 antlerless tags now. Public access to the elk in 622 is still a major concern and unfortunately until it is better I think I will be traveling further to better units.

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#60

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Contact information: (optional)

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**Q2** Respondent skipped this question

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

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am opposed to any more antlerless tags for private land owners or expansion of existing shoulder seasons. This has been tried and shown it doesn't work. All that does is provide easy and profitable elk for the most fortunate land owners.

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

Here's some facts:

MT total area - 93,155,800 acres

MT public land - ~32,473,220 acres

MT elk according to FWP - ~ 170,000

vs.

CO total area - 66,387,200 acres

CO public land - ~ 26,458,890 acres

CO elk according to CWP 2019 - ~ 282,000

MT has more land and more public land than CO, yet only has only 61% of the number of elk. HOW IS THAT TOO MANY??

My guess is that FWP is taking its marching orders from a very small minority of land owners that are well connected and have deep pockets. They should be thankful they own land in MT and have the privilege of having elk on their property, but because they don't want to lose a little money, they're unwilling to deal with the problems of elk on their land with their own money. Wrong solution to a problem that isn't a problem for 99.99999% of MT citizens. If these land owners don't want elk on their land, they can spend their own money on fences to keep them out or allow easy public access for hunters. Or maybe FWP should stop all predator hunting on those private lands so that predators will naturally reduce the herds on those lands. That won't happen because the land owners don't like predators either.

This is not a problem to begin with and the proposed "solutions" are hand-outs to the most privileged. If FWP wants to continue to operate, they need to remember who they work for. FWP works for all the citizens of MT, not just a few well connected and wealthy land owners. I don't have any ill will against anyone for having wealth or owning a lot of land, but I do not like those that do using their wealth or status as land owners to make all other citizens of MT lose hunting opportunities.

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#61

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 622,
	HD 630,
	HD 631,
	HD 632

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

In my opinion hunting done west of timber creek on public land not done by acces through timber creek trail for elk specifically has offered minimal opportunity due to the fact that the plum creek road doesn't allow public access through the private land. Essentially moving the district "boundary" to the west side of the private due to the amount of time it would take to relocate during a hunt to the smaller amount of accessible public land in the timber creek drainage. I do not agree with the proposed change of moving the 622, 631 district boundaries to the burke ranch/ ridge road. I feel there would be even less hunter activity in the timber creek drainage due to the amount of time it takes to relocate areas while hunting. IF a change were to be made i see it more advantageous to move the 631 district boundary west to the upper portion of plum creek running north and south along the public/private land boundary. Also by not absorbing unti 631 into units 622 and 632 it would keep hunter pressure spread more evenly along the public land. By keeping hunting unit 631 and moving the boundary west towards the private/public would not only keep hunting pressure spread more evenly but also entice more hunters who are already hunting unit 631 to hunt the timber creek drainage entirely. Which in my opinion would increase hunter success in unit 631 but the majority of that harvest would be from the Larb hills herd, which has been over objective the last several years. From what I've seen hunting unit 631 the last several years has been a steady drop in the number of elk total and far fewer cows. Now it is not uncommon to see more bulls than cows while hunting out there. I understand the reasoning behind the shoulder season for region 6 has been to get the elk numbers more in check with the long term goals, but by doing has swung the bull to cow ratio in hunting districts 631 and 632 in the wrong direction. The elk in my opinion are not going to stop moving east at the ridge road, many times in the past ive seen those herds cross the ridge road. Absorbing district 631 into districts 622 and 632 does not make sense to me. I feel it would only push herds into sanctuary on those private lands in the west side of timber creek. Please either keep the districts the same as they've been or consider moving district 631 west to be able to hunt the timber creek drainage entirely. I feel this will keep hunting pressure more spread out on public land which won't entice the elk into seeking more sanctuary on the private land, compounding the current problem. I feel if the proposed changes were to go into effect, it negatively impact the elk and the elk hunting in that area of region 6.

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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 620,  
HD 621,  
HD 622,  
HD 630,  
HD 631,  
HD 632,  
HD 690

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

I am opposed to any more antlerless tags for private land owners or expansion of existing shoulder seasons. This has been tried and shown it doesn't work. All that does is provide easy and profitable elk for the most fortunate land owners.

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

Here's some facts:

MT total area - 93,155,800 acres

MT public land - ~32,473,220 acres

MT elk according to FWP - ~ 170,000

vs.

CO total area - 66,387,200 acres

CO public land - ~ 26,458,890 acres

CO elk according to CWP 2019 - ~ 282,000

MT has more land and more public land than CO, yet only has only 61% of the number of elk. HOW IS THAT TOO MANY??

My guess is that FWP is taking its marching orders from a very small minority of land owners that are well connected and have deep pockets. They should be thankful they own land in MT and have the privilege of having elk on their property, but because they don't want to lose a little money, they're unwilling to deal with the problems of elk on their land with their own money. Wrong solution to a problem that isn't a problem for 99.99999% of MT citizens. If these land owners don't want elk on their land, they can spend their own money on fences to keep them out or allow easy public access for hunters. Or maybe FWP should stop all predator hunting on those private lands so that predators will naturally reduce the herds on those lands. That won't happen because the land owners don't like predators either.

This is not a problem to begin with and the proposed "solutions" are hand-outs to the most privileged. If FWP wants to continue to operate, they need to remember who they work for. FWP works for all the citizens of MT, not just a few well connected and wealthy land owners. I don't have any ill will against anyone for having wealth or owning a lot of land, but I do not like those that do using their wealth or status as land owners to make all other citizens of MT lose hunting opportunities.

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## Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 622, HD 631, HD 632
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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Leave the units as they are now. No need to mess up a good thing.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 620, HD 621, HD 622
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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

Establish a quota range for HD 620-21, currently there isn't any  
Suggest setting it at 1,400 to 1,900  
Make the limited permit 1st and only choice

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**Q2****HD 620**Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:  
(optional)**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 6's 2022-23 hunting regulations:

This is about a change in District 620 Boundary you made several years ago without telling anyone. The area along the Milk River west of Malta and extending to Wagner and even a bit farther and between U.S. Highway 2 and State Highway 363 has traditionally been in District 611 which was recently included with District 670. That is not the problem. The problem is that the area between the highways previously had a general elk season which gave landowners in the area some hunting opportunities for elk. Elk presence in that area is sporadic but occasionally an elk is harvested and landowners like just knowing that they could get that opportunity sometime. That area is now in District 620 which has elk hunting by Special Permit. Previously a bow hunter hunting white-tailed deer could also take an elk if one presented itself in either the bow season or the general season. Now the hunter can only hunt one of the seasons, with the general rifle season permit difficult to get. Bow permits are more available, but not guaranteed, and they are only good for the bow season. The general season is lost to the landowner. This is not about a loss in harvesting animals as much as it is about knowing the opportunity could occur and it is just fun being out there. The alternative is to just give up on big game hunting and bow hunt for coyotes all fall as well as winter and early spring. But then you guys won't get any hunting license revenue. The loser then is FWP, not me.

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