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Q2

HD 240

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The Draft revised elk regs do not seem to include HD 240 for some reason. I assume this is in error, so I will offer my comment anyway.

Elk populations in HD 240 have exploded. In an attempt to contain this explosion, FWP has included an antlerless elk opportunity the first week of the season outside forest service land. Additionally, FWP offers 200 Elk B licenses in HD 240 after the close of the regular season and outside the FS boundary.

These provisions have been welcome, but inadequate to control elk populations in HD 240. I recommend the following changes to the regs in this HD:

- 1). Include Forest Service lands in the early season and late season antler less elk opportunities.
- 2). Increase the number of Elk B antlerless licenses from 200 to 500.

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Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I think mule deer hunting in western Montana should go to permit only for a few years to see if that helps the population

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Q2

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I think that all shoulder seasons should be eliminated, it makes archery hunting on private property somewhat unsafe. Also, with the higher temperatures seen in August I would be willing to bet that a large portion of elk shot in August have a considerable amount of waste, I feel this is true for the early archery season aswell.

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HD 214

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The 3 week season for mule deer is garbage. Many people depend on that part of the season to fill their tags for food. These trophy hunters are the only ones the fwp seems to care about anymore. How many families have to go hungry by not getting those 2 weeks when they have a little better chance.

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Q2

HD 270

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I have a hard time understanding how we got from an initial proposal to drop the permit requirement to hunt bull elk in 270 to now you can't hunt bull elk anywhere else if you put in for a 270-45 permit? What is the problem that you are trying to fix with this rule change? FWP has always been notorious for micro management, but this takes the cake.

The permit itself was supposed to be a temporary thing because they were worried about the impact of the wolves on the elk population. Not only have the wolves not had an impact but now you want to increase the ability to harvest cows with the 262-01 tag because you are over objective. What sense does it make to decrease the likelihood that someone will apply for such a restrictive permit (270-45) when you are over objective and want to harvest more elk? The intent of the permit was to reduce hunting pressure, and it worked. Too well actually because now you are over objective.

I can see 2 possible outcomes for this, neither of them good. First, no one wants to be limited to hunting only in 270 because people like to have options if the elk aren't around to go somewhere else. As a result you don't get the harvest you need to manage the population. Second possible outcome is that the same number of people put in for the tag but now everyone has no choice but to hunt 270 and the pressure is horrible and the hunting experience is ruined for a lot of people.

This is a really bad proposal and runs counter to the values of Montana hunters who like to be able to hunt in a variety of places and still be able to come home and hunt too. Please reconsider this new, unnecessary rule change.

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HD 270

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Please reconsider the 270-45 proposal that requires you to give up your right to hunt elk in another HD. Any change in the rules should be to address a problem or simplify the process, and this proposal does neither. I am not in favor of this change.

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Q2

HD 270

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Please reconsider the 270-45 proposal to require hunters to forfeit their right to hunt bull elk in any other HD if they draw the permit. A change in rules should be to either fix a problem or simplify the process. This proposal does neither. I am not in favor of this proposal.

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Q2

HD 270

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Please reconsider the 270-45 proposal to require hunters to forfeit their right to hunt bull elk in any other HD if they draw the permit. A change in rules should be to either fix a problem or simplify the process. This proposal does neither. I am not in favor of this proposal.

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HD 214

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

This comment is for HD 213 & 214 for mule deer. I don't understand getting rid of the unlimited permit, except maybe the thought was less people would be hunting in 213, 214 by doing it? I believe it is going to add a tremendous amount of local hunters in the field and they will be shooting every small young buck they see. I do applaud shortening the season to three weeks in the attempt to allow some mature bucks to make into the next year. Why not just go to a restricted number of tags, say 50-75 total for bucks and make it a 4 point restriction hunting area. As a resident that lives on the winter range of the deer, we have only small bucks and very few of them make it through the hunting season right now. We have very little potential with the current and proposed regulations to ever allow mule deer bucks to make it to maturity and or trophy quality. I would love to have someone from the Fish & Game who is responsible for 213 and 214 to reach out to me so I could get a better idea of how these new proposed regulations came about. Just in my family we have five hunters who are going to be affected by these changes.

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Q2

HD 262

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Comment is for district 261 which is not listed.

Thank you for listening to us and not changing the mule deer regulations, and for keeping the elk the same.

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Q2

HD 270

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

- #1) Do not make HD #270 a general elk license area. Please keep the 270-45 unlimited permit in place. There is already much pressure being applied to the bulls in this district....by going to a general license will only make that worse.
- #2) Why is it so difficult to draw the 270-50 mule deer permit? It seems like a non-resident has no chance of drawing this permit.
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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

- #1) Do not make HD #270 a general elk license area. Please keep the 270-45 unlimited permit in place. There is already much pressure being applied to the bulls in this district....by going to a general license will only make that worse.
- #2) Why is it so difficult to draw the 270-50 mule deer permit? It seems like a non-resident has no chance of drawing this permit.
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

My comments are on districts 291 and 292. In particular 292 which has absorbed former district 298, one of the only districts in the region that allowed harvest of a cow elk with a general license. Your initial proposal stated that in eliminating this opportunity you would be providing an increased elk b license opportunity valid district wide. Your new proposal however has doubled back and now only provides a very limited elk b opportunity valid only on private land within the Blackfoot watershed portion of the district (I thought you were eliminating district portions?). I do not find these changes beneficial to anyone but a very select group of private land owners. Furthermore, as a comment on all proposed changes, having spent several hours looking over proposed changes the one thing I'm certain of is that they in no way make the regulations less confusing. Which is what, supposedly, is the intent. I liked some of the changes on the initial draft but overall I do not see merit in these changes.

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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 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

It seems there has been a change to antlerless white tail in 261 that is not noted on the master change list. 2021 rules were antlerless white tail for the first week of general. The proposed 2022 -23 takes away the opportunity to shoot a white tail doe on public for hunters whom are not youth.

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Q1

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Q2

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

It seems there has been a change to antlerless white tail in 261 that is not noted on the master change list. 2021 rules were antlerless white tail for the first week of general. The proposed 2022 -23 takes away the opportunity to shoot a white tail doe on public for hunters whom are not youth.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The original proposed changes to the 2022-2023 general stated to make antlered mule deer buck HD 261 a general tag. While making that a general tag is definitely absurd and out of the question, why hasn't the quota been increased from 15? Maybe making that 25 permits to 30 permits would change hunters first choice (locally in the Bitterroot valley) change to spread out applications over 261,250, and 270 mule deer antlered buck permits.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Following up on my other comment about private land white tail doe, I was simply pointing out that the changes were not noted on the master list. I think making it private land only will hopefully get hunters and ranchers and land owners to cooperate to manage private land white tail doe

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I strongly oppose the change in mule deer regulations for region 281. Opening mule deer up to a general tag and removing the last two weeks of the season is a terrible idea.

The draft proposal suggested the deer were at objective so there hasn't been excessive harvest, even with the current final two weeks/rut hunt. Providing an opportunity at the older age class bucks should be maintained, and that only happens during the peak rut. Please do not remove the last two weeks rut hunt in district 281.

I would much rather see the mule deer regulations stay the same as 2021 vs these proposed changes.

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Q1

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Q2

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I oppose the changes to the mule deer hunting in district 281. Please do not shut down the mule deer season for the last two weeks of the general season. The current system works great. Whoever wants to hunt can currently do so, and the dedicated tag limits the pressure on the rutting mule deer.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 200

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am concerned about the overall reduction in the number of cow elk opportunities that would be available with the proposal to incorporate area 124 into 200. In the past there were 25 permits for just 124. The new area 200 is a lot larger than the individual areas it is replacing but the overall cow harvest would be reduced. The elk population in 124 is steady to growing in my opinion as a landowner that has up to 200 head of elk on our property during the winter.

I do like the idea of eliminating the handicap special permit and going from cow elk permits back to an elk B tag.

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Q2

HD 270,

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

285 - the restrictions on hunting mule deer buck is not reasonable. This is the prime rut and when we see the biggest deer. Put a restriction of 3point on one side or better.

270 - the restriction about only hunting bull elk in this district is not reasonable. Elk are not always in an area. For people that rely on wild game meat as a source of food and need to move to where the game is, this would greatly restrict them with less success. These regulations look to be tailored to out of state hunters and not Residents of Montana that use this a subsistence.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 214

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Please consider the following when making your final changes.

1. Cutting the deer season by 2 weeks (my concern area 213 214)

a. There is no scientific data that a shortened season will increase the deer population. All this is doing is taking away hunting opportunities especially for the youth. Any chance at harvesting a deer is usually in the last two weeks.

DO NOT CHANGE THE MULE DEER SEASON LENGTH!

2. What needs to be done is predator control especially in area 213 west of Anaconda. The numbers for Elk and Mule Deer are not as low as the Anaconda Sportsman thinks they are.

3. The problem is a huge portion is a WMA that closes down December 1st.

a. Please consider opening up the WMA to predator hunting

Thanks for your consideration

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I support the proposal to change the antlerless elk permits to b-tags in the districts where proposed. This is more consistent with the rest of the state and allows me to continue applying for a permit to hunt a bull in a "trophy" district while also applying to hunt a cow closer to home.

Thanks

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Q1

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	HD 204,
	HD 260,
	HD 285

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

If you want to actually help mule deer numbers on this side of the state you need to get rid of the over the counter tags for out of state hunters. Just up Fish Creek alone I would see a dozen trucks a day and at least over half would be out of state tags. I seen them shoot at deer from the road at unethical distances more than once and more than a few rounds being fired in 15 days I spent there. That doesn't include other units I spent time in with the same results. Now they're are just gonna be headed down the bitterroot. More than once I had verbal confrotations with out of staters that thought they owned the land and I know a handful of guys who have had the same experience with them in the last couple of years. It won't be long till they confront the wrong person and something bad happens out there. That isn't good for any of us. I don't want to keep people out but I think a limited amount of draw tags for out of state hunters is key to helping mule deer populations. Your new 201 unit is gonna be overrun in 2022. On another note, why take away the 260 draw buck tag? It has nothing to do with mule deer populations.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 201

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Elk B - I like that I can put in for an elk-B tag and still put in for a Breaks bull tag. In years past when a cow permit was a permit I didn't have that option. We eat elk vs beef when we can but a legal bull in HD 201 isn't easy to come by. I'd rather shoot a cow than a rag horn bull anyway.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Not happy with the proposed change to the Elk permit 270-45 that is now going to restrict hunters to only be able to hunt in that one unit if they draw for it. Why is this happening now. What caused this proposal.

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Q1

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Q2

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

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

#28

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Q1

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Q2Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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HD 200,
HD 201,
HD 202,
HD 204,
HD 210,
HD 214,
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HD 222,
HD 240,
HD 250,
HD 260,
HD 262,
HD 270,
HD 282,
HD 285,
HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Mainly about 270 restricting bull elk hunters only to that district:

Hunting is everyone's human rights as it is our natural way of life. The depleting number of the elk population is the fault of the poor management of our wildlife. History would prove that one reason for the purposely and overly killing of wildlife America's natural wildlife, deer, elk, moose, bighorn, and bison was done for social control over the indigenous people; done by the system, as it is the indigenous people of America's natural food source. This also created strain on natural predators to where Europeans blamed natural predators, such as the Grizzly and Wolf for killing livestock.

Long story short, there should be no restricting any hunter to only hunting in that drawn HD; again, as hunting is everyone's natural right and not a privilege.

If the soul purpose of that reason is to help "produce" record/mature bulls, than like I have sent emails before, let everyone hunt bull elk in all 200 district but have a 6 point restriction and allow 12-15 year old harvest brow-tine bulls.

If the restriction is to help the elk population recover, than FWP should not continue to lie about the wolf problem or the growing population of grizzlies. The only change that will help the elk population recover to the population we had in the early 1990's is stop giving out antlerless tags, and stop allowing damage hunts. Elk migrate/move around due to pressure and feed. Hunting the elk on private land in these so called theories, damage hunts, is not giving them pressure. Not to mention that farmers are allowed to let their cattle into elk country to feed on elk's natural feeding ground gives elk feed stress; so therefore the elk have no choice but to migrate/move to farmer's land. It's not the elk's or hunter's fault. It is political monetary control fault.

Conclusion, allow everyone to hunt bull elk in all district without permit and have a 6 point regulation; allowing only 12-15 year old to harvest a brow-tine bull; and no more damage hunts and no antlerless elk permits. If these proposals are to help the elk population to return like it was in the 1990's or if these proposals are to help produce mature bulls as it is age that produce mature bulls.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 200

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I do not support combining previous units 123,124, and 200 into a single large unit. This reduces management flexibility for elk and deer and reduces B license's (or permits) for both species. Having three vs one hunting district is not confusing for hunters. I would prefer to see the continued management flexibility with the existing smaller hunting districts. Also which wildlife biologist will be responsible for the management of this new unit? Will responsibilities go to Region 2 and no longer lie within Region 1? Combining units across FWP regions is not advised and will only complicate management and authority.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 202,

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I'm concerned about amending the unit 203 to include the Mormon Creek drainage. This unit should remain a draw unit under the 240 premise. If this becomes a general unit it will create more pressure and devastation to our already dwindling elk population. This will turn into another road hunter option due to it being so close to Missoula. We already have seen the impact of this in the Fish Creek drainage. It is probably one of if not the most road hunted areas in the state. This drainage served as a traditional winter ground for elk in the Bitterroot range. The mule deer population is scarce and will be suspect to severe pressure as a result of this change if it goes into effect.

Instead of incorporating the east side of Fish Creek into 202-50 why don't we make it a 4 point or better for mule deer. Unit 202-50 is already becoming difficult to draw for hunting big deer and this will make it even tougher to draw. The reason being is every road hunter will apply for a mule deer tag as an option if they cross a buck while road hunting for whitetails reducing the odds for the hunter hunting for a trophy mule deer. Just my thoughts on the proposed changes.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am in favor of opening up mule deer unlimited units but only for a shortened season. I agree with giving more opportunities for antlerless elk through opened up areas and less permit restrictions. I do not agree with restricting people with unlimited bull elk tags to that particular unit. That seems to only hurt the locals in the bitterroot that regularly hunt multiple units. Bull elk populations are not the problem, cow elk populations need to be dealt with. Also I believe that property owners should not be allowed to recurve money for elk/deer damage unless they are in the BMA program.

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 250,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 270
(optional)

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The proposal to restrict hunting to one district if you draw in 250 is pointless. If I have a general tag and draw the 250 bull tag I should have every right to hunt in any general bull unit. I do not see the justification this. If elk hunting needs to be so drastically restricted in 250 than lower the amount of bull tags. It is also a waste to allow 10 cow B tags. If the elk numbers are so low in that unit that we can not hunt off of a general tag than there is no justification to allow a 2nd elk tag.

270 is also a concern. It has been an unlimited draw for many years. From what I understand, the harvest numbers seem to be relative to pre draw days. If we are truly going to make this an unlimited draw then it should be an optional 2nd choice. The first choice only option is restrictive. There are other unlimited draws in the state that allow them to be drawn as a second choice.

These points are all a part or the reason why the regulations are so confusing.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 210

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I'm wondering why the whitetail deer season doesn't start til the 31st of Oct but the mule deer starts the 22nd?

#34

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Q1

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Q2

HD 250,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 270
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

HD 250 should have 45 bull permits at least. And 50 cow permits.

HD 270 should be general tag for bulls! The elk numbers are above what they should be for the bull to cow ratio. I shouldn't have to give up putting in for a special permit just to be able to elk hunt HD 270. You should be able to hunt with your general elk tag.

#35

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Q1

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Q2

HD 250,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 270
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

HD 250 should have 45 bull permits at least. And 50 cow permits.

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 270

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

If people draw in an unlimited tag unit are are forced to only hunt in that unit you will many people not following that rule. It is a terrible rule. "Terrible" seems to be the common theme with this commission.

#37

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Absolutely BS, what you are doing in 270. You people are out of your minds. Making it that people can't hunt bulls in any other district? Insanity. And decreasing the south of rye creek cow tags? Ridiculous. Are you trying to rid 270 of elk? This is one way of doing so. Please open your eyes.

#38

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Absolutely BS, what you are doing in 270. You people are out of your minds. Making it that people can't hunt bulls in any other district? Insanity. And decreasing the south of rye creek cow tags? Ridiculous. Are you trying to rid 270 of elk? This is one way of doing so. Please open your eyes.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am voicing my opposition to the reg changes in this district for the bull elk permit. I don't think it is a good idea to limit hunters who draw this permit to hunting only this district. I hunt in many districts across western MT, and this would severely limit my hunting abilities. Also, it seems to me that it would concentrate more hunters in one area rather than allow them to spread out and relieve districts of pressure. This proposed change is a very bad and irrational idea.

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 290

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

This is a comment regarding shortening the length length of the mule deer general license season in 292 and 298. I think this is a horrible idea and eliminates being able to hunt the muley bucks during the rut. From what I'd have noticed hunting this district for the last 20 plus years is that the rut is is moving later and later in the season. This is basically encouraging people to shoot the 1st mule deer they come across normally being a smaller forked horn Or barely legal spike buck. If anything they should make the area To where you can only shoot a 4 point or better And keep the season the same length I do not like to shoot little tiny bucks but the big Bucks only show up towards the end of the season. This also makes it harder for people who can only hunt the last few weekends even get out and hunt for mule deer. I personally hold onto my deer tag throughout the season while elk hunting and wait until a mature buck appears. We need to let these deer grow up a little bit and this change will not do that.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 201

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Completely in favor to all changes involving HD 201/203.

#42

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I oppose all changes to the hunting districts, season structures and quotes for this region. There is significant opposition in the hunting community and the FWP director does not have the experience to understand the ill-advised directives to the biologists. Start over in 2023

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

It's irresponsible to make so many drastic changes without doing an updated evaluation on the lands holding capacity. It's been decades since the last study. You're basing all these changes off objective numbers but the objectives are beyond outdated. In 203 the biologist said the land could sustain at least double what the elk objective is. That is an atrocity for our herds, predators and hunters that need affordable food. All for what? It's for the .1% of the human population that owns hayfields...

The air cannons didn't work for more than a few days as we saw elk walking 30 yards past them to get to the hayfields a few days after the blasting started. It was beyond rude to start that without a warning to the community especially during fire season. As it sounded EXACTLY like the mortars that went off a couple weeks earlier during the 4th of July that burnt down a structure. Then the blasting went on ALL summer and fall. You placed cannons on land that hadn't even given permission. Nobody in the community was happy listening to the cannons all night every night. FWP fails at being neighborly and at managing the animals to what the land can hold. FWP is inadvertently promoting wildfires from lack of wildlife grazing ground fuel and also promoting desertification from plants not being grazed and instead oxidizing.

All these rules and boundaries being changed is the cart before the horse. Managing the wildlife to be less than half what the land could hold... total fail... you guys need new leaders because that is unacceptable. At your meetings EVERYONE complains about not enough deer and elk but your goal is half capacity and to get a select few people into block management. Your model is a total failure and it needs to be fixed before you go and make more changes while ignoring the elephant in the room. Bring back our herds.

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Q1

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HD 201,
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HD 240,
HD 250,
HD 260,
HD 262,
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HD 282,
HD 285,
HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Leave the deer season to the normal 5 weeks period. It would cause unnecessary pressure to the surrounding areas, plus the science states that it does not help.

#45

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am in favor of the 215-01 B tag having the restriction of "holders may not hunt antlered elk in 215" removed, that kept me from applying in the past.

One thing that strikes me about region 2 is many of the units have the private land Cow tags greatly reduced. I don't know enough to be for or against, but would like to know what the reasoning for that is. For ex, in 210, 211, 216, there were 800 OTC Cow tags valid on Private or DNRC tags in 2021, now there are 200 tags.

I'd also like to point out we have some major elk harboring problems in region 2 - in 217 on the Angelo Ranch, and probably in 213 on the Rock Creek Cattle Company Ranch. I propose Cow tags only on private in those units - no bull or either sex tags. Perhaps the landowners could then be incentivized to allow Cow elk hunters on through some kind of block management program where they are compensated for access.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 260

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The elk b tags are extremely confusing for unit 260. 201-01 seems correct. The 900-00 seems to duplicate the opportunity of 201-01 except it makes no mention of weapons restrictions? Please tell me you're not going to suddenly allow rifles to be shot in this area? I have tremendous concern specifically about the Miller BMA with rifles shots at skylined elk directly above and within range of both Missoula and Lolo. This is dangerous and an extreme liability to FWP.

#47

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Q1

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Q2

HD 260

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

If I read this correctly FWP will now be allowing the use of rifles in HD 260. If that is correct it seems extremely irresponsible and dangerous. There is not single area in 260 that one could safely hunt with a rifle. There are many areas in that HD where even a deflected bullet could make it's way into a densely populated area such as Missoula, Lolo or Stevensville. While I appreciate the effort to expand opportunity creating unsafe hunting situations is unacceptable.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: **Joseph Fontaine**

Q2

HD 201,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 260**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The proposed change in boundaries associated with HD201 and the subsequent changes in HD260 deer archery B tags has led to a reduction in opportunity and an increase in confusion. There is no biological reasoning for the application of the HD260 B tag only east of hwy 93 in HD201 and creating this addition layer of detail reduces opportunity by taking out portions formerly in HD240 while at the same time increasing risk of game violation for those that don't see that additional detail. I would urge the commission to consider allowing the HD260 archery B tag throughout all of HD201.

#49

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Q1

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Q2

HD 285

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I don't agree with shortening the Mule Deer season in this HD. There is a great Mule Deer population north of Seeley Lake and very limited pressure. This area gets significant snow and is difficult to reach during November offering those who are willing to put in the effort an excellent trophy opportunity. Maybe this could be a sub unit, Morrell mountain north to Cresent mountain.

#50

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Q1

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Q2

HD 285

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I think Mule Deer need to be managed separate from White Tail. The HD's need to be smaller as the populations for Mule Deer vary much more per water shed than White Tail.

#51

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

This is in regard to bull elk in HD 270. To make this a 1st choice only district and you cannot hunt bull elk any other district takes away from the local public land hunter. I've killed four bull's in 270 over the last five hunting seasons. All on public land. I've given up years of applying in trophy districts because I could get this permit and hunt my back yard. This is what made this permit so good and is my preferred district to hunt. Now I get penalized again for applying in that I don't get to build points and can't hunt bull's anywhere else? This feels like the same think as the mule deer permit in 240. It won't do any good and the problem in the Bitterroot is all the elk are on private land. Sometimes the land owners are keeping them there intentionally for their out of state friends. I don't have the time or money to go on week long trips to other overcrowded districts. This hurts the people who live, work, and play here in the Bitterroot who are just trying to fill the freezer. I don't support this and I think you will see a lot of locals upset about this. And there will be people who still go and hunt and kill bull's in other districts and say the killed them in 270. Especially in the big hole. In the end I think you'll see more out of state people and bad behavior from hunters. And the private land owner issue won't be resolved. Thank you for your consideration.

#52

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

This is in regard to bull elk in HD 270. To make this a 1st choice only district and you cannot hunt bull elk any other district takes away from the local public land hunter. I've killed four bull's in 270 over the last five hunting seasons. All on public land. I've given up years of applying in trophy districts because I could get this permit and hunt my back yard. This is what made this permit so good and is my preferred district to hunt. Now I get penalized again for applying in that I don't get to build points and can't hunt bull's anywhere else? This feels like the same think as the mule deer permit in 240. It won't do any good and the problem in the Bitterroot is all the elk are on private land. Sometimes the land owners are keeping them there intentionally for their out of state friends. I don't have the time or money to go on week long trips to other overcrowded districts. This hurts the people who live, work, and play here in the Bitterroot who are just trying to fill the freezer. I don't support this and I think you will see a lot of locals upset about this. And there will be people who still go and hunt and kill bull's in other districts and say the killed them in 270. Especially in the big hole. In the end I think you'll see more out of state people and bad behavior from hunters. And the private land owner issue won't be resolved. Thank you for your consideration.

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Q1

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HD 200,
HD 201,
HD 202,
HD 204,
HD 210,
HD 214,
HD 217,
HD 222,
HD 240,
HD 250,
HD 260,
HD 262,
HD 270,
HD 282,
HD 285,
HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

So many of these problems FWP are trying to address derive from shoulder seasons. I have lived in MT my entire life and fished and hunted since I was a kid. Sitting and talking about elk populations being over objective while the landowners don't allow hunting on their property is ridiculous. First off, the sole reason shoulder seasons exist are so private landowners can outfit for large bulls and keep the elk on their property to preserve the bulls during the general season, then harvest as many antlerless elk as they like when there is no risk of a public land hunter shooting one of THEIR bulls when they are pressured over the fence. If elk numbers are to be reduced in a fair manner, everyone needs to hunt during the same season. If private landowners don't hunt or allow hunting during the general season, then there is no room to complain about numbers. Goes right back to the old saying, you can't have your cake and eat it too. Apparently you can. I don't want to hunt on private land. I am happy hunting on public land. It's so sad to see my opportunities being degraded while private landowners who need no more opportunities continue to grow. Doing away with elk b tags completely in some areas and giving unlimited tags for private land in the same area is a sickening way to manage game. Now you want to open up trophy areas so the elk can flush to their historical safe zones and be shot by some out of stater. Get real. Let's up elk b tags in over objective areas, extend seasons when needed, tell people who own land and don't want as many elk to hunt more during the general, protect our refuge areas and return and keep elk hunting in MT as great as it can be for all. For the sake of our children and theirs and not for the benefit of a few. Elk belong first to themselves and second and solely for the act of harvesting, equally to all the citizens of MT. Keep it simple and FAIR. Thank you and merry Christmas!

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Q1

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Q2

HD 240

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

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I support opening HD240 for antlered MD hunting during the first 3 weeks of the general season

#55

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I support limiting those drawn for bulls in HD270 to hunting in that district. This zone gets hit hard from the Missoula population and I feel that by forcing people to decide to hunt just that zone will limit some of the pressure.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 260

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I support opening up the Elk B 201-01 for all of HD260 (private) for the use of limited range weapons during the shoulder/general season.

#57

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Q1

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Q2

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

HD 204,
HD 240,
HD 260,
HD 270

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I do NOT support the removal of Deer B 299-00 tag for WT. The population of WT in these zones is (in my opinion) well above the carrying capacity given concerns for CWD. We only have to look at Flathead County to see where the Bitterroot could be heading. I think that the 299-00 tag should be retained AND the general tag should be made either sex.

I also support the addition of the deer B tag that was previously available that allowed the harvest of 4 (?) WT in these zones (along w/ HD260) on private land with limited range weapons during the month of December.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

My comments are for HD 211 only, where I am a resident and a landowner. I am fine with the proposed elk changes, but I note that the draft regulations list the quota for 210-03 at 200 while the master list description says 800, I support the 800 number. On deer, I believe 211 should no longer allow unrestricted mule deer buck harvest. I don't know what the right number for permit on rifle season mule deer buck should be for 211, but it is not infinity. The mule deer population here (not just bucks but overall) is really in precipitous decline. The white-tail deer status quo as proposed is fine.

#59

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Q1

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Q2

HD 201,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 260
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

more b tags for these areas please.

#60

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Q1

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Q2

HD 260

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

a shotgun deer season would be nice. landowners want this.

#61

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

State/Province: MT

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

General-remove browline bull restriction and replace with antlered bull in areas that allow kids/disability relaxed regulations. Browline bull regulations have proven to not increase bull:cow ratios.....

270-remove the unlimited permit for elk. return to general license elk opportunity. Allow emergency closure if needed for large migration triggers such as extreme snowfall, etc. If low bull elk numbers are a concern, consider going to spike elk for general license and truly limited permit for bull elk harvest based on science-based harvest instead of catering to the landowners in this district that continue to profit from restricting access/outfitting... This unlimited, but first choice thing is ridiculous.

#62

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Restricting people to 270 for bulls only will destroy hunting traditions. People get the 270 bull because they don't have the means to go other places to hunt for more then a week when they go to camp. Please open your eyes and do away with this.

#63

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Q1

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Q2

HD 200

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I would really like to see the idea of giving b tags dropped in district 200. We are just now seeing elk numbers start to increase. We don't need hunters having the opportunity to take a bull and a cow. District 200 should be 25 cow permits for the whole district. B tags should not be given out. There should also be some thought given to reducing bull harvest for the next few years. We need more mature bulls for breeding. All the hunters in my group know we need elk to come back and we are willing to go to other places while this happens. No b tags please

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Please leave 210,211,212,213,214 alone, Do not commercialize Elk hunting to a private model for rich out of state hunters.in these areas,

#65

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Q1

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Q2

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

HD 204,
HD 240,
HD 260,
HD 262,
HD 285

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The current proposal of eliminating whitetail doe tags and adding an either sex option on the general tag is not going to work. Very few hunters will decide to take a doe when a buck is still an option. With whitetail being over objective it seems adding more to the total doe tags available would be better to reduce populations. And again, none of these regs are simplifying the regulations, but seem to be geared to having private land owners having more power over public land hunters (both elk and deer). Again, access is the solution to the majority of the over populated areas, not redefining tags. Almost every proposal put forth so far includes wording that would bolster private land outfitters and owners abilities to create a pay to play scenario with Montanas elk and deer. We need an access plan that works for all, not changes to the regs that benefit the few.

#66

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Please do not restrict or eliminate any opportunities for public land deer and elk hunting in Region 2. I do not want to strictly be a population control mechanism for private landowners, but rather I want to retain my right to hunt on Public Land. I will not hunt in hay fields with 30 other hunters, and the state should always maintain opportunities for real hunting in the mountains.

1. Why not let there be a general mule deer buck hunt for the whole season, but with a 4 point or better antler restriction? Finding deer of this class on public land is not easy in Region 2, and it would allow for the smaller bucks to return next year.
 2. Why not have general antlerless elk hunting in all 200 districts for the first 10 days? Finding elk on National Forest lands is difficult and a hunter should be able to hunt the mountains and take what he finds on a hard hunt.
 3. Please retain antler less elk opportunities on public land.
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#67

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I would like to comment on the proposed changes in Mule deer hunting in HD 292. As a property owner in that district with a public access road to the BLM behind me I can tell that I saw way less hunter activity in 2021 than I have seen in previous years. My concern is that removing the area from unlimited status and shortening the season the unintended consequences is the area will be overwhelmed just for a shorter period of time. And as a landowner I have concerns that eliminating the last two weeks of season will limit my hunting opportunities. While I appreciate FWP's concern for lessening numbers of Mule deer I also have a concern that predators are not being addressed as I seem to have ever increasing Mountain Lion, Wolf and Grizzly Bear activity. Thank you for your consideration.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

212, 213, 214

It doesn't seem that mule deer can even withstand a 3 week general season. It would be nice to see some mule deer like years ago, and get so one with some horn growth. It's embarrassing seeing montana "trophy" mule deer posted on social media when all surrounding states and provinces can claim "trophy" deer. Montana's large "trophies" don't come close to comparing. Cut the deer hunt during the rut.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 282

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I strongly oppose the change in deer regulation A) Hunting deer while hunting for elk with the b tag has been a huge part why we put in for that tag. B) I have hunted 282 when. There has been 50 even 100 tags issued. This is too small of an area to safely have that volume of hunters. The deer hunters and elk hunters would interfere with each-others hunts resulting in tension between the groups.

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 262, HD 270
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

In response to making 270-45 permit holders restricted to hunting bull elk in ONLY 270.

I see no logical reason to make this change and I am genuinely curious what the rationale is for restricting ANY permit holders (whether it be elk or deer permits) from hunting in general districts? What is it hurting if someone doesn't fill their tag in a permit district, but instead hunts and harvests an animal in a general district? If there is a logical explanation to this that someone can answer, please send me an email. nhaflich@gmail.com

If this change were to occur in 270 it would personally impact me, as now I would exclusively hunt 270 all season and miss out on elk hunting general districts with my family and friends who live in other parts of Western MT and don't get the 270-45 permit. If the goal of requiring permit holders to hunt exclusively in that district is to reduce hunting pressure or increase elk populations in OTHER districts, then make those other districts permit districts. If the goal is to increase harvest and reduce population, then increase the number of available permits or increase the number of available antlerless licenses.

One thing that I feel is needed in 270 is to decrease hunting pressure. As FWP states, "the unlimited permit is a strategy to manage hunting pressure that can reach intolerable levels." If the hunting pressure was reaching intolerable levels when the unlimited permit was first implemented, we are well beyond intolerable now. Every year the number of people holding the 270-45 permit increases and with the growing population in the Bitterroot valley and the increase of out of state hunters hunting 270, I foresee this number continuing to grow every year. Though my evidence is purely anecdotal, elk are getting pushed to private land earlier than I have ever seen and there is more hunting pressure during archery season in 270 than I have ever seen. I believe there's a correlation. I would not be opposed to 270-45 becoming a draw permit in which the number of bull permits was limited to around 2500 permits or roughly a 75% successful draw rate. Over the years, I have become increasingly disenchanted by the number of people hunting this district and as that pressure continues to increase the elk continue to find safe haven on inaccessible private land sooner and sooner. Making 270-45 a draw as opposed to an unlimited permit would help improve the quality of bull elk found in 270 and it would also decrease hunting pressure. There are definitely some issues that need to be addressed in 270, but requiring permit holders to only hunt in that district is not going to solve any of them.

I am in support of extending the 262-01 license to all of 270, however I don't see the need to decrease the 270-02 quota, especially if the fill rate of that license is historically around 34%. If that license quota is reduced as planned, I hope this is something that is revisited after it is known how much of an impact the 262-01 boundary extension will have on the elk populations.

Last of all, I feel it is pertinent that Montana FWP implement a way to monitor hunter harvest that is more accurate than hunter check stations and phone surveys. Check stations are often neglected by hunters or game is often brought through when check stations are closed. Phone surveys often aren't answered and the surveys that are given by FWP often only ask about a certain species neglecting available data about other species. I feel FWP needs to implement a mandatory reporting system in which people are required to report the harvest of their animals online. Other states such as Oregon require mandatory harvest reporting and even give the option of electronic tagging of harvested animals via mobile app. I feel the vast majority of hunters would support this as it would help improve the accuracy of FWP data.

Thanks for your time and consideration of all public comments.

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Q1

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Q2**HD 260**

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

This unit has been and should remain an Archery or primitive weapon unit for Elk and Deer. There is very little of the unit that it is safe to use High Powered weapons. The OTC B Tags for Elk should stay the way they have been. Why would you throw it in with Hunting Units across the State. How is this going to help manage the Bitterroot Elk herd? I know the problem of high Elk Numbers on the North end of the unit is partially do to the Big Ranches in 204 that allow little or no hunting for Big Game or Predators. The area from 8 Mile Creek to Miller Creek is Basically a NO HUNTING Zone. I know the MPG Ranch does lots favors for FWP allowing multiple Wildlife surveys, I have never seen so many radio collars on Elk! But FWP has changed the unit boundary twice in the last few years for MPGs benefit. The B Elk permits should stay tied to East Bitterroot hunting units where they will help with controlling Elk numbers. I also think the unit should be expanded from Missoula river bottom into the Clinton area. The river bottom in this area is way too populated for High Power weapons and it would help harvest some of the Bitterroot Elk travel back and forth to the Clinton area. I have hunted this unit for 40 years and to manage the Elk, FWP is going to need the Cooperation from the Big Ranches. In both Hunting opportunities and Predator control, and not a just a Token number of Cow hunts. Enough hunting pressure to either move the herds off the Ranches or into areas on the Ranch that hunting is allowed. We now have a generation of Elk that have never lived in the Mountains. They have been pushed out of the Forest onto the Farm lands mainly by the Wolves and to some extent Hunting pressure. Without the Cooperation of the Large Land Owners this problem will only get worse.

#72

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Totally disagree with the bull permit, and the fact that you can't hunt in any other district. There is no documented success with this alleged management tool. Even your biologist (Mowry) stated as such. To have the "unlimited" permit is ridiculous and when first implemented was only supposed to last a few years.

#73

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Q1

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Q2**HD 270**Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I would like to comment on the proposed change in HD 270 that doesn't allow tag holders to hunt other units. As someone who lives in Hamilton and only gets a few days a year to hunt being limited to only HD 270 drastically reduces the area I can hunt. For years I have drawn the 270 tag so that I can hunt off of both sides of the divide trail. This is one of the trails that is consistently maintained and allows access to a large area of forest with elk consistently traveling back and forth over the trail. I was willing to give up my chance to draw a special permit tag for other areas in the state to hunt in 270 and adjacent open units because it gave me access to a lot of land close to home. By taking this away you will be forcing me and a lot of other hunters that do the same to choose between a more pressured unit(270) and an open unit such as the new 321. I also wonder about policing this new proposal. The parking areas that give you access to the divide trail are packed every day during the season and how will anyone be able to monitor which side of the trail everyone is hunting on and whether or not they have the correct tag for the area. Not to mention the trails that take you up to the divide trail from other parking areas that can only be accessed on foot. In my opinion this proposal only complicates the drawing system by giving people more options and gives the 3 game wardens in our valley even more of a unachievable task of trying to enforce the changes.

#74

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Unit 281 is proposed to no longer be an unlimited antlered mule deer draw unit, but rather a general unit which I'm glad to see. But why is the ending season dates proposed to be two weeks earlier than the regular general season? I typically don't see mature class deer unit the last two weeks of the season with the lack of snow we've had in recent years. I would like to see the season dates match the regular general season dates.

#75

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Q2

HD 260,

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Typo for HD282? Deer Permit 282-50 listed once for antlered muled deer (10 tags) then again for whitetail (25 tags) and both have a note about no allowing antlered mule deer hunting in any other HD.

Is Elk B License: 900-00 archery only in HD260?

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Q2

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The elimination of hunting district 283 and combining the west portion with 201 and the east portion with 285 eliminates a significant hunting opportunity. 283 allowed the use of area 260 whitetail antlerless permits. Under this proposal that opportunity is basically gone as 285 doesn't allow that usage and 201 east of highway 93 is very limited because of so much private property. I hate to see this loss of opportunity become a reality.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 290

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The recent changes to the hunting regs in unit 290 appear associated with a complete tanking of hunting opportunity on the limited public land. It may have been successful at pleasing a couple of landowners, but has been terrible for hunters. Opening the shoulder season Aug 15 has devastated cow elk hunting opportunity on Aunt Molly. Those elk are long gone by the time archery season opens. We used to kill 5-10 cows in the first week of the season with our bows. Now it stinks. Same with deer. Deer numbers have crashed on Aunt Molly. There is no justification to keep shooting does on the fields anymore. Those numbers have crashed too. I hunt it a lot and observe the fields as well. It's terrible anymore which is unfortunate. If we are going to keep shooting cows with rifles in August, at least open Aunt Molly at the same time so we can have some of the harvest. After all, reducing elk numbers seems to be the goal so limiting archers from helping out doesn't make any sense in 290 specifically. Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 290

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I agree with the 290 either sex Whitetail B tag. I think this is a better option then completely getting rid of the opportunity to harvest bucks. Everyone can usually kill doe around where they live vs traveling to a unit like this for another opportunity at a whitetail buck. I think combining all these units is going to lean more towards confusion which FWP says they are trying to Minimize this and I think it is poor management on their part due to the fact that all of the data we have is on specific units. Making the units bigger will make it harder to manage. Thanks

#79

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Q1

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Q2

HD 285

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

would like to see 284 changed to short range weapons, including handgun, shotgun for deer. I archery hunt this district every year however I would like to be able to have better odds during general gun season. resident herd of elk is also low in numbers compared to historical figures. it would be nice to see some tighter restriction for a couple of years to improve the numbers. I believe the lower numbers are related to predators, and hwy deaths on 200. Why do the wildlife fences east of town have large gaps allowing elk and deer to get trapped in the ditch.....makes absolutely no sense

#80

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I was very skeptical when I heard about this effort, but after seeing what is being proposed I am very excited about the improvements that will result from this effort in the region 2 and 3 hunting Districts I hunt in. Please consider the following input as you work to finalize the changes:

- Hunting Districts 281 and 285. I absolutely love the proposal to end hunting for Mule Deer Bucks on November 13th. This is a much better way to control the harvest of mule deer bucks and should allow for an increase in the number of mature animals. They just don't stand a chance once they start rutting. Whitetail are the predominant deer in both of these districts so there shouldn't be a significant drop in opportunities for meat hunters in these districts.

- Hunting District 282.

- Please consider adding another bull tag for youth hunters. This is a great opportunity and adding another one will not affect the population, especially considering many of them are migrating from other areas.
 - I really like the Deer permits rather than the past practice.
 - The specific details for the whitetail deer permit says that license holders may not hunt Antlered Buck Mule Deer in any other HD. This requirement makes some sense for the Mule Deer permit, but not for the Whitetail permit.

- Hunting District 290 deer regulations are clear and look good to me. The elk regulations are not as clear for both the General Elk License and Elk B license. It appears that firearms are allowed, if that's the case, then the language used under the deer regulations for the Deer B license 290-01 would make it much clearer.

Hunting District 291 - The new district boundary is a great addition and should make the deer permits more meaningful as long as the permit numbers aren't increased.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 210

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I liked the idea of combining 216, 210, 212, and 211 in to one HD 210 the map shows them as being seprit. I still believe all bull elk should be on a draw including all the 200s. All cow elk should be shot where you find them state, blm, forest land. they all belong to the people of the state. And if you have permission from a privet land owner you can harvest an elk there. I also believe all roads for the forest service should be axcesable to handecap hunters in all hunting districts in the state.

#82

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Q1

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Q2

HD 210

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I liked the idea of combining 216, 210, 212, and 211 in to one HD 210 the map shows them as being seprit. I still believe all bull elk should be on a draw including all the 200s. All cow elk should be shot where you find them state, blm, forest land. they all belong to the people of the state. And if you have permission from a privet land owner you can harvest an elk there. I also believe all roads for the forest service should be axcesable to handecap hunters in all hunting districts in the state.

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Q1

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Q2

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Like most of fwps on line communication attempts this comment boxes lacks accurate and ease of use for the public. I would like to comment on the area that is not available to choose area 213. I believe elimination of the antlerless permits would be a mistake by putting all of the antlerless opportunities in the hands of a few land owners that end up with elk on there property and may or may not allow hunting. If this is something fwp intends to do then by selling these B licenses they need to guarantee that hunters will be given permission to hunt elk on private property as I have had this experience in the past where fwp sold us B licenses for private property but we couldn't find a property owner that would allow hunting. It has been my experience that land owners don't have the time to manage hunting on their property and so are likely to sell those opportunities to an outfitter and let them charge hunters to hunt. I am a native montana resident as was my mother before me and I have always considered hunting as a way to provide meat to our families but some how that has changed and now it's a sport with each passing year based more on who can afford to take advantage of the opportunities. I have tried to instill our same values in my children and grandchildren. We need to keep hunting in montana a fair and equal opportunity for all not just the rich. The antlerless elk permit gives local hunters the opportunity to continue to hunt antlerless elk on our public land that we have been using all our lives and by elimination effectively takes away another opportunity to continue to pass down values and traditions to future generations.

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Q1

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HD 282,
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HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Do not combine units. There is no science behind this at all. Poor management with more crowding is what this will create. The objectives are 18 years old. The human population has increased, the wolf population has increase, and so has the grizzly bear numbers. If anything make the units smaller and manage them more. Have mandatory reporting instead of hiring people to have check ins two days a week. Montana FWP was one of the top places in the world for science but that is starting to slip away for sure not because of the biologist but from the politics. We have the resources just use them.

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HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

There is no science based evidence that combining these units is good for animals. This will make overcrowding in some areas. Also FWP said that they are trying to make it easier to read the regulations but yet they are trying to change all the units. Lets start making decisions based on science rather than what we think.

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HD 270,
HD 282,
HD 285,
HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

No evidence that combing units will make it easier for people to read the regulations. Come up with a class to make it easier. Trying to combine units will make it more difficult for everyone involved. People have been hunting the units established for years and changing that will only make things harder. The Regulations are not that hard to read and this is a absurd reason to make all these changes.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

"Under the new proposal, hunters who get one of the unlimited HD 270 permits will no longer be able to hunt bull elk anywhere else in Montana."

This makes no biological sense, and is simply punishing the people who want to hunt in this area. Please remove this portion of the proposal. I am vehemently against this.

#88

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I don't see where you explain justification for restricting hunters with the 270-45 elk permit to only hunting in the 270 unit and barring them from hunting other general units. I'm not saying that I'm against it, but I may be. It feels like you need to explain why that change is necessary. It's a bit heavy handed to limit hunters from also hunting general units just because they have that permit.

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Q2

HD 270

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Why? Do you people even think about what you're doing? 270 bull tag, making it so people can't hunt bulls in any other hunting district is irresponsible and absolutely ridiculous. What should be done is limit the amount of bull tags given out. Let the elk recover. Figure it out! Doing this will cause nothing but trouble. Also you need to put a check station in up the west fork.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I mainly wanted to comment on the proposed 3 week general rifle season for mule deer bucks in most units around Drummond. I mainly hunt in 292 for mule deer but I do also hunt elk in other units such as 213 214 212. I do a lower number of mule deer especially mature aged bucks. I am not opposed to the three week season to see how it helps over the next couple years. At the meeting last night there were some opposition to not being able to have my them in the rut. My question is have you thought about offering some limited entry tags that would allow for hunting mule deer for the full 5 week season? That may also spread out some of the applications for mule deer and make some of the other tags a slight bit easier to draw. Thanks for the time

#91

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Q1

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Q2**HD 210,**

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Hello the fish and game should really consider cutting back on the cow tags in hunting districts 210 and 217 and possible dismantling 217 and putting it back in the original 212 general elk unit. The elk numbers are extremely low. I attended the public comment meeting in Drummond yesterday evening 1/4/22 and voiced my concerns at the meeting along with many of the other locals. I have lived in Hall MT my entire life. Since it became hunting district 217 formally 212 the elk numbers have plummeted and fwp has ruined one of the best hunting districts in the state. Locals like my self have never seen so few elk. That's not a good thing. I also don't agree with the number of elk they are saying is even in the district. I believe the graph showed 688 elk in 217. That number is a joke. In the Douglas Mountain and Dunkleberg basin in winter you could see anywhere from 300-800 wintering elk. In the last two years the most I have seen is 40. That is unacceptable!! Now onto the Mule Deer. At the meeting they are talking about cutting back the last couple weeks of the general rifle season in units with unlimited draw tags. I fear this will lead to making all units a 3 week general rifle season. Instead of limiting the number of mule deer tags in some of these units why not look at harvesting more predators before limiting hunters and the opportunity to harvest a deer. Are the deer numbers so low because of hunting? Or is it because there are too many Mountain Lions, Wolves, Black and Grizzly bears? So I saw before taking something away from the sportsman try giving us a different opportunity that might help the deer numbers recover. So in short I am against any extra cow tags in 210 or 217. Elk numbers are extremely low in both units and you should consider dropping 217 as a bull permit unit and put it back into a general unit like 212. And don't take away hunting opportunity for mule deer try and get a handle on the predators that are a huge factor in the population. Thank you for your time. Please consider my comment moving forward.

Brett Graybeal

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

We read in the Ravalli Republic that if we get one of the unlimited bull permits in 270, that we cannot hunt elk anywhere else in the state. Is your purpose for doing this to have more unsuccessful hunters? Is there any valid reason for this proposal? Your own biologist, Rebecca Mowry, says this is not a necessary change. We hunt in 270 because it is near our home. For the last 4 years, due to the lack of snow, the elk have NOT moved from the high country in 270 down to where the hunters can find them. If this climate change continues to affect the elk migration, then unsuccessful hunters in 270 cannot hunt elsewhere in the state, if this proposal is passed. That means we cannot go hunt with our son in the Helena area, or anywhere else. I can't see why you are making it harder for hunters to hunt. A hunter can only shoot one elk. Why should you limit the areas in which they can search? All the hunters we know are very upset at this proposal. Please reconsider this unfair and senseless change to the regulations.

Bonnie Farrington
Darby

#93

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

We have hunted 270, and more specifically the French basin for over 30 years. We do not come and go throughout the season, we hunt there everyday that we hunt. We have seen the results of hunters flooding the area when the elk are running around or moving in for winter. We see hunters that don't know the area trespassing, herd shooting, and vehicle chasing. I can't understand why you would propose to lower the cow tag quota for 270, but then allow the OTC unlimited 260 tag to hunt cows in 270. This will bring back the problems that we had several years ago when hunters would flood the area at the first sign of migrating elk. It escalates the problems of the past. Cow tags for 270 are good, but allowing unlimited OTC cows tags from another district to hunt 270 is asking for trouble. Thank you for your time. Kory Beierle.

#94

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Q1

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Q2

HD 210,

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

A lot of the meeting on Tuesday was on the mule deer population declining in many units in region 2. Under the proposed regulations you are still issuing mule deer for tags in 210 and 217 at or around 60 per unit. I think those should be cut or not given at all. Thanks for your time

#95

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

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

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HD 270,
HD 282,
HD 285,
HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

VOTE NO on making these units combined. There is no science behind this and it's only going to make the regulations in many ways for everyone involved. Making it so you can only hunt elk in the unit you draw will take away from hunting opportunities with family and friends. This is not the traditions of Montana.

#97

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Elk being over objective in 204 and especially the northern end is solely based on 3 large landowners providing sanctuary. None of these regulation changes will have any population impact other than to further lower the small number of elk existing on public land. I ask that cow harvest on public land be limited to a reasonable number of b-tags rather than allowing any sex on the general license which is sure to chase even more elk onto private sanctuaries.

#98

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am a landowner and hunt in HD 204. Regarding deer regulations, I think you should keep the 299-00 deer B permit for antlerless whitetail on private land in HD 204, switching to the general license for whitetail does on private land will not achieve the objective because hunters will not use their general license for a doe. Regarding elk regulations, there are not enough elk in the northeast end of HD 204 to justify opening cow elk to the general license, it should remain a brow-tined only area on the general license. Thank you for your consideration.

#99

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Q1

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Q2

HD 201

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Combining HD201 and HD203 is not in my best interest as a resident of Ninemile Valley. Competing with hunters for quota and deer B licenses is unnecessary and should not proceed.

#100

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

FWP is wanting reduce the Elk B tags to 200 from 300 for the whole district. Yet the cow population in the district is growing significantly and the tags are getting harder to get as more hunters are putting in for each year. Several years back fwp wiped out the youth tags, combining with adult tags,, therefore further reducing the draw percentage. FWP continues to restrict the number of cow tags in 270, yet the population continues to grow. Makes no sense.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Would like to know the reasoning for changing the reg to only being able to take a bull in that district only and not being able to hunt any other HD for bull

#102

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Do not restrict hunters to only hunt in that district that they draw a permit for. Hunters should be allowed to hunt in any general areas as well.

#103

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 201,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 240
(optional)

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I agree with the Boundary adjustment and making unit 240 a general unit.

#104

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 240, HD 250, HD 270
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I agree with the Boundary adjustment and making unit 240 a general unit.

Unit 270 should remain a permit for elk but should not be first and only choice. Also if statewide change for elk permits goes into effect it may have a negative impact on the desired permit implications for the unit. It will cause more pressure if permit holders are not allowed to hunt bull elk in other HD. In that case it should be made a general area.

Unit 250 elk have recovered. It is fine making it a trophy type permit but there should be tag allocations that can increase hunter access and spread out pressure. There should be an archery only permit for elk. There should also be wilderness tags available for both elk and deer as those areas are rarely hunted by current tag holder and they border general elk units in idaho.

#105

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Q1

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Q2

HD 201

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I don't think changing the boundary to petty creek is right it's nice to have both the option to hunt mule deer without a permit and to still be able to put in for a trophy tag. Between petty creek and fish creek is very hard to access and hold good mule deer for people who want to work for them you are simply helping out the road hunters who can shoot mule deer off the road in unit 201 cuz it's hard to find areas that you can't access without a vehicle 201 is a bad unit tons and tons of deer but bad genetics it's not managed right needs to have a 4 point or better regulation if you want to see more nice deer come out if it and leave 202 alone

#106

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Q1

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Q2

HD 250,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 270
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

270 should not be restricted to only being able to hunt bulls if you draw that district for a bull. It should also not be a 1st choice only permit. If I want to hunt 270 I am not able to apply for any other district. I would like to apply for 250 and still have an opportunity to hunt 270.

300 used your be an unlimited permit and could be an automatic draw as a 2nd choice. This is also how 240 has worked for mule deer. 270 should not be any different for elk. This commission is proposing to restrict opportunity, not expand.

FWP allowed roughly 3,500 hundred permits in 270.

250 should also not be restricted to that hunting district and was never meant to be a permit only district for this long. If the elk are not over or within objective then you should not have B permits for cows. Once again this commission is restricting opportunity.

#107

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I oppose the proposed change of hunting district 270-45 of not being able to hunt bulls out of district. My reason and thoughts are that if 3000+ permit holders under the current regs, and maybe there would not be that many if hunters hands were forced to stay In 270-45 under new proposal, but Being locked into a area where the local elk will escape to two large ranches and if migrating elk do not come into the area like the past 3 years or more until December and January, 2000 hunters will be forced to trip over each other looking for elk and hoping for weather and migration elk. Where with 270-45 current regs if elk are gone onto private and there are no elk that have migrated into area a person could at least go to a different district with current regs

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I oppose the proposed changes to 270 permit that would limit the holder to to hunting for antlered elk within only the designated HD. Hunting opportunities in region 2 continue to be decreased as large tracts of private land are bought by land owners that don't allow hunting. The 270 HD is the only HD in the bitterroot valley that still provides viable hunting opportunities to local residents of western Montana. By restricting hunting options to only 270, it will increase overcrowding within this HD as hunters, if forced to pick 270 and give up rights and opportunities to hunt other areas, will pick 270 every year because it is a gamble more likely to lead to a successful hunt. Ravalli county is an area where game animals are increasingly learning to live on private ranches that don't allow hunting and this change in permits will limit hunter opportunity by forcing them to select 270, and only 270, which will likely be the district with the most game opportunities on public land.

Another important question to consider- why are regulations being significantly updated without an up-to-date wildlife management plan? It seems unreasonable and not biologically supported to make these types of changes until the wildlife management plan is updated and complete.

I would also like to see a local work group assembled for our area that would provide collaboration for wildlife management and regulation updates.

#109

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I oppose the proposed changes to 270 permit that would limit the holder to to hunting for antlered elk within only the designated HD. Hunting opportunities in region 2 continue to be decreased as large tracts of private land are bought by land owners that don't allow hunting. The 270 HD is the only HD in the bitterroot valley that still provides viable hunting opportunities to local residents of western Montana. By restricting hunting options to only 270, it will increase overcrowding within this HD as hunters, if forced to pick 270 and give up rights and opportunities to hunt other areas, will pick 270 every year because it is a gamble more likely to lead to a successful hunt. Ravalli county is an area where game animals are increasingly learning to live on private ranches that don't allow hunting and this change in permits will limit hunter opportunity by forcing them to select 270, and only 270, which will likely be the district with the most game opportunities on public land.

Another important question to consider- why are regulations being significantly updated without an up-to-date wildlife management plan? It seems unreasonable and not biologically supported to make these types of changes until the wildlife management plan is updated and complete.

I would also like to see a local work group assembled for our area that would provide collaboration for wildlife management and regulation updates.

#110

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

District 270 for Elk needs to remain as is or exempt from the proposal for the statewide Limited and Unlimited proposed Changes. I would also like to see some Elk either sex options for public land.

#111

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

i support the 270 unlimited bull permits as 1st choice, if drawn i support it being the only district you can hunt bulls in.

#112

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Q1

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Q2

HD 240

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Allow a full 5 week season in HD 240. 270 and 250 each have full seasons with permits required.

#113

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am not in favor of any proposed changes to the 270 hunting district.

For the following reasons.

First there is a reason why 270 gets so much hunting pressure and it has to do with the fact that there is the single largest and healthiest elk herd in the entire Bitterroot Valley.

Second 270 is easily accessible and is easy to navigate also the terrain is forgiving compared to other hunting districts like 240 and 250.

Third like myself people feel obligated to put it in for the unlimited bull tag because if they don't put in for the East Fork tag you have no option but to try to fill your freezer hunting in other general units where elk numbers are far lower than the East Fork. So when presented with The choice of either hunting a unit with plentiful elk or hunting units with no elk I'm gonna go with the unit that has elk, every year as well the majority of most people.

Fourth the proposed changes to 270 is not a deterrent it will only bring more people here and not only will it bring more people here we will all be forced to hunt 270 for the entire season. I've lived in Montana for my entire life and as Montanans we all deserve the right to freely pick and choose where we want to hunt. I personally think that 270 should be a general unit with possibly a six point or better regulation on bulls. also I believe that the west fork should be opened back up to the public whether it's a general unit or if it's set up similar to 270. I believe allowing more people to hunt in the west fork would significantly reduce the amount of people feeling obligated to hunt the East Fork.

Fifth the proposed changes to the over the counter B tags for private property south of Rye Creek will also bring more people. The other issue with that proposal is the lack of private property access for those individuals who do by the tag. Essentially you guys will be selling tags that are un-fillable. there are only so many pieces of private property south of Rye Creek and the owners of those properties are not willing to allow hunters on their property.

This is an opportunity for Fish wildlife and Parks to step up their game and prove to Montanans that they're on our side and do something that will further expand hunting opportunities in the state. taking away peoples hunting rights and freedoms is not the answer.

It seems to me that every couple years these proposals come up and they're always oriented around more restrictions and less hunting opportunities the more you guys regulate these units the harder it gets for the average person to fill their tags.

And on a final note a one size fits all set of regulations for hunting units will never work. every hunting district in this state is unique and has its own challenges. It is completely and totally necessary to base regulations on biological facts and the individual needs of each hunting district.

Thank you for your time

#114

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Q1

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Q2**HD 270**

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Elk Permit 270-45 requires a hunter to hunt only 270 and hunters may not hunt antlered Bull elk in any other HD or any other portion of the HD during the season dates. If this is enacted there should be a limited number of tags for 270, otherwise your going to concentrate all the hunters to that district. I understand this came from a statewide requirement for Eastern MT, but in Western MT the amount of public access is much more limited. This will concentrate hunters into one area. If the tags are not limited then an exception for 270 should be made to this requirement. This is a very bad regulation for 270 as it is written.

Restricting Elk B licenses to private lands in 262, 204, 261, 270 prohibits hunters without access to the private land the opportunity to hunt in the extended season. I would recommend a change to the regs to allow access to public land adjacent to the private land where the "damage hunt" is occurring within a limited range say 1 mile. This would help control the herd and not restrict hunting opportunity to just private land owners and their friends. See Idaho regs, they do this successfully.

#115

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Elk Permit 270-45 requires a hunter to only hunt in 270 if they draw the permit (its unlimited). Thus a hunter can not hunt antlered bull elk in any other HD. This proposed regulation does not work well for 270 because of the Bitterroot's limited public land for hunting. It will concentrate many hunters into one district and could be detrimental to the objectives. I would recommend either a limited number of tags for 270-45 or an exception for HD 270 to this statewide requirement.

#116

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Q1

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Q2Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
(optional)

HD 200,
HD 201,
HD 202,
HD 204,
HD 210,
HD 214,
HD 217,
HD 222,
HD 240,
HD 250,
HD 260,
HD 262,
HD 270,
HD 282,
HD 285,
HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

If you want to help mule deer populations make all out of state tags draw tags.

#117

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am apposed to the proposal to make the 270-45 unlimited bull permit limit me to only hunting bull elk in that unit. If I have to use my first choice for that permit, which is not a trophy permit. Then I should be able to hunt bull elk anywhere.

#118

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 200,
Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 201,
(optional) HD 202,
HD 204

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

thousands of acres with hardly any elk since wolf reintro. Most elk have moved down to private property. We should relocate private elk herds, they are not owned by the landowners. Check harvest results for lower fish creek check point. This was an area that was historically loaded with elk. Wolf pushed them out, wolves left, elk never returned. We need to be proactive about reintroducing elk into historical habitat. They won't come back "reintroduction". And I'm sure hunters who paid for the wolf reintro would actually agree with this one.

#119

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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

Q2

HD 201

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Why separate the mule deer from the white tail. Why not just put them together that you can harvest either or with a tag.

#120

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I would like the comment on In defense of keeping the 299 whitetail B doe tag. I think it's a great tag, and it helps Mange the whitetail population, Also gives hunters a extra chance to harvest a whitetail doe so hunter don't have to forfeit their general deer tag. It is a better way to harvest whitetail does than having them being hit on the highway. Thanks

#121

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name: Ryder Wandler
City/Town: Florence
State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I would like to make a comment in objection of the proposal to where if you apply for a permit to hunt elk in certain regions like HD-270 you are restricted to hunting only that area with your general tag. I think it is a terrible idea you are limiting the hunting opportunities to hunters and would be making it more difficult for hunters to harvest elk if that area doesn't provide. So that's my comment on rejecting the proposal of that issue.

#122

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I really like the option to harvest a mule buck the 1st 3 weeks of the general season instead of committing to an unlimited permit in most of the units my son and I hunt in region 2.

#123

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

You people are Fing up so bad that the wildlife director retires? That should tell you something. Listen to to the public comment, stop prioritizing private land owners. You people are gonna destroy the hunting in Montana.

#124

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Q1

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Q2Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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HD 200,
HD 201,
HD 202,
HD 204,
HD 210,
HD 214,
HD 217,
HD 222,
HD 240,
HD 250,
HD 260,
HD 262,
HD 270,
HD 282,
HD 285,
HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I would like to see the private land only tags go away. Every day we are loosing hunting land to out of state money. These people move here and are buying up property and not letting people hunt. They don't care about Montanans or the Montana way of life. I asked the question at one of the meetings for region 2. I was told that those private land tags are a tool for the FWP, that way if a property owner isn't letting people hunt there land the FWP doesn't have to provide them with assistance if game animals are destroying there property. Well we have tried it and it's not working because the big land owners still are not allowing hunting in there land. Stop punishing the hunters and taking away our rights on public land.

#125

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

First you guys come out and say that there is no biological reason for unit 270 to be a draw tag for elk. Then you turn around a few weeks later and decide not only is it going to be a draw tag but if you draw it you cannot hunt elk in any other unit in the state. This is outrageous. It's an understandable rule for a unit like the elk horns where it's very few tags drawn and multiple chances at good bulls are very high. But 270 is nothing like that, its a good unit, but it's basically an over the counter unit. I don't care if it's in the draw or not but it absolutely should not be in a system where if you draw it you cannot hunt anywhere else.

#126

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 214

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am opposed to the wholesale adoption of 3 week antlered buck mule deer seasons in much of Region 2. The proposal is made with scant data and is contrary to the last public preference survey that showed very strong support for hunting through Thanksgiving. You are eliminating muzzleloader opportunity and ensuring ever more mass migration of hunters to adjacent regions the last 2 weeks of the season. I am personally tired of this shift in hunters and encourage the Commission to reject this proposal.

The new mule deer management plan requires biologists to use the scientific method to evaluate mule deer management proposals. What I am seeing throughout this process and the recent mule deer technical report is a bunch of conjecture and zero supporting data. While the proposal may represent simplification, it does nothing for Region 3 when you force your citizens to pursue opportunity elsewhere. I suggest you adopt some sort of validation to force hunters to stay home. If you have to, do it at the point of sale based on zip code of residence. My fear is 3 week seasons are going to become the norm and they have never been demonstrated to work, increase crowding and result in lower satisfaction. Not in the Tobacco Roots, Rocky Mountain front or northeast Montana.

#127

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Q1

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Q2

HD 202

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I do not think that the elk permits should be changed to a B tag, and I especially do not think that more opportunity should be created in this district by increasing cow tags to 50 B tags. 202 does not have the numbers of elk that it once did and if anything we should be eliminating cow tags for all but youth hunters. This, like many decisions under this current administration does not seem based in science. I want to see FWP making decisions based on scientific data and science. I want to see objective numbers reevaluated in every single district and objectives set by the carrying capacity of the terrain and nothing else. There are not enough elk in Montana and there are definitely not enough elk in 202, a district that is mostly public land therefore "landowner tolerance" is inconsequential. We really should do what we can to try and get elk herds back to where they were in the late 90s in this district.

#128

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Leave the districts alone combining hd's and getting rid of permits in some area and making it open for the first few weeks will wipe out the population itll be am all out war on anything with antlers... if people can't apply for the specific permit they shouldn't be hunting that species... your gonna cause alot more poaching then there is now

#129

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Q1

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Q2

HD 240

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Why, just why? Doing away with the 299-00 doe tag? Why? So the whitetail can just keep over populating. Yall need to wake the hell up. Shameful what you're trying to do to some districts.

#130

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Hunting District 270.

Antlerless B Tags. You should keep the 300 tags you have now. Do not add the private land tags south of rye creek. The landowners will not allow hunting. You will just end up with a big mess for the game wardens. I vote against private land cow tags and dropping from 300-200

#131

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Q1

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Q2

HD 240,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 285
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Montana has an opportunity to manage for both trophy and "meat" bucks, especially in regards to mule deer. While likely not proposed, I would like to see the state entertain a short (1-2 week) antlered mule deer buck season in units that have high elevation forage and potential for trophy bucks on over the counter tags. If this were to occur in units that made sense, the harvest of mule deer bucks in the "general" season would be prohibited. I believe the state could strike a balance with a late September/early October mule deer season. Most hunters that put forth the calories to hunt alpine mule deer won't take young bucks. The result would likely be more whitetail harvest during the rut with noticeably more mature, trophy mule deer in 2-4 seasons. While not every unit should be managed this way, I believe there exists an opportunity, especially adjacent to more traditional "trophy" mule deer units.

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 270

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I think including all of HD 270 in the 262-01 permit is an excellent proposal.
The number of permits for the 3pt mule deer tag should be increased to help reduce the inferior gene.

#133

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 270

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

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The number of permits for the 3pt mule deer tag should be increased to help reduce the inferior gene.

#134

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 202

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I see no reason why the hunting regulations in 202 can't stay the same.. Ive lived in superior mt my in tire life and started hunting Elk when i was 12 years old. One thing that needs done is killing more wolves. I see no reason to have them. They ham string there prey(Elk) and eat them alive, how cruel is that.

#135

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I'm commenting on the 270 area changing to limiting you to only being able to hunt 270 when you draw a bull tag. I am against this change I think it will cause a more crowded hunting district. Most people that hunt 270 I think are not local to Darby. I think most of us live in other hunting regions and hunt other regions. This helps with crowding forcing everyone to hunt 270 is going to create over crowding. I also would like to see you keep the 299 doe tag it helps private land owners control deer damage. It is more effective to manage taking out does during rifle season. Sometimes it is hard to be successful with just the archery doe tags offered in the same areas. This provides a good management option and keep deer from going to waist on roadways.

#136

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I support going to a 3 week general season for antlered mule deer, I think this is a step in the right direction and I wish we could implement it state wide.

#137

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 201,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 202
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

i live on east end of 203 my man concern is the proposed b tag over existing cow permit i have elk on my property year round so my so called perception could be better than yours in this area. a person with b tag shouldnt be allowed to shoot bull in district as this is going to ruin the terrible bull cow ratio n this part of district, didnt know whitetail has rebounded enough to have etheir sex for one week inthis area are we using science or politics to manage our game

#138

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2**HD 260,**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 270**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I'd first like to address the rule that states if you draw a antlered permit you must hunt only hunt in that hunting district. The HD270-45 tag is unlimited, so it's not the same as a limited entry tag. I don't think that this would do much in the way of game management in that area. I'm not sure what we're trying to do here? Less hunting pressure? I think it will force many people from Western Montana to choose to hunt there and be forced in that HD the whole season. Not many HD are unlimited. Also the HD in the West like HD 270 are really small compared to the east Hunting districts. So limiting a hunter to just that area might congregate hunters there to long and make for crowding conditions. It's the only really good public lands HD in Ravalli Country, that has good elk populations left. Many hunters that put in for that tag now, go to other areas. Some may never hunt there in a given year because

If you had proposed to add HD 334 to HD 270 this proposal would have been more palatable, by making the district bigger. It also made sense because those elk in Hd 334 are basically the same ones that will be in HD 270.

HD 260 has always been an archery only HD. It should stay that way for any public lands there. If a landowner wants primitive weapons during special seasons that would be his or her's decision.

I'd also like to encourage the department to take up mandatory report system. We already do this for most big game species so adding a way to electronically do this for deer and elk would be more efficient.

Thanks
 Robert Wood
 Hamilton

#139

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 250, HD 270
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am 71 years old. I have hunted the southern Bitterroots and Sapphire ranges for 40 years. Hunting has changed dramatically since the release of the invasive non-native Canadian Timber Wolves and has completely altered the lifestyle and actions of our big game animals.

The range of Elk and Deer in these areas has been reduced to large private non-huntatable grounds and people's back yards. This effect has now trained the the ongoing generations of these animals to stay out of the woods where they are in danger of being eaten alive or killed & left. Every year our big game animals congregate earlier and earlier in these places of safety or they just live there year around. There are very few Elk and Deer on public hunting grounds in these areas and virtually no game trails or sign anymore.

You need to address the 'private holdings' of these animals and the attitude of 'ownership' by Large landholders.

You have made hunting regulations so increasingly complicated and extensive every year that honest hunters feel like there're violating 'something' just by being in the woods with a gun.

Hunters pay for EVERYTHING, including your salaries, and you shut us out of the woods with gates and restrictive laws more and more every year.

I spend at least 3 solid months a year in the field; hiking, shed hunting and hunting. I know what I see and whats going on.

Open up 250 (West Fork of the Bitterroot) to general hunting and quit feeding the wolves only! If your philosophy is correct... then 20 years of few tags and denying ALL the right to hunt the West Fork should be enough time to have corrected the Deer and Elk populations.

Take down some of these road gates in 270 and other places that you think are protecting Elk when they're not even there in the first place.

Stop exaggerating count and harvest numbers and stop using political hipe about "how good hunting season is". We're not stupid... we live out here!

Classify Wolves like Coyotes that they may be shot year round and help return us all to "the good old sane days of hunting"!

#140

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Q1

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Q2

HD 202

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The Donally Ranch is in hunting district 202. The special hunting district from Quartz Creek to Trout Creek needs to be kept. Combining districts and reducing hunting licenses and cow tags will not help reduce the game predation on our ranch. The number of cow tags in our special district needs to be increased, 30 cows need to be harvested each year. Furthermore more deer B licenses or open the first week to either sex on whitetails, we are being overgrazed with whitetails. Game numbers need to be reduced.

#141

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The combination of districts to make HD 291 could be a good change. This would increase the area for a special limited mule deer permit. For this change to work correctly the number of tags must remain the same for at least 3 or 4 years so the age class of bucks within the entire hunting district is brought up so their are older bucks throughout the entire district. After the age class is brought up it MAY then be appropriate to increase the number of tags. This is also a special opportunity for the younger hunters in the state. Keep the seperate tags for the 12-15 year old kids so that they may have an experience hunting an area with more mature mule deer bucks.

#142

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The HD I want to comment on is 284 but I can't find it listed anywhere. My name is Chris Castagne and I am a landowner and life long permanent resident in HD 284. This Archery only area has always allowed the harvesting of cow elk throughout the entire Archery AND rifle season, without the need to apply for a special permit. I would certainly hope this would not change. Having the opportunity to harvest a cow not only helps manage the heard that now spends a lot of time in 284 but also provides youth and people who hunt for food a much better chance at getting an elk versus the extremely slim chance of harvesting a brow tine bull. Keep in mind this is not an extra tag, people make the decision to use their A tag. This should be simple to keep as is in the regulations, no matter if it's called archery-only or "weapons-restricted area". Contact me anytime 406-465-8508 Thank You.

#143

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Q1

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Q2

HD 290

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

to maintain the 50 either sex deer permits for it's historic opportunity for bowhunters to harvest a second buck in the archery only area.

#144

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Q1

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Q2

HD 290

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

To maintain the 50 either sex deer permits. Want OTC antlerless elk permits for the archery only area

#145

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Q1

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Q2

HD 250,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 270
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am opposed to limiting the regulation of being able to only hunt brow time elk in the hunting district you are drawn ie 270 draw will be the only district I can hunt if I draw and don't get a cow tag somewhere else!! I should still be able to hunt bull elk in other districts. You are making the regulations more complex than ever. Please don't cater to special interests

#146

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I strongly dis agree with making 270-45 the only area a person can hunt bulls. It is all ready difficult making it have to be your first and only choice. As to the old rules I think a person should be able to apply for 270-45 (bull tag) and the 250 bull tag. I can't see the reasoning behind this. Thanks Dave

#147

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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City/Town:	Philipsburg
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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

More of a general comment regarding the late season muzzleloader hunt. Thank you! This late season hunt has been long sought after and very much appreciated by a very dedicated group. I, and many muzzleloader hunters who I know, would gladly commit to this hunt exclusively, excluding ourselves from the general season deer and elk hunt, thus allowing this dedicated group the opportunity to continue with this traditional hunt and lessen the impact on game (deer/elk) if that's what it took to continue the hunt in the years to follow. Spoken humbly, and with much respect regarding the FWP decision to continue this hunt. Again, thank you. JP

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing in regards to the proposed change which will not allow brown tine bull tag holders in district 270 to hunt bull elk outside that district. This is in my opinion a mistake. This is an unlimited draw tag which is drawn automatically if it's put in for. This allows people to put in for this tag with the idea of hunting in this district, or in other districts that don't require a special permit. Many people put in for this in order to hunt in 270 a few times, but primarily to hunt in other areas. This is a good situation for hunters and for elk. It allows hunting in the district, but also allows leeway to hunt in other districts if the elk have moved elsewhere. This allows pressure relief for local herds in the area, and allows hunters to go where more elk are. Please reconsider this proposal as bad for both elk and hunters alike.

Sincerely

Spencer Huls
Lifelong Ravalli County Resident
ALS# 03/18/1978-05

#149

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HD 270

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

First off I want to say thank you for your guys efforts! This comment is for hunting district 270 in relation to elk. It is said quite a bit about this district being mainly a migratory place the elk come to winter from big hole or other adjacent districts. With this being the case I can see how the 270-45 elk permit can be effective to protect elk late in the season. What I am worried or main concern is that with the new statewide proposal to keep people who draw this permit to hunt that unit then people who put in for it will still just hunt other units or this unit and poach elk saying they shot it in the unit they can hunt or a unit they drew. Many people put in for this area just to have the permit to hunt it. Many do not. I do however wish it was more archery friendly and archery hunters could hunt brow-tined bull elk in the unit without a permit. I have been all over this unit and talked with many about it. In conclusion, I would say that I'd like the permit for 270-45 to be gone if the new statewide permit proposal passes. But either way more friendly to archery hunters to not have to put in and be restricted to a unit that is mainly a late season unit. Thanks for your guys time and efforts.

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Q2

HD 270

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

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Deer: I hate to see the inclusion to open up mule deer to shooting of three points or less. The existing permitted hunt has finally made this a prime trophy buck area with larger bucks finally showing up. Why kill off the younger bucks which would finally grow to trophy sized bucks. This is counterproductive.

Elk: Why does this area have unlimited permits? First the bow hunters kill many of the larger Bulls in the bow season using new and better equipment. Also having spent many days in that area, there simply were not many bull elk in that region. But the number of hunters is greater than ever to the point of having problems finding a parking spot at the trail heads. These permits should be limited in number. We need to build back up the herd which is depleted despite what counts indicate.

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Q2

HD 250,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional) HD 270

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Elk permits should not be restricted to a single unit! This will put added pressure on the elk in that unit. Instead of people spending more time in a general unit, it will put more pressure on the permitted unit.

Unit 270 should be open to 1st or second choice. This would allow us locals to hunt our back yard and still put in for an actual trophy tag!!

I also think 270 needs to ideally go back to a general license, and put back the standard to 10 bulls per 100 head of cows like the rest of the state. 270 elk numbers are not hurting. They are above objective.

270 cow tags should also go back to an A7 permit. This would help keep high bull numbers and reduce cow numbers. The way it is set up now a person could theoretically kill 2 cows and a bull at the same time. This will devastate our elk herd in the long run. It should be illegal to kill a cow in the same unit as a bull tag is good for. This would help protect our elk herd for future generations. No one needs 3 elk!!!

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Q2

HD 204

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

One of the issues that came up with HD204 proposal to have general license hunting for antlerless and brow-tined bull elk during the general season HD-wide was the potential additional hunting pressure placed on antlerless elk existing on public lands. MPG Ranch would support removing the antlerless elk hunting on public lands with a general license during general season. We support amending the proposal to include antlerless elk hunting with a general license during the general license on private lands only. This directs the additional antlerless elk harvest to private lands where the game damage occurs.

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Q2

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	HD 201,
	HD 202,
	HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

At this current time I do not believe that we need any additional antlerless elk or antlerless deer permits added to Mineral County. I believe with the winter that we are having now, with the hard crust snow, we aren't sure how these animals are going to manage during this winter. I also don't believe that Mineral County and fwp have a current proper holding capacity number, with the recent fires and also excess amount of logging in the area. I believe the holding capacity numbers are not proper. I believe that Mineral County can hold a lot more animals than what we are showing on the current holding capacity information. Especially in area 200, I know the area is expanding, but I do not agree with the potential of 50 cow permits being utilized in Mineral County. With the potential of severe weather or just word of mouth on placement of the herd, that all 50 cow permits could be utilized in the mineral County side of this area which would be devastating to the herd. I do not like that many cow permits in that area area 201 I believe the holding capacity is much greater than up to be a p shows and that we should allow the cows to reach that holding capacity before any other antlerless tags when it comes to deer and additional deer permits I think there's plenty of opportunity to harvest a antlerless deer and Mineral County at this time I really do not like the idea of any unlimited tags I think that takes a potential of management out not knowing exactly how many takes will be utilized that doesn't matter if it's private or not private land over the years of living in Mineral County I have seen in the past where they have extended non extended antlerless tags for both deer and elk and it one time we found that there are certain kind of hunters their Hunters at like to harvest and fill the freezer and there's other Hunters that just like to kill with an unlimited amount of antlerless tags be a deer or elk Presley with dear you'll find people that just like to kill I can remember the days of her people would drive around the dead do does anybody want a deer I just shot in the back cuz they had already harvested eight or nine deer same thing with antlerless tags as in people will shop around to find anybody in the area that they so they can just kill another deer are finite resource should never be used to just allow for killing are outdoors and the research should not be like a grocery store for Killers just to see how many people's freezers they can feel and feel like the big man in the county I seen this happen let's review the holding capacity and see how what this winter brings and then maybe possibly extend the season I do like the idea of keeping the permit area for mule deer 20 to 50 at 150 I think that adds additional protection that these dire need I also believe the 2001 needs to be reviewed with a lack of adult or Trophy Class animals I think it's something that needs to be reviewed there's way too much open area and area 201 and there's too much harvesting of mule deer more protection needs to be looked into that I do not believe it any extension of the Season preview or postseason after the 5-week archery season and the 5-week rifle season I believe these seasons are plenty long enough and it gets too much opportunity for people to potentially poach trophy animals and stretches are game worn out I know there's a Muzzleloader season right now and that should be left alone but to extend anything past that is too hard on the game warden into too much rasman of the animals when it becomes hard winter thank you for your time for me

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Q2

HD 282,

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Deer 290-20 - It has been brought to the attention of Randy Arnold there is a misprint in one of the informational packets that has the wrong ending date for this tag. The end date should be Jan 1st. A date change is something that was not vetted and did not go out for public comment.

Deer 290-20 - I'm glad we are keeping this tag and opportunity. The mule deer opportunity on this tag needs to remain and not be made into Whitetail Deer only.

Deer 290-01 – This tag has severely reduced the deer numbers and should be gotten rid of all together. It's a rifle tag in an archery only area and is not warranted.

Elk 290-01 – If HD298 is being split off from this tag then the land acreage for this tag is being cut by about 90% and 150 cow tags is waaay too many.

HD 284/281: Needs to remain archery only as proposed and needs to remain as is own stand-alone HD284 to avoid confusion and because it will have its own special management needs and LPT's than HD281 over time as it is completely different habitat than HD281 with different weapon types which will cause different needs and management strategies. That's why it was made its own HD in the first place.

HD 282: I support running this season through the general season as the old early cut off date was super confusing.

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HD 290

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Would like to see license 290-20 archery only either sex deer tag keep same season dates as it has historically had. Tag has always went to Jan 1st. In current proposal it is set to end Nov 27. This has always been a coveted late season tag and it would be a shame to lose that hunting opportunity

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Q2

HD 290

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

elk shoulder tag 290-01 is offering 150 tags for 2022 season. This is to many tags this area was part of area 298 shoulder tag in 2021 but is only a quarter the size of 298 and it no longer is part of 298. Last season there were 300 tags offered for 298. this 290-01 tag number should be lower or we will have to many elk kill especially being that the general elk tag is good for a cow in this area as well. current numbers in this area can not handle this amount of 290-01 tags and still stay in objective.

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

adding area 298 with area 291 will not work the area has to different of elk numbers to be able to be properly manage. The public from area 298 worked for years with FWP to get area 298 created. prior to the creation there were lots of damage being done by large elk numbers. since its creation we have been able to get elk numbers closer to objective. Area 298 is really working please do not combine it with 291.

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Q2

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

HD 200,
HD 201,
HD 202,
HD 204,
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HD 214,
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HD 260,
HD 262,
HD 270,
HD 282,
HD 285,
HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

From the proposed changes it seems like fwp is just trying to kill animals and sell tags. If we wanted to grow bigger animals and make Montana known as a trophy state there should be a better way. I think backing the mule deer seasons down to two weeks is a good change and should help save some for the rut. However the war on elk should stop.

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Q2**HD 270**

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the unprecedented "hunters may not hunt antlered bull in any other HD during the described dates". This has not ever been done for elk in Montana, as far as my research has been able to find. In looking into FWP justifications for HD270 it is stated :

1. "HD 270 is unique in that it has a partially migratory elk herd from both the {Pintlar HD 211} and Big Hole {HDs334,319,and 341}." The 2021 hunting season was a prime example as the herds did not migrate into HD270 as weather patterns didn't bring the snow or cold temps during hunting season to cause the migration. Why would FWP lock in hunters to a HD that may not have viable populations of brow tine bulls? If the migration is late, then increased hunter pressure goes toward the private ranch boundaries as local elk herds are the hunting option, causing conflict!
 2. "HD270 has excellent hunter access which increases hunter pressure." Why would FWP lock in hunters to an area they feel is over run with hunter pressure? Especially during archery season ,a hunter who wants success needs to be able to move to where the elk are. The introduction of wolves, of which the East Fork has a healthy population, causes elk to move several drainages in and out of different hunting districts, thus a hunter needs to have the option to move between hunting districts.
 3. "Hunting district 270 has high hunter pressure and poor hunter behavior near private property boundaries." Why would the FWP lock in hunters to an area where they know they already have problems and conflict which will only increase if hunters cannot move to other hunting districts in pursuit of elk?
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Q2

HD 285

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am commenting on the proposed changes for the upcoming 22-23 season where the Department is recommending to shorten the general season for antlered mule deer from 5 down to 3 weeks in HD 285, which surrounds our ranch and where we conduct all of our lodge-based guided horseback hunts during the 5-week general season. I DO NOT support this proposed change. I agree that our mule deer population has declined, but we have actually started to see some rebound. And I don't believe that hunters are responsible for the decline itself. As someone who has spent over 50 years guiding our ranch guests year around across the entirety of HD 285, including hunters, hikers, horseback riders, snowmobilers, skiers and snowshoers, my observations are that the increasing population of large carnivores (grizzlies, black bears, lions and wolves, coyotes -i.e. "fangs in the forest") have had the biggest impact. The mule deer does and fawns have been impacted the most. I hoping that recent changes enacted by both the legislature and FW Commission regarding carnivore management should help to alleviate some of that. Before reducing hunter opportunity I think we need to give time to see if those policy changes will help.

My experience is that once hunter opportunity is reduced then it's very difficult to get it back. I would really appreciate your support on this. Feel free to call or email if you have questions. Jack Rich, Rich's Montana Guest Ranch

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HD 285

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I'm commenting on the proposed Mule Deer season change. If we go to a shortened season I believe there should be a few "trophy tags" that extend through the end of general season. This would allow the numbers to rebound and allow the opportunity to hunt the rut through a draw. Idaho went to this system years ago and they have some of the best Mule Deer hunting in the west for those willing to put in the effort. They have much the same challenges as we do with predation.

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the merger of HD281 with HD284. This merger would decrease the hunting opportunity for archery hunters in HD284 since the regulations for HD281 would be used in HD284. The archery hunter in HD284 would not be allowed to harvest antlerless elk and the season would be closed the week before rifle season. This would be contrary to FWP goal to "increase participation in recreational opportunities".

I am requesting that the commission make no changes to the current HD281 and HD284 hunting districts. The hunter is the loser in this merger. I am STRONGLY opposed to any changes. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. 406-88-0807

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Q2

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I would like to propose that HD215 be put back like it used to be a few years ago when it was 215-01 and 215-02 North and South of Cotton Wood because they want to reduce Elk on spotted dog not kill all the Elk in Browns Gulch by Butte.

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I would like to have 215 go back to the way it was before 215-01 and 215-02 north and south of cottonwood

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Q2

HD 204

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I do not want to see elimination of the unlimited permits for mule deer bucks. The mule deer buck permits in 204 limits the number of hunters because many hunters choose to keep the flexibility to hunt mule deer bucks statewide and do not get the permits. The permits and the lower hunter numbers that come with those, give those of us who do commit to getting the permit better odds and less crowded hunting. This is really important for those of us who have limited time to hunt and need a place close to where we live that we can have a reliable hunt. It's really important to my family that we continue to be able to get single district mule deer permits so that we can count on good odds for having meat in the freezer. Opening mule deer bucks in these districts to anyone with a general tag will increase the pressure and lower success.

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Q2

HD 270

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

It's very obvious to me the FWP Board is not interested in Montana sportsman. Unlimited tags for cows only on private land caters to the outfitter industry and does nothing for sportsmen. If you want to increase opportunities for sportsmen, have you ever thought of increasing the cow permits above 200 to maybe 5 or 600, Once the shooting starts on private, the elk will head for the cover on public land and nobody has tags. I have been hunting in HD 270 since 1989 and have seen how the elk react. I was under the assumption the Fish and Game commission had a duty to look out for the sportsman, not every one has the opportunity to know private landowners, I can see the landowners start charging for cow hunts. Everyone knows that with 4 current or previous outfitters on the board and a Governor who wants to commercialize the elk in Montana that the sportsman are getting the short end of the stick. Thanks for the opportunity to comment even if you don't take our comments seriously, dan castillo.

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Q2

HD 210,

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

please eliminate the shoulder hunt and reduce if not eliminate the cow tags for the time being, the elk populations have been devastated. 217 is too small of a geographical area for the number of bull tags given out, the area needs increased or less tags given. eliminate doe tags for both whitetail and mule deer until the population rebounds. 3 week mule deer season is a good idea, go a step further and require 3 point bucks or larger to be harvested. don't make management strategies based upon 1 land owners ideas, these are not their animals they belong to the people of montana. do not change 291 boundaries. 290 could sustain more opportunity

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

If area 291 is expanded as proposed I would like to see more antlered mule deer permits available, and possibly allowing more than 10% for non-resident hunters.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I strongly oppose the opening of unit 204 to antlerless elk during the general and muzzleloader season on public land. This unit is very close to Missoula and receives extensive hunting pressure. The influx of additional pressure due to the opportunity of an antlerless elk will further push elk onto the inaccessible or minimally accessible private ranches. This will not solve any "over objective" issues on private land. The additional harvest will be detrimental to the elk population and hunting on the public land in unit 204. Please stop the attempts to destroy our elk hunting in Montana. I ask that the new Elk Management plan is completed prior to any changes so we can ensure the changes are appropriate for the elk.

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Q2Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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HD 201,
HD 202,
HD 204,
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HD 222,
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HD 250,
HD 260,
HD 262,
HD 270,
HD 282,
HD 285,
HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Shoulder seasons - I oppose any shoulder season hunts on any publicly owned lands in region 2.

Mule deer season length - I support shortening of mule deer seasons where appropriate to prevent decline and restore mule deer populations. This applies to all regions.

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Q1

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HD 262,
HD 270,
HD 282,
HD 285,
HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I opposed the simplification of changing antlerless elk permits to antlerless b tags. Essentially this would increase the elk harvest allowing for the permit holders that used to have to choose bull or cow to harvest both. In addition hunting pressure will increase as those who harvest a cow can continue to hunt all season to search for a bull. Once again we are sacrificing elk for some apparent "simplification".

#172

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

After attending the Hamilton meeting the main concern was with overcrowding with the current permit system. The general majority of responses was to keep the permit in place. To maybe curb the overcrowding, it might be time to split the permits, rifle and archery, with no crossover. Hunt where you draw, and in that season, with a limited number of permits for both seasons. Permits could be first or second choice. I think this proposal would be more in line with what we have in other elk HDs with permits. How to split the permit numbers will take some time to see which season draws the most interest. The total number of permits would be to start with the average number from past years. By splitting the seasons there could actually add opportunity to each season.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Please do not get rid of the cow elk permit system and replace it with a B tag system. HD 204 is adjacent to Montana's second largest population center and hunting pressure in 204 is high on public lands. By allowing everyone to carry two tags in their pocket pressure will increase. Our current system forces us to choose, which is more fair for the elk. And let's be honest, the current permit system is not very confusing to anyone who takes the time to understand the rules.

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 202,
	HD 204,
	HD 217,
	HD 240,
	HD 260

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I retired from the military and moved to Montana and have seen two changes during my four years thus far. The changes made or proposed have nothing to do with WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT in my opinion and are focused on MONEY. How can you have a DRAW AREA in HD 240 for Mule Deer with limited tags and now you are proposing to make it a GENERAL HUNT or offer an UNLIMITED amount of Elk shoulder tags an individual can possess in certain areas where numbers are obviously high. Having draw areas, even if they are 100 percent ensures that hunters are spread out and not putting as much pressure on the wildlife and giving them better odds of survival so they can mature. Removing these restrictions or giving more quotas to private only benefits large land owners and non resident hunters. I hunted Elk in 2021 in HD 217 and harvested a cow elk which I am grateful for the opportunity/meat. The issue I had with hunting in Drummond is that the ANGELO CATTLE Company has 500+ elk on there land south of Interstate 90. I called before bow season and asked if I could access there land, the owner (female) stated that they would consider me later in the season (rifle) because they had a few family tags. They essentially strung me along for several weeks and then informed me they would not allow me on there property. During my time up there, I did not see anyone hunting on there property, they constantly had ranch workers driving the road monitoring the State Block of land that located on the east side of there property to ensure nobody was trespassing. I know the State provides compensation to land owners if elk/deer damage fences, etc. I would like to know if and when compensation is provided to these land owners is it published for hunters to see because ranch's that DO NOT allow access to hunters like the ANGELO CATTLE COMPANY should NOT be entitled to any form of compensation. What if CWD was to show up in the herds of elk there land currently holds, it will wipe out the majority of elk in this district and force hunters to other HD's. Regarding the HD 240 Mule Deer change or other districts that will now be considered a GENERAL SEASON tag, this is solely to accommodate the Non-Resident hunters period!! If these changes are made, I hope there is a VOTE and those responsible for these changes will be made public.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 250

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

HD 250 has not had a deer survey since 2012 with only 11 bucks/100 mostly spikes.
This should qualify for the 3 week season more than any other HD
and adding another 8 days of hunting in December is just absurd management.

#176

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Elk-HD270 should not be under restricted HD with a permit requirement. This mostly public land National Forest. Last surveys showing over 4000 elk and a 5 year average of 16 bulls/100. This restriction does not comply with the "elk management plan book" This is socially management of wildlife not science as promised.

#177

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Q1

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Q2

HD 285

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I have no problem with shutting the season down early. But from my experience in this area I think more mountain Lion tags would be more of a help than anything as well as the ability to use hounds for bears. We as humans can only control so many variables and one of those we can control fairly well is predator management, again, especially with hounds. But in recent times predators take precedence over ungulates. Which totally contradicts the general consensus of hunters.

Thanks

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Q1

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Q2

HD 285

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I have no problem with shutting the season down early. But from my experience in this area I think more mountain Lion tags would be more of a help than anything as well as the ability to use hounds for bears. We as humans can only control so many variables and one of those we can control fairly well is predator management, again, especially with hounds. But in recent times predators take precedence over ungulates. Which totally contradicts the general consensus of hunters.

Thanks

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I support not allowing mule deer buck harvest the last 2 weeks of season. However this needs to be done state wide. Hunting mule deer when they are most vulnerable is wrong and a season so liberal is not implemented in any other western state. At minimum we need pick your district all over the state and especially in areas when the season closes early. All the western Montana hunters will flock to the eastern part of the state and this is simply not sustainable with the increased interest and increased population of Montana. Montana is changing rapidly and you need to stay ahead of it for the sake of Montana's Wildlife.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Dear Commission,

My family owns a large ranch in the heart of HD 204. We are in support of the proposed elk regulations and season changes.

Thank you,

Logan Miller

#181

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

D 215: Change Antlerless Elk Permit 215-01 to Elk B License 215-01 and maintain the quota of 250

Antlerless Elk B License 215-02 valid until Jan 08.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 270
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am voicing my concerns and dislike on the statewide proposal to restrict hunters to one hunting district for elk hunting when they receive a permit in that district. This obviously restricts hunters to that district only and are unable to hunt other districts/regions. I live in the 204 district but have had to hunt in the 270 district for the past few years due to the fact that there are no elk on public ground in our area. Don't get me wrong, there are elk in the district but only on private ground, namely large private ranches who don't allow hunting or if they say they do it's more of a joke and only for show. Anyways I digress, the said elk in the 204 district are pretty slim pickings on the very few public hunting grounds that are available to hunt on. When at the meeting the comment was made that per the collars on the elk they see them on public ground which I have to argue has to be only when they are passing through public ground on their way to private. So the need to put in for tags in the 270 area has been necessary for some years now. The elk population on public down there is much more prevalent and the potential success rate is higher. That being said I do not want to be restricted to one district. Due to the lack of elk on public in 204 we have been more or less forced to go much further from home to hunt and try to fill the freezer, but with the off chance some elk come around in my home town area I would love the opportunity to hunt them and not have to travel 100 plus miles each time to hunt. I like the option to hunt where I would like with my general elk tag. I strongly oppose this statewide proposal. If it's something necessary and the hunting people want it in their zones elsewhere then let them deal with it there and keep our hunting districts/zones out of their proposals.

I also oppose the elimination of the 299 whitetail doe permit. That has been a tag that my son and daughters have actually been able to fill successfully in our area and would be absolutely disappointing to see removed.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I've hunted 270 for elk for a few years now. I have to say it's great hunting with a good number of elk. It's like what I grew up hunting in the flathead. Up in region one. Now that we have so many people in flathead county and the logging has stopped you can't find elk. I'm totally against the 262-01 B tag being used for the whole hunting district. If you look back at the harvest reports. Not one time in 10 years have hunter's taken 500 cow's out of 270. Also there's only 2 game wardens for south of Missoula. You make that 262-01 tag open for the whole district and those poor guy's will have trouble on their hands. Another reason I know why it's been mentioned is because it's \$250 for our of state hunter. That's cheaper for them to get an elk. But everyone will flock to that district and your going to have wounded cow's on ranch's more than normal in the Sula area. Plus the forest service in that area is under manned and people have been ripping down gates and driving where they are not supposed to be the past five years. That 262-01 district wide is just a bad thing all the way around! My vote is no way!

Please take this into consideration when you make your decision. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.

Whitney Shanks
885-0655

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Q1

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Q2**HD 285**

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The area of concern that I have and wish to comment on is the proposed Mule Deer hunting season length for 285. Your proposal is to combine 6 districts into 1. By doing so you have reduced the hunting of Mule Deer to the first 3 weeks of the season. Hunter success reached an all time low last season. By eliminating the last two weeks of the season you will continue to see hunter success decline. It ends up being a ripple affect when you consider potential income loss for small communities such as Seeley Lake that will be ruled out as destination points when they see how lousy the statistics are for this new area. By combining 6 districts into 1 you are penalizing the one district where Mule Deer are thriving. I have watched Mule Deer in the "old" 285 district rebound in the last several years. Now the two best weeks of the season are being taken away from us because the other 5 districts don't have populations of Mule Deer that warrant the extension of a full season. It's like penalizing the entire class because one kid can't behave. It feels like we're heading towards a permit only hunting season where only one entity will be benefiting from the process because of application fees. Please consider leaving the entire season in tact. The guys that hunt that high country are hard core. Very few bucks are taken in 285 and the ones that are are earned. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am opposed to the proposed change on the 270-45 unlimited bull permit that would restrict me to only hunting bull elk in that area, this is not a trophy tag, therefore I should not have to use a first choice on it, and then be restricted to only hunting bull elk in that area.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

Name:	Patrick Uthe
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State/Province:	MT

Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am opposed to restricting holders of the 270 bull permit to only hunting unit 270. I believe there should be flexibility in how each unit's permit is regulated, rather than conforming to a statewide directive. If there is a strong desire to keep permit rules consistent throughout the state, how about requiring holders of limited permits to hunt their HD, but allow holders of unlimited permits (i.e. 270) to move around freely during general season. Overall, I think the status quo in unit 270 strikes a good balance between a minor restriction to reduce some hunting pressure, but enough flexibility to provide significant quality hunting opportunity. Thanks for consideration of my comment.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Reduce landowner acreage requirements for entire state. The 640 acre requirement is obsolete. For elk and deer.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 240

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I would like to see the 240 early season wilderness hunt to continue. I think it's a unique opportunity for those of us that like to hunt the backcountry with less pressure.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I do not support antlerless elk harvest with a general license be permitted on public AND private land in 204. Elk in this urban region get significant pressure on publicly accessible land from hikers, runners, bikers, OHV riders and others forcing them to harbor on private land, where many landowners do not allow hunting. Further pressuring them on publicly accessible land will only increase their impact on private land where they remain inaccessible to most hunters. This will further displace elk from public land in this high-pressure region. I support antlerless elk harvest with a general license be permitted on PRIVATE land only in 204.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Just a general comment to make sure your proposed changes are benefiting elk and deer, not people. I'm not sure larger hunting districts will ultimately benefit the elk and deer.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

204 Elk- I recommend not allowing antlerless elk to be taken with a general license on public land. If this was allowed, it would further congregate elk on private lands that allow very limited access. To address over-population issues in 204, I would encourage the department to work better with harboring landowners to increase public access.

Additionally, I support the change in mule deer regulations that allow for the harvest of mule deer previously restricted by unlimited permits but reducing the season length to avoid the rut.

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Q1

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Q2

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

HD 204,
HD 214,
HD 217,
HD 240,
HD 285

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Dear Commission,

Regarding the proposal for going to a three week mule deer season in several region 2 hunting districts. If the department is serious about trying this then they need to be surveying Mule Deer in these districts so there is baseline data to compare to. Currently there are only two functioning biologists in the entire region and there is no plan to monitor this regulation change to see if it even works. Let's face it, everyone would like to shoot bigger antlered deer. But let's look at the science behind how that is feasible rather than throwing out wild ideas that we won't even be able to learn from or know if they work. Three week seasons have been tried in several units across the state and every time it has been documented that it doesn't increase the mature buck composition. It does however increase hunting pressure. Lastly, the Commission adopted the new Mule Deer plan just this past year and already we are going to outside of that. What is the point of spending all of this time and money on making these plans if we immediately throw them to the curb.

Thank you for your time,

Logan

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I oppose adding either-sex white-tailed deer opportunity on general license for private land only in HD270

I support retaining HD 270 1st choice only BTB unlimited permits

#194

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

In general I support the changes in HD 204, I am not in agreement with closing the Three Mile WMA area off to the harvesting of cow elk with a general license.

I do support the closing of antlered mule deer buck hunting at the end of the third week and I encourage less harvest of mule deer does.

#195

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Q1

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Q2

HD 240

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

January 19, 2022

Chair Robinson, Vice Chair Tabor, Commissioners Waller, Byorth, Walsh, Cebull & Lane
Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks
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Re: 240-50 Permits

Dear Chair Robinson, Vice Chair Tabor and Commissioners:

The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers submits this comment in opposition to the current proposal to discontinue the 240-50 permits, an early season Bitterroot Wilderness mule deer hunt opportunity. Our Chapter has more than 3,000 dues-paying Montana members who value the sort of experiences that are provided by permits such as these. Our members celebrate wild places, rugged mountains, solitude and big, challenging country. It was hunts and experiences like these that lead to the founding of our organization.

Although we appreciate the effort to simplify regulations - which is the only reasoning we've been given regarding this change - it seems that in this case a rather unnecessary simplification would come at the expense of a great and unique opportunity.

This limited-entry early October season typically takes place before the deep snow falls in the Bitterroots, making backpack hunting feasible and lessening the need for things such as pack animals and wall tents; in other words, anyone willing to hoof it with a heavy pack can make this hunt happen, meaning it's more attainable for more Montanans.

The rationale provided "for regulation simplification only," offers no biological or social reasoning to eliminate this permit, and therefore we respectfully request that the Commission retain this unique early-season wilderness opportunity and oppose this proposed regulation change.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Corey Ellis
Montana Chapter of BHA Board Member

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Q2

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HD 204,
HD 217,
HD 240

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

For areas 204,212,213,214,215,217,and 240 If the season is going to be reduced to three week the unlimited deer permits should remain intact. I feel this is the best option to increase mule deer bucks in those areas because less people will put in for the three week season and by not opening the deer to a general season tag will save more bucks as well

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Q2

HD 270

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Adamantly OPPOSE this limit on Permits:

Permits for either-sex elk or brow-tined bull-antlerless elk will limit the holder to hunting for antlered elk within only the designated HD for the period identified on the permit.

How can fwp propose this restriction and at same time promote shoulder seasons for 7 months.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 202,

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I'm not sure "simplification" merits boundary changes and the elimination of HD 203. I would be interested in more substantial reasoning for this proposal. Further, I'm concerned that this (and other) boundary changes will result in the need for FWP to remake all their maps and get them out to hunters in a timely manner and in time to apply for permits and licenses, as they have struggled with timeliness in the past. Finally, boundary changes are "bound" to cause some confusion/angst with hunters who have hunted 203/240/201 for ages.

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 201,
	HD 204,
	HD 210

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

201: I disagree with allowing any cow elk to be harvested on public land. That tag should only be valid on private land. Ive spent years in that district and it is sad to see how few elk remain on public. The cows on public land do not need to be wiped out.

204:

I agree with having mule deer buck season for rifle for only 3 weeks. I do worry about it going general, since I have not seen mule deer in certain parts of the district for years. There used to be way more mule deer in the wilderness area, and they have all but disappeared.

I absolutely disagree with cow harvest on the general tag. There are very few cows left on public land, we do not need to wipe them out. I urge you to only allow cow harvests on private land if we must continue to have liberal cow licenses.

210:

I strongly disagree with having antlerless elk tags valid for public land. There are not enough elk on public land to begin with in this unit. I have spent years and almost every weekend of the hunting season in this district and have not seen very many cows to begin with on public. Majority of them can be seen from the roads on private land and they do not move far. We do not need to be killing cows on public, we need them to stay on public. I have had many trail cameras up in this unit almost up all year round, and rarely will you see a cow on them. I understand they migrate in, but lately we have not had the winters for these earlier migrations and a majority of the elk are on private land anyway. Mike Thompson even said we need to scale back on shooting elk on public land in these units. We need to be thinking about sustainability and doing what is right for the wildlife.

211:

There should be some limitations on mule deer hunting in this unit. A three week season would be a good step.

I disagree that there should be antlerless elk licenses that are good on public land in this unit. There are very few cows that barely come off the private land, and shooting at them on public land will just drive them to private land even more. The few cow elk that are on public will be wiped out. It is sad to think that these small herds will be wiped out in the name of opportunity.

212:

I agree with the 3 week mule deer season even if it is a general tag.

216:

I disagree that mule deer season should be the full length of general season. I think it needs to be a three week season because their populations are lower than they used to be.

I disagree with allowing more cow tags available on public land. We need to stop harvesting the few elk left on public land. Less pressure on public land would help with driving elk on to private land. Certain private landowners hoarding the elk and skewing elk population counts is a huge issue. This creates issues not only for surrounding land owners but for hunters as these are inaccessible.

#200

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 204

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Please do not eliminate the 299-00 antlerless whitetail tag, as this does give hunters a chance to harvest an additional deer, without using their general deer license for a doe on their own property.

I think eliminating the unlimited mule deer permit is fine, but unfortunately many of the hunters new to the area and new to hunting cannot seem to tell the difference between mule deer and whitetail.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I opposed the shortened deer season as it was proved in Area 320 and 333 that the shortened season did not work on bucks. It added pressure to outlining areas. As far as Elk goes, I would like to see them shut down the early shoulder season elk permits. Supplement them with additional cow permits or B tags for the same areas. Implement a limited draw for bull elk. without a landowner preference.

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Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

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

#203

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Q1

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Q2

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HD 217

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

1-19-22

Hello-

Please accept the following as my public comment, and I will get right to the points. I live in Drummond and we own property in Units 217 and 210. In the past four years we have had a CATASTROPHIC LOSS OF ELK on both units. At the public meeting in Drummond on Jan 4- there was UNANIMOUS consensus- every single meeting attendee agreed with that position, including the landowners that were there. Our sheriff- Scott Dunkerson- said in 40 years of hunting in the area he has NEVER seen so few elk- EVER!! I agree completely- I would estimate the elk loss at 75-80 percent, and that is not an exaggeration. Your wildlife quarterly document showed a 2020 count of 688 elk in 217. Not one person I talk to in the area believes there are even half that many elk in 217- my estimate currently would be 1/3 of that – maybe 200 elk total. By the way- if there are only 688 elk counted, why in the world would you continue to issue 400 antlerless permits?? Is the goal to completely exterminate the elk in the name of landowner tolerance? That is what lots of hunters in the area are beginning to believe...

However, not wanting to just be a complainer with no solutions, please SERIOUSLY consider the following suggestions, specifically for units 217 and 210, to restore the elk populations here:

1. GET RID OF THE AUGUST 15 RIFLE COW ELK PERMITS IN UNITS 217 and 210, AND NEVER, EVER DO THAT AGAIN HERE. On so many levels it was, and is especially now, completely unnecessary, and this was the only and biggest management change over the past 4 years- the one which has undeniably decimated the local elk populations by a factor of 75-80%. First, by August 15 many calves, while they may be technically weaned by then, have little hope of survival. A cow killed then most likely = two dead elk. Second, as noted below, it puts rifle hunters in direct conflict with archers during archery season.
2. NEVER STRUCTURE ANY RIFLE SEASONS TO CONFLICT WITH ARCHERY SEASONS. As an avid archer it is infuriating to have to compete for the whole season with rifle cow elk hunters. This has been extremely disruptive to our archery seasons. I will remind you that we pay extra to get to hunt with a bow- and then to put orange vested rifle hunters on top of us for the whole season is just plain wrong, dangerous, and legally suspect.
3. THERE SHOULD BE ZERO ANTLERLESS ELK HARVEST IN UNITS 217 AND 210 UNTIL POPULATIONS REBOUND. This is extremely disappointing to me as our family and hunting group always counted on a cow or two to fill the freezers, but the current population simply cannot justify it.
4. GREATLY ADJUST THE POPULATION OBJECTIVE UPWARD IN UNITS 217 AND 210. Your count data for unit 217 in 2017 showed a count of 1,384 animals in 217- the bulk of which were no doubt on the Angelo Ranch and the Dunkleburg basin. Based on your current objective, that number would represent double the objective. However, most of the sportsmen and hunters from all over who buy licenses and hunt here LIKED that many elk around. There was actually a chance of killing an elk with this population of elk in the area. Those were "the good old days", and there is no reason not to get there again. The squawking of a very few landowners absolutely should not over-ride the overwhelming hunter and citizen support for a robust and populous elk herd in the area, so a dramatic increase in the objective in the areas around here is certainly warranted. At the public meeting, FWP acknowledged that the population objective was old and quite outdated, and no one from FWP could even specify the criteria in establishing the objective. That needs immediate and detailed correction in my view. Speaking of the population objectives....
5. DO NOT COUNT THE ELK CAMPED ON "HARBOR RANCHES" WHERE HUNTING IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE OBJECTIVE. More and more private land in the area is off limits to hunters. The elk that basically reside year-round on the Phoenix Development ground in Unit 210, or the Rock Creek Cattle Company near Deer Lodge, or even the Angelo Ranch in Unit 217, which are completely off-limits to hunters- should not be counted in the population objective. Legally, elk are a public resource and are owned equally among all Montanans. Private landowners have many rights as well, including restricting who access their land. Those landowners that would harbor that public resource with no hunting access, or use it for personal gain, are entitled to those rights. However, that makes those elk a de-facto private resource and therefore should not be counted in the overall population objective that establishes hunting opportunity because there is effectively no public hunting opportunity on those elk. Of course, there are wandering elk who go here and there, but more and more elk are concentrated on those types of off-limits private land. My point is that only public resource elk should be counted in the public objective for establishing hunting opportunity. Ironically, the dreaded August 15th cow elk season has made this problem MUCH WORSE. Now those elk are concentrating on the harbor ranches much earlier in August after the guns start going

off.

6. QUIT PANDERING TO LANDOWNERS SO MUCH. As a hunter, I call and complain about elk and the phone goes dead. Any landowner calls complaining about elk and all of sudden there are 5 kill permits to be hand picked by the landowner, or new haystack panels, or whatever. I'm not saying those aren't necessary tools, but they should be reserved for those landowners who actually allow reasonable hunting, and mainly there needs to be a much better balance between the concerns of hunters and landowners. Seriously stay focused on managing the elk instead of managing landowners.

I have more but these are the main points. I would welcome the chance to speak with any interested FWP persons to clarify or expound on any of these points. I can be reached on my cell phone at 406-439-8095 and by email at dahl@blackfoot.net. Thank you for your consideration, but it is VITAL THAT THE ELK POPULATIONS IN UNITS 210 AND 217 BE ALLOWED TO INCREASE DRAMATICALLY FROM THIS CATASTROPHIC LOW.

Sincerely,

Chris Dahl
Drummond, MT

#204

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed elimination of HD 284. As I understand it, the proposal is to meld HD 284 into HD 281 but still keep the archery only boundary and regulations for the former HD 284. To what end ? This makes no sense at all and will only make it more difficult for newcomers to the archery area to understand the boundaries, which means it will still have to be outlined on the map. All of this is in place now. I assume the only thing that your proposal will do is eliminate cows from being hunted in the archery district as they are not allowed in the present HD281.

I own property in Lincoln and spend a lot of time in HD 284. There is public access via State and the Sunny Slope Block Management lands which are used quite a bit with quite a few bow hunters. The Elk herds, in the area are healthy and growing every year. I do not see any biological reasons HD 284 should be changed and I DO NOT WANT TO SEE COW HUNTING ELIMINATED.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Antlerless elk harvest with a general license should only be permitted on private land in 204. This hunt district is immediately adjacent to Missoula and experiences significant, year-round recreational pressure from all types of users. If cow elk experience more pressure on publicly accessible land in this hunting district, it will further force these elk to seek refuge on private lands. Many private landowners in this area do not allow public hunting access to the extent necessary to sufficiently disperse the elk back onto publicly accessible land.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 210

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

There should be no elk B tags issued in HD's 210, 211, 212, 216. The population has dropped a bunch. No one should be able to shoot two elk unless numbers are very high.

Elk permits are not confusing if FWP does not add a bunch of complicated requirements to them. They have existed for many, many years. If they are used to make your general tag good for both sexes, they are easy. Adjust the number issued as needed but the general structure of a season remains the same. The major changes every two years are what drives the most confusion. Find a structure and stick with it for a much longer time. Build in flexibility for changing the number issued.

If numbers are low, permits are for cows and the general tag for bulls.

If numbers are high, permits are for bulls and the general tag for cows.

#207

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I have some specific and general comments to submit, and I do not see where to submit the general comments, so I will put them in with my specific ones.

I think that the move from permits to b tags for all antlerless elk is a mistake. There is a serious risk to over harvesting in some districts and still not targeting districts with high populations. If public lands are crowded and very limited in the Eastern part of the state, then pushing elk off of private land is never going to work, because elk will simply go where there is less pressure, back to the private land. I think some permits for bull elk should be restricted, where overcrowding is an issue, and others not, but there should be strict limits on bull harvests on private land and looser restrictions around cow elk, if it is truly about population control. Elk should be managed primarily by biological parameters, not private property owners wishes. There needs to be more give on the the private side. Allowing people to shoot several elk is a bad idea, with all of the permits, seems like folks can shoot 3? or 4? elk. I think it is ok to incentivise private property owners with some bull tags, but only if there is significant give on their end, too, in hunting cow elk.

Specific to R2, 204 should still have A tag antlerless opportunities, as that is mostly large private land tracts with limited access. I support the restriction on mule deer buck harvest, and think it should go further. Why not suspend mule deer buck harvest for a few years until the ratio is better, then resume on a more limited basis to retain that ratio? Seems pretty obvious.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. greg

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Q1

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Q2

HD 201,

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Making the new 201 HD by combining 203, 240 and 283 just doesn't make any sense. I've hunted the northern upper end of of 240 for 26 years. We were just starting to see some nice mature bucks making it in the last 8 years. We need to keep the HD's the same with the restricted permits and three week season. It has been working I've seen it. I'm sure if 240's northern end changes the hunting opportunity to find a mature animal will disappear.

#209

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Q1

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State/Province:	MT

Q2

HD 285

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I support the expansion of unit 285 in to old unit 283, and also support the regulation change to only have mule deer bucks in season for the first three weeks of rifle season.

#210

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province: **MT**

Q2

HD 282

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I support buck mule deer and whitetail deer opportunity going to a stand alone permit rather than old system of B tag attachment. I believe the B tag attachment made sense when permit numbers were so much higher, but at current levels crowding should not be an issue. I think the new regulations are much easier to understand, and are also more in line with the rest of the state.

I do however oppose the extension of the season from November 10th to the end of general rifle season. I think that having that sanctuary for big game the for last 2-3 weeks of general rifle is valuable, and having that extra hunting pressure could have unintended consequences such as pressuring elk on to adjacent private land when they'd traditionally be on the game range.

#211

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 201, HD 285
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Hello! I attended the excellent zoom session on Jan 13, and greatly appreciate the time and effort that goes into all of your work.

My comment is in regard to (current) HDs 240/283/285, the archery 260-01 tag, and the proposed changes to the HD boundaries. I will try to put my comment in a nutshell! I overwhelmingly prefer to hunt public lands. My concern is the loss of archery hunting in the early and late seasons with the 260-01 antlerless WT tag in, most specifically, the eastern portion of HD 283, but also to a lesser extent the northern tier of HD 240 off Hwy 12. Most of all the eastern portion of HD 283! I was wondering if the loss of archery in the eastern area of HD 283 that could become the new, proposed HD 285 is collateral damage from shifting district lines, or is it biologically driven? At the meeting, I understood that the area's expert had recently left FWP, so I fully understand trying to fill gaps in long-term knowledge and the difficulties that involves.

I know it is late in the game, but I would greatly hope and encourage that perhaps there could be an adjustment to allow some of that early and late-season archery in a designated portion of the new, proposed HD 285 to reflect current opportunities in HD 283 (for example, Gold Creek off Hwy 200 and/or Lubrecht).

Full disclosure, while I typically see WTs in those areas within five minutes of hitting the field, I have only harvested one with my bow in all my years (to the point that it isn't a population problem in my experience). What I do appreciate is just being out there and having the opportunity to seek a doe on vast swaths of public land with my bow and not have to use my general tag that I enjoy trying to use on a WT buck. The Bitterroot gets too crowded and too tied into landowner permissions for this archery hunter. (In a pinch, I have taken advantage of the Type 1 BMAs in the Bitterroot, so I greatly appreciate that as well - the tracts just get a bit too limited for me, personally.) My primary motivation is just getting "outdoors" and away from people, so that is where my concern in losing some of those great places for antlerless archery opportunities stems from.

I hope that all makes sense and is not too long-winded. I would be very glad for the opportunity to discuss more, if that would be beneficial at all!

Thank you again for all your efforts in this process. I appreciate all that FWP does and am always thankful we have such professionals in the service of our state. The Region 2 zoom meeting was an excellent example of the perpetual care and diligence with which FWP goes about their business. I have the utmost respect for all FWP staff, adhere to their knowledge, skills, and abilities as professionals in their fields, and sincerely hope that FWP is given the authority it deserves to do its job as managers of Montana's greatest resource, the "outdoors" that make Montana what it is.

And not such a small nutshell after all, but I appreciate the opportunity to comment. Thank you.

#212

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Q2 HD 210

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

the biggest problem is hunter access and until it is addressed at the state legislative level over population of elk and poor harvest numbers will continue

#213

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Hi Rebecca,

Thank you for working so closely with me and the other interested parties throughout the last 6 months. I'm really happy with the way the process worked and how the deer regulations ended for the entire Bitterroot.

With respect to the remaining elk changes, the last time we talked you mentioned that the statewide elk changes would impact unit 270 which currently has an unlimited elk permit, whereby if you select this unlimited permit as your first choice, you would draw it, but not be able to hunt in any other unit. I have mixed feelings about this, my first preference would be had unit 270 be a general elk unit. If this is not the case and unit 270 remains as an unlimited elk permit, I'd prefer to have unit 270 be an unlimited permit that a hunter can draw with first or second choice.

This would allow hunters to apply for a limited draw elk unit for our first choice and unit 270 elk permit as our second choice, so we'd gain still gain a bonus point if we were unsuccessful on our first choice, but still be able to hunt elk in unit 270 on the unlimited permit.

Thank you very much for all the work you've done throughout this process.

Kindly,

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Q1

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Q2

HD 202

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I support the expansion of unit 202 in to old units 203 and 240. I think there is real value in having all of the Fish Creek WMA in one unit, and I also think the new boundary of Petty Creek road will be much easier for hunters to follow. I also believe this area between Fish Creek and Petty Creek will benefit from the limited entry mule deer regulations of unit 202.

I support keeping these permits at a quota despite the unit growing in size, due to the seeming decline in age structure and buck to doe ratio in the unit.

I would also support and propose a deer and elk hunting closure for the Fish Creek WMA that began December 1. While I do feel there is value in having winter recreation on the WMA such as predator hunting and trapping, I do not believe that a winter deer and elk season like the December Muzzleloader season is appropriate on an FWP owned WMA. The WMA provides valuable winter range for deer and elk, and the increase in pressure and harvest during the season in which these animals are most vulnerable does not seem prudent. I do not believe this was the spirit and intent of the WMA when formed.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 201,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 260
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Although I am not privy to the expected potential results from combining HD201 with HD283 to the elk herds there, as a bow hunter I applaud the opportunity to hunt late season whitetails in 201. I must express my gratitude of FWP holding the line when considering dropping the either sex deer B license from HD260. As mentioned in my earlier comments this is a great opportunity for local archers to hunt bucks near their place of residence.

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

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State/Province: MT

Q2

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

HD 210,
HD 222

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

It's unclear to me if the proposal to combine 213, 215 and 291 into one super unit is still on the table? If so, I am overwhelmingly opposed to that. There is absolutely no justifiable reason to manage that broadly.

My comments are really directed towards 210 and 211. It's unclear in the master list if the cow tags proposed are on private land or public land? In 211, there should be absolutely no antlerless harvest on public land. I've hunted 211 for over 30 years and there certainly is not enough elk to justify harvesting antlerless on public land. Also it is time to quit counting elk in 211 and 210 together. Sure the elk may cross the skalkaho road periodically but not to an extent they should be the same management herd. Especially since 210 goes to Drummond. Every elk could be killed in 211 and by numbers could still be considered over objective counting 210 and 211 together.

I am also overwhelmingly opposed to combining 293 with 343.

#217

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Q1

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HD 200,
HD 201,
HD 202,
HD 204,
HD 210,
HD 214,
HD 217,
HD 222,
HD 240,
HD 250,
HD 260,
HD 262,
HD 270,
HD 282,
HD 285,
HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Leave it alone

#218

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I've only hunted a few years in 270. Love the area. Managed to harvest a cow 2 years ago. Hoping this doesn't reduce chances at getting a b tag for us out of states
Love hunting montana

#219

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Q1

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Q2

HD 282,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 290**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I support getting rid of the early cut off date in 282 as it made things very confusing and running it through the general season would be much easier.

In HD 290 the 290-20 tag is a good idea to keep as it is a good opportunity for deer harvest in the area although I would like it to stay a mule deer tag as well and not a whitetail only tag. For 290-01 deer tag it has decimated the deer numbers in the area and is a strange rifle tag in an archery only area that doesn't warrant low low deer numbers. The 290-01 elk tag numbers need to be cut down by a lot, the land size has been cut down extremely so keeping the tag numbers that high is not understandable at all.

HD 284 should be re-established and kept as its own archery only area as it has a very different habitat and management needs from the rest of 281 that it is proposed to join. Having them in the same district and pretending that they need the same management strategies is a joke and will only hurt in the long run. Not to mention having people living south of Lincoln to have rifle fire boom near their houses during the season will rub some people the wrong way.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 201

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I support the adding of unlimited 260-01 archery tags for whitetail deer in unit 201. This is a great addition and I am happy to see it added already. I was going to write to suggest it. Thanks

#221

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Q1

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Q2

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

HD 240,
HD 250,
HD 270

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Extend Muzzleloader Season to a 2 week season instead of 9 days to better prepare for the Hunt.... Thanks Max

#222

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I do not agree with changing Antlerless Elk Permits to Elk B License. If there is a shoulder season in the hunting district, expand the quota for shoulder season hunts, and allow an opportunity to purchase a tag up to the last day of the season. I do not agree with extending the shoulder season past the first of the year. That would cause additional stress on the elk population during the already difficult time of winter.

I personally do not agree with the shoulder season hunts but I understand that it is being used as a tool to help manage elk populations on private land.

#223

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 250,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 270
(optional)

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

250- INCREASE COW PERMITS- SUBSTANTIAL RECOVERY

270- LEAVE COW PERMIT NUMBER AT 300 FOR ALL EAST FORK

CONSIDER NEW DISTRICT FROM RYE TO SKALKAHO WITH DIFFERENT NUMBER OF BULL AND COW PERMITS. CONSIDER QUOTA USE COMMON SENSE RATHER THAN BS SCIENCE AS SCAPEGOAT

#224

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I feel that there should be 400 to 450 elk b tags given in this area the 262 01 tags good on only private lands restricts opportunities to the general public and gives land owners more more cow elk taken will take the pressure off Bull Elk if you just let permit holder take cow elk

#225

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I'm strongly opposed to the newly proposed regulation which prohibit the holder of a 270-45 permit holder from hunting antlered bull elk in any other HD.

The elk held in the southern section of 270 where I have hunted for years is a combination of resident and migratory animals. Due to the trending weather patterns of a mild fall, elk do not migrate from the Big Hole to the French Basin as in the past until sometimes well after hunting season has ended. In recent years I have had to go where the elk are and hunt in other HD's. While the proposed changes to the 262-01 permit allowing holders to hunt antlerless elk on private land in all of HD 270 may create addition opportunities to harvest an elk it reduces the opportunities for hunters to harvest an antlered bull elk. It may also decrease the hunting experience by increasing hunting pressure in 270 if 270-45 permit holders are restricted from hunting antlered elk in other HD's not to mention the increase in hunter pressure that the proposed changes to 262-01 will create.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am disappointed some of the elk permits are being converted to a license. For example, in HD211, HD210 and others, the permits allowed a fairly high probability of drawing because bull hunters would not apply. Now, because these are now changing to licenses, there will be more competition for the cow tags. As someone who cares more about meat in the freezer than antlers on the wall, I appreciated knowing with near certainty I would draw a cow tag. This will not likely be the case going forward.

#227

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Either Sex General Elk tags for more units to hopefully reduce overpopulation and make the late cow shoulder season unneeded for those units who rely on it for population management. Hopefully this would increase statewide harvest numbers and help regulate the amount of elk who flock to private lands during the season.

#228

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Q1

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Q2

HD 240

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

There is no biological reason to eliminate the 240-50 mule deer permit. That is a unique opportunity that should stay. Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

would like to see online reporting at time of harvest and at end of season for all tagholders. Every hunter should report on each tag and whether it was filled or not and where. This would give a better idea to FWP what the actual harvest is.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

291 and 293 combined. This combination eliminates significantly the number of cow elk that can be eliminated. The ranchers I talk to in these two areas are telling me they need more elk killed in these areas. Not less. It reduces opportunity to do that to help the ranchers reduce numbers and opportunity for hunters to harvest elk there.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 201

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I really analyzed your proposed new 201 HD and watched the discussion. It still doesn't make any sense to create this chopped up mess with 260 running right through the middle. I thought fwp wanted to simplify the boundaries. The current 203, 202, 240 and 283 boundaries are real simple to follow and understand.

#232

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

By limiting hunting to only 270 for permit drawing. Most of the elk in that district are migratory and many years like 2021 didn't produce enough snow to bring them in. So no elk to hunt.

#233

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Q1

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Q2

HD 210

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

As I am a accredited Wildlife Biologist (CSU) and a rancher in Granite County, and a Rangeland Ecologist Biologist (MSU), I hope you take these comments with some degree of weight. The elk population in 210 has been devastated over the last 5-6 years. We live in the Northern half of 210, and we have irrigated ground consisting of about 125 acres of alfalfa and alfalfa/grass and we plant cereal cover crops each year for the last 5 years in different field. Our uplands border USFS ground extensively, and thus our Ranch should be over-run by elk right ? Especially since only a couple of us hunt very lightly. But the reality is, I never saw an elk after the middle of archery season. Not a cow, calf or bull. The deer herd that frequents the ranch has dropped by 60% or better as well. I feel it is 100% wrong to continue any cow elk hunting. I have 5 neighboring landowners who agree, and have seen the same herd decimation. I told the folks the officials at the last public meeting in early 2020, that the elk populations they perceived were here, were not here, yet they continued killing cows. In 2018 I also told the FWP officials at that same meeting, in a private conversation, that they need to stop catering to the ranchers. They told me they had visited with ranchers the day before and that the Ranchers say the opposite, that FWP need to stop catering to sportsmen. I can speak for 5 different large ranches, and they dont want any more cows killed. The population is near non-existent in North 210, and it is ridiculous, as there are many ways to manage the population without reducing it to levels that quite honestly, are not accurate. I am opposed to any cow elk B licenses in 210, and I am opposed to cow elk permits, on the basis that the FWP's has gone too far too fast. Of the small bunch of elk 15-20) I did see during archery season, the Cow/calf ratios was 60 percent, and there was a few young bulls(spike and 3-4pts), but not a decent herd bull in the bunch. The herd bull was a one antlered small 6 point. I know of 15 hunters that hunted neighboring ranches and only one bull was killed amongst them, all year, a 6 point on opening day. The real question to me is why do the ranchers have more importance than the sportman. And what rights does the FWP's have to reduce our elk herds to such low levels, based on legislature from years ago that was highly influenced by ranchers. Colorado has a lot of ranching, and less habitat, and a herd of over twice the size of Montana's. They also have a great game damage program. We can have our elk, and the ranchers can have their crops, but we need different management than what we have now. Like for instance, more use of game damage rosters, more damages paid to ranchers if they fence their haystacks, and more fund to help the ranchers with the fencing. More accurate data, more allowances for predation by wolves and lions, more allowances for elk wounded in the extensively long archery and shoulder seasons that are never recovered. More consideration for the poaching and opportunistic hunting that occurs during those same seasons. And I could go on, but, my message that is echoed by at least 20 (and I can name them) other landowners and sportsmen in 210 is, stop killing the cows. I buy hay from several ranches by Hall Montana, and they have seen the same thing. Very few elk around and very low harvest. Some of the big ranches over by Hall have big voices, unduly big, as the elk do not belong to them, or other ranch complaining of hay/crop loss. It is up to FWP to manage the herds for all Montanans, not just the ranchers, and time is of the essence in 210. Respectfully, Roger Fithian Harvey Creek Ranch Manager

#234

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

DO NOT ALLOW ANTLERLESS ELK ON GENERAL LICENSE DURING REGULAR SEASON - THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH ELK!!!

#235

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

State/Province: MT

Q2

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

HD 204,
HD 210,
HD 270

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

KEEP THE 299-00 OTC LICENSE. Hunters will not use general license to shoot a doe.

#236

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Keep the permit for antlered mule deer bucks in 204 and 292, DO NOT OPEN TO GENERAL LICENSE, EVEN FOR ONLY 3 WEEKS!
Too many hunters will opportunistically harvest the limited number of bucks. Maybe change the permit to only 3 weeks, there aren't enough mule deer bucks.

#237

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 270

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I'm totally against having 262-01 cow tag being used for all of hunting district 270. It should not be open for state and federal or public ground. It's fine to extend the 262-01 south of rye crk on private ground. There's not enough game wardens to keep up with the high traffic of hunting pressure in the area in the French basin if that tag was open to public ground. There would be more wounded elk running onto ranch's than there already is. Plus the fact in the past 10 years not one time has every Cow B tag been filled in that area. So there's no reason to try to change it. Except raise the quata by fifty in 270-02 and fifty in 270-01. Making 250 north half and 350 south half. To make up for people who don't get out and hunt. Then maybe make 262-01 ONLY good for PRIVATE land in south portion of hd 270.

Thank you for your time

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 262, HD 270
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Hello, I was very much concerned by the discussion of the statewide elk permit proposal which questions whether holders of bull permits be restricted to hunting that HD only.

What is the reason for this? If it's to simplify regulations, its not still not a good idea and I'm not understanding what the biological reason would be for doing it if there is. I am hearing that this was a decision made by FWP upper management and not even a proposal up for discussion.

All this does is take away opportunity for hunters and is going to mess up head quotas in most HDs. Depending on weather and other variables beyond our control, as you know, elk can be in different HDs. If you are stuck with a permit in one HD that produces little or no elk that year, like what happened last season in 270, you can't move to an HD where there are elk, and that is a bad idea and needs to be stopped. Other states have done this and it has ruined elk hunting there.

Another subject: extending deer B licenses from Jan 1 to Jan 15 in HD262.

We own 50 Acres in 262, and when we bought it approx.6 years ago, we had 65 head or more of Muleys that stayed on or around our alfalfa field most of the time.

Every year that number has decreased considerably. Last year there were approx 13 bucks left that weren't the quality we once had here, and rarely did we see any does or fawns. This winter we are only seeing approx 8 bucks. I know that FWP wants to reduce the number of Mule deer in 262 and also eliminate trophy bucks from the HD, and I believe that is what is trying to be accomplished by extending the antlerless harvest out to Jan 15.

From what we see in real life is that the numbers are drastically being reduced in 262 already. At this rate there will be little or no Mule deer in 262. We are seeing many more White tail deer in the area because I believe they are expanding in numbers backfilling where Muleys used to be.

Part of the reason we bought our land is because we enjoyed seeing quality Mule Deer bucks on the land. A lot of people feel the same way we do about seeing the number of Muleys going down. Isn't that what Montana is all about, enjoying wildlife and spectacular mountain views? We'll sacrifice some of our alfalfa crop to enjoy seeing good quality Mule Deer.

What is the real reason to reduce Mule deer in HD262? Is it to reduce crop damage because of landowner complaints? I think there are a lot of landowners that enjoy having them on their land.

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Q1

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Q2**HD 201,**

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: **HD 202**
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The people in Mineral County donot like your proposals for elk in hunting districts 202 and 201.....Many of us want Randy Aronald and Liz Bradly fired from there jobs for this proposal and were willing to take it to the Governor and the head of the Fish and Game.One plan does not fit all....all this is gonna do is make these 2 hunting districts a permitt only in the future. You go against the people you will pay the price. We are the people that live and hunt here and we know Liz Bradlys game counts are inflated to make it look like there's more elk out there.We also know what happened to the other Fish and Game guy you forced into retirement.After the meeting you had in Superior MT. we all were standing outside and we all said the same thing its time to replace Randy Arnaold and Liz Bradly. Sense Liz has been the game Bilogist here in 201 and 202 our elk population has gone to shit because of the wolves. The fish and game doesnt do any wildlife burns or anything to help the elk out. We know what we had when Bob Henderson was the Game Biologist and we look at what we have now.....Nothing for elk down here in hunting District 201 and 202. And from the sounds of it the people down at the Bitterroot don't like the proposal either.

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Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Allow retired people who apply to receive cow permits on private lands. Just a thought. Thank you. Im 67 and seem to have trouble getting one.

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Q2

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

HD 213

I believe after being around these elk for the past five years that the OTC B tag was very effective in helping control the population. This new draw tag for the last two years is a crock. If one is lucky enough to draw said tag, great but from my experience the majority of people who drew the tag were either out of state or not local. The problem with this is that when the big herds of elk did get pushed off the prison onto private land no one was around to shoot them thus not helping keep the herd numbers at objective. Put the OTC B tag back in or make the General tag good for cows on private and DNRC controlled lands.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

- Proposal allows OTC 262-01 (UNL) permit valid on private lands in all of 270 versus only north of Rye Creek from previous regulations. I strongly oppose allowing the B licenses valid south of Rye Creek

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Q2

HD 260

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

HD 260 has been Archery only, because of high density of houses. Should not be Special Weapons, for Safety. Also the Bitterroot River runs the length of HD 260, and many instances of people floating the river and shooting animals out of their watercraft have been documented. Special Weapons will make poaching, and hunting on private land without permission a much Bigger problem.

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Q1

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk 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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Q1

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Q2

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Recommend adjusting the proposed eastern boundary of 291 (Formerly 293) back to the continental divide instead of forest boundary. Although the elk herds to cross from 343 to 293, opportunity should remain within the 291 side to utilize FS land.

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Q2

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Boundary change- Combine HD 281 with HD 284 and the northern portion of HD 293. New HD will be named 281. Current boundary of HD 284 will become an Archery-Only Weapons Restriction Area. Increase the area of the Archery-Only Weapons to include residential areas around Lincoln on the north side of Highway 200. This is to support public safety of citizens from high powered rifles in populated areas. As an avid hunter there is plenty of public land away from residential areas to support rifle hunting in this region. Thank you for considering this change in support of public safety.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I feel like the bull permit for 270 would still be a good thing to keep but making it so you only have to hunt a brown tine bull in that area and no where else is not managing HD by its personal needs. Maybe it needs to be that way for other 'special bull permits' HD in the state but for 270 I think that is going over board especially since it is 100% draw.

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The plan of combining and thus eliminating Elk/Deer 293 doesn't make sense. Why isn't HD 293 or your proposed new HD 291 a selection of commenting buttons? 293 use to offer 50 Cow Elk tags for year's, then FWP offered 200 qty private property tags and removed the 50 Cow Elk tags, then went back to 25 Cow Elk tags on public land. It appears MT FWP is allowing the ranchers and private property owners to manage MT Elk herds and taking away the opportunity of hunters to harvest Elk on public lands and this new proposal only solidifies this direction. Ranchers do not allow the general public, much, if any, the opportunity to hunt, and only allow their family or friends and paying customers to hunt their property. Less opportunity is being proposed by MT FWP to us regular hunters that do not want to get on private property waiting lists, and make it an extra job of managing, or to try to hunt on private property with limited success. This and many of these new proposals will condense and eliminate the opportunities to hunt public land and continue the sway to privatizing Montana's Elk & Deer population which is flat wrong. For years in HD 293 50qty whitetail B tags were offered, then MT FWP opened this up for unlimited Whitetail B tags for all HD 2...now whitetail tags were 5? for 2021. This past proposal on Whitetail B tags that was implemented was a failure and helped cause the limited numbers of Whitetail Does in this area...just one case of poor management in HD 293. I'm against this proposal of combining HD 293 into 291 as this will further eliminate the opportunities for hunting public land and further the MT FWP's attempt to transfer Montana's Deer & Elk herds into private land owners...just plain wrong.

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Q2

HD 270

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Its Dumb that you have to stay in the district that you get your permit in
Also we need more elk b tags
4,000 elk is way to many for a district that has a lot presser from hunters
Whitetail deer have been killed off a lot in the past 4 years and we need to limit the buck harvest for a couple of years
The unlimited permit elk tag is dumb because of the unlimited amount and you are being required to stay in that distract.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 260

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

HD 260: The proposed changes do not coincide with other FWP proposals to use hunting as a means to control over population in HD 260. The proposed changes unduly restrict public hunting and public access. While HD 260 is primarily private land, these land owners do not allow public or open access for hunting purposes. The only way to address the overpopulation is to open and expand HD260 regulations to include public land.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

HD 213

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 200,
	HD 201,
	HD 202

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I would like the FWP to re-evaluate the Elk population objectives, in particular from Deep Creek to St.Regis on the west end of the new 201 hunting district. I believe that available habitat is increasing enough to support better elk population numbers. I also wonder if it would better balance predator's vs elk population in the unit and how they correlate. As a local resident who has focused hunting efforts mainly in unit 201 for over 20 years, I am concerned with the current elk numbers, bull to cow ratio, and overall behavior of elk in unit 201. My concerns are based off personal historical record of knowledge from consistent and dedicated hunting efforts between Sloway and Stark Mtn. With that knowledge I am having trouble believing that elk numbers are above objective. I feel as if numbers are declining as well as the age class of bulls. Matter of fact, it seems as if the numbers and age class are as bad as I have ever seen them. I understand this does not jive with the science, and I understand that a change in elk behavior will change the effectiveness of a hunters historical hunting spots, techniques, and tactics, but I feel as though I have attempted to adapt as a hunter as well and am still having a difficult time finding elk in unit 201, especially mature bulls. Im not sure this is a coincidence anymore after a I have noticed a declining trend in the unit over the last several years. I don't know how to explain the difference in FWP's numbers and my observations, but I just wanted to provide input and concern from the ground. With that being said, I have also noticed a change in elk behavior. Although a change in behavior is not necessarily a bad thing, I have noticed elk are spending much more time down low, especially on private. I recognize a decline in habitat and an evolving change to the predation climate over the last 10 years has led to these changes in elk behavior. This change in behavior is leading to an increase in deaths per vehicle collision, hardship on the very few agricultural landowners in Mineral County, and an uninviting hunting experience on and around private property especially during rifle season. Because of this I support the proposed Unlimited Elk B tags on Private Property in hopes it will help drive elk back onto public, back into deeper pockets, and back into higher country where they historically spent more time. Although I would like the tag to be a permit instead of a B tag because I do not support the opportunity to shoot two elk per person in Mineral County. My concern for the current state of elk numbers leads me to not support 150 Cow B licenses in unit 201. If not totally removed, I would like to at least see the number reduced to a maximum of 50 tags and be a permit, not a B license.

I would also like FWP to re-evaluate elk population objectives in units 202 and 200, and consider all elk B license go back to permits. Due to the overall state of Mule Deer across the state, I have concern for Mule deer in unit 201. As it stands to be a general tag, I wonder how much increased pressure the unit may see when hunters start to seek new Mule deer hunting opportunities. At the local fwp meeting in Superior it was stated that there is some concern for the number of mature mule deer in 201, and I second that. Although there are no proposals for Mule deer in unit 201, I would like the FWP to continue to monitor Mule deer and potentially propose something in the future to help preserve the mule deer populations as well as increase the buck age class. Potentially an unlimited 3rd draw permit? Combination with the 200 permit?

I do not object the late season archery whitetail doe permit but am not sure how you will focus harvest efforts where the harvest is needed with the new unit boundary changes.

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Q2

HD 240

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Please keep the 240-50 permits as is. While I understand the desire to simplify regs, changing them at the cost of a coveted hunt for the sole sake of simplification seems like an avoidable and unnecessary relinquishment of hunting opportunity. The Department has admitted that the justification here is for simplification purposes only and that "harvest on this permit is usually low and likely has little influence on mule deer population trends." Hunting this area during the general rifle season likely requires a pack string and a wall tent due to the high elevation and weather, severely limiting which Montanans can have this opportunity; the earlier season hunt allows anyone with a backpack and a can-do attitude the ability to get after it. Additionally, in terms of simplification, this permit has the benefit of being valid within the federally designate wilderness boundary only, making it pretty dang simple to understand, and would not require a new district boundary or long explanation on where this is valid, for example. For these reasons, I ask that you please keep this limited-entry permit opportunity. Thank you. -Kevin Farron, Missoula, MT

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The proposal in front of you isn't good, isn't what Montanan's want, and isn't going to meet the goals that we've set out for our government to serve us with. Default to last year's regulations. Elk are a resource for everyone in Montana. Hunting elk is what got my family through as a kid and I want elk to be a resource available to my kids. We can do better as Montanans. We should have all the stakeholders involved in a transparent public process on this decision. Please vote No. Thank you for your service.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 202

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Please reconsider the elk "B" license change. The antlerless permit is a far better for this particular community. Many families in this county rely on wild game for their meat supply. The antlerless permit system distributes the harvested elk much better than the "B" tag approach. With the "B" tag regulation one person could harvest multiple elk in a season. This takes opportunities away from other families that were not lucky enough to draw a "B" tag. I know that FWP probably does not consider local communities needs when it comes to the most efficient process of reducing elk numbers and that is a shame.

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Q2 HD 201,
Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 204,
(optional) HD 210

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

201: I disagree with allowing any cow elk to be harvested on public land. That tag should only be valid on private land. Ive spent years in that district and it is sad to see how few elk remain on public. The cows on public land do not need to be wiped out.

204:

I agree with having mule deer buck season for rifle for only 3 weeks. I do worry about it going general, since I have not seen mule deer in certain parts of the district for years. There used to be way more mule deer in the wilderness area, and they have all but disappeared.

I absolutely disagree with cow harvest on the general tag. There are very few cows left on public land, we do not need to wipe them out. I urge you to only allow cow harvests on private land if we must continue to have liberal cow licenses.

210:

I strongly disagree with having antlerless elk tags valid for public land. There are not enough elk on public land to begin with in this unit. I have spent years and almost every weekend of the hunting season in this district and have not seen very many cows to begin with on public. Majority of them can be seen from the roads on private land and they do not move far. We do not need to be killing cows on public, we need them to stay on public. I have had many trail cameras up in this unit almost up all year round, and rarely will you see a cow on them. I understand they migrate in, but lately we have not had the winters for these earlier migrations and a majority of the elk are on private land anyway. Mike Thompson even said we need to scale back on shooting elk on public land in these units. We need to be thinking about sustainability and doing what is right for the wildlife.

211:

There should be some limitations on mule deer hunting in this unit. A three week season would be a good step.

I disagree that there should be antlerless elk licenses that are good on public land in this unit. There are very few cows that barely come off the private land, and shooting at them on public land will just drive them to private land even more. The few cow elk that are on public will be wiped out. It is sad to think that these small herds will be wiped out in the name of opportunity.

212:

I agree with the 3 week mule deer season even if it is a general tag.

216:

I disagree that mule deer season should be the full length of general season. I think it needs to be a three week season because their populations are lower than they used to be.

I disagree with allowing more cow tags available on public land. We need to stop harvesting the few elk left on public land. Less pressure on public land would help with driving elk on to private land. Certain private landowners hoarding the elk and skewing elk population counts is a huge issue. This creates issues not only for surrounding land owners but for hunters as these are inaccessible.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 201

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

With the low numbers of elk in western 201 and the public perception of people having the opportunity to shoot multiple elk, I would like to see no OTC elk B tags usage west of Deep creek. Since that was an established use point in the past, it should be easy to require and enforce.

#258

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I support keeping unlimited brow tine bull permits in HD270 and first choice only.

#259

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I support keeping unlimited brow tine bull permits in HD270 and first choice only.

#260

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Q1

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Q2Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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HD 200,
HD 201,
HD 202,
HD 204,
HD 210,
HD 214,
HD 217,
HD 222,
HD 240,
HD 250,
HD 260,
HD 262,
HD 270,
HD 282,
HD 285,
HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Leave this shit alone there is absolutely no reason to change this I have lived in Missoula all my life these district change is just bullshit its not hard to figure out the district you just have to read the regs no real reason to confuse are local hunters.

#261

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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 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Don't eliminate the 240-50 limited entry mule deer tags. This hunt has little effect on mule deer populations and does provide a unique quality hunt opportunity for those willing to work for it.

#262

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I agree with the proposed boundary changes with the following exceptions: HD 260 should only apply to Missoula County, removing the southern portion (Ravalli County). Combine Ravalli county portion of 260 with HD 262 creating a larger HD 262. Add Blackfoot watershed portion of HD 292 to 285 to simplify the regulations and help elk and deer management in specific areas rather than dividing HDs by watershed.

I disagree with and do not support removing previously used mule deer permits and replacing them with a three week general season. This will cause an overharvest of mule deer bucks in region 2. Permits for mule deer hunting should remain in place.

I disagree with removing elk permits and utilizing more B licenses. HD 260 should not be included in the 900-20 elk B license. This license makes no sense when there are already OTC B licenses available in 260. This could lead to overharvest. The following proposed B licenses should be permits not B licenses: ELK B: 200-00; 201-00; 202-00; 210-02; 211-00; 212-00; 213-00; 215-01; 216-00; 217-01; 240-01; 250-00; 261-01; 270-01, 270-02; 291-03.

Utilizing permits instead B licenses would help reduce overharvest of elk in these HDs. In some of the listed HDs, such as HD 201, hunters could harvest 3 elk in one HD. Which could easily lead into overharvest. Also, in areas where over population of elk on private land is a concern, general license should be valid for antlerless or brow-tined bull on private land during general season, rather than BTB only.

Deer B license 201-00 suggests allowing a late "archEquip only" season Nov 28-Jan 15 which would overlap traditional muzzleloader season. I suggest allowing traditional muzzleloader in addition to the archery equipment Nov 28-Jan 15 on this B license to allow adequate harvest of WTD in HD 201. Archers already have the 260-01 license available to them in that HD, so allowing muzzleloader hunting would provide more opportunity to 201-00 B license holders.

In HD 204, I disagree with allowing either-sex WTD harvest on private land, while requiring antlered buck harvest on all other lands during general season. This is confusing to hunters. I suggest as proposed in HD 201, adding a B license allowing antlerless harvest, but only valid on private land. This could be extended to a late season as well (Nov 28-Jan 15) allowing archery or muzzleloader on private lands to ensure adequate WTD harvest.

Proposed Deer Permit 282-50 is valid for antlered white-tailed deer in HD 282 however it has the restriction that "holders may not hunt antlered buck MULE DEER in any other HD". I suggest this be revisited and changed. I do not understand why a holder of a WTD permit would be excluded from hunting mule deer in other HDs.

Lastly, HDs 260; 262 and 290 have various weapons restrictions during different seasons which makes the regulations very confusing. Some allow antlerless harvest of deer and/or elk with a rifle during certain times while only allowing archery use for the remainder of seasons, while others only allow short range weapon use during certain seasons. This is extremely confusing to hunters and I suggest that all 3 of these HDs are changed to allow "Short Range Weapons" and archery equipment only. If safety is a concern in the first place to create these archery areas, rifle use should not be allowed at all. Changing these HDs to SRW/archery use only would ensure more safety and adequate harvest. In addition, the traditional muzzleloader season could be added to these HDs allowing more opportunity for harvest at various times.

Thank you for your consideration.

#263

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Boundary changes: Against these. They feel rushed.

Shortened mule deer season: 100% in support.

Please keep the 240-50 tag, but with and early start date and season ending at period that proposed three week regular season ends.

#264

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 HD 240

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Please vote no on the proposal to eliminate the 240-50 mule deer permits. FWP is proposing that this permit be removed for "simplification purposes only." Wildlife management should be nuanced, not simplified for simplification's sake. We're not children.

#265

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Contact information: (optional)

Q2 Respondent skipped this question

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Dear Fish and Wildlife Commissioners,

I am a fifth generation Montana Native who loves to hunt, fish and enjoy the Outdoors and have raised 5 sixth generation Montanans who are raising the seventh generation to also hunt, fish and enjoy Montanas Great Outdoors.

Unfortunately there are many problems with elk management in Montana; hunting access, an ever widening rift in the relationship between hunters and private land owners, elk on private when they want them and elk on private after hunting season when they don't want them claiming measurable damage to Ag Land. None of the hastily drawn up proposals will do anything to fix this and will only exacerbate the issues.

Presenting hastily drawn up proposals at the last minute is not the way to solve problems. Proposals need to be well thought out and discussed with everyone before they reach the Commission for a vote.

I believe doing nothing and leaving as is is better than voting in poorly planned proposals. I am asking you to please vote against the large-scale changes for "simplication" and for elk regulations, and to please do what is right for our wildlife and let's do this together.

Sincerely,

Tammy Munis
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#266

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Q2 Respondent skipped this question

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Q3
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Sincerely,

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Philipsburg, MT
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#267

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Q1

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Q2**HD 260,**

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

HD 260 I oppose due to safety concern and established archery traditions the addition of shotguns, muzzleloaders and traditional handguns within this unit as proposed with elk license 201-01. I am a small property owner along the river with elk on my property year round. The risk of an errant firearm shot is a real concern. The continued use of the area as archery only is my preferred alternative. I would also question the validity of 50 elk as a population objective. Certainly the habitat is there for many more elk and I suspect that landowner tolerance is changing to the point that this objective needs to be revisited before increasing harvest levels.

HD 262 I find it unexplainable according to the draft regulations that we are not allowing the use of firearms during the general season but allow them for the late season with elk license 900-00. HD 262 not unlike 260 is highly developed and becoming more so with increased development. The use of center fire rifles in this unit is a major safety concern and I would suggest that the proposed 900-00 license be restricted to archery only or possibly restricted to special weapons such as shotguns, traditional handguns and traditional muzzleloaders. Not in line modern muzzleloaders which are every bit as capable as any single shot rifle.

#268

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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 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

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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 landowner 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

Respondent skipped this question

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

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Q1

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Q2

HD 240

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am writing in opposition to the proposed elimination of the 240-50 wilderness permit. While harvest numbers may be low with this permit it offers a unique backcountry experience that many folks intentionally seek. There appears to be no biological or ecological reason to remove this permit and it's existence certainly does little to "complicate" the licensing system. I would urge you to maintain this special permit for folks that crave an intense backcountry experience, regardless of whether their hunt yields an animal.

#271

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Q1

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Q2**HD 210**

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The Elk Regulations governing 210 have virtually destroyed Elk populations due to geographical proximity to Missoula County which is a high demand area for Hunting opportunities. This forces large landowners like myself to restrict access for virtually every request with the exception of close friends and family. The over the counter Cow tags sold in vast numbers along with shoulder season will not resolve FWP 's lame brained efforts to placate Hunters nor will it create any benefits for private landowners or even the Ranchers who admittedly have told me they would rather eat beef (that's not a nice joke at current prices for beef). It seems as though a wider effort to restrict FWP authority should be launched because the way these issues have fallen on deaf ears in the last few years is not to anyone's liking. It seems an awful lot the comment period for this issue has yet to change any policies with any more than token adjustments.

#272

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

requiring elk B license for antlerless elk does not address the poor cow bull sex ratio. Hunters can and will harvest a bull out of a herd given the opportunity. Hunters should not be allowed to kill to elk on the same day. The antlerless B license quota for HD 213 (375 antlerless) is way out of whack for the number of cows in that district. This excessive number brings in too many hunters making it more difficult to get a reasonable cow harvest. It makes it more difficult because the elk become extremely wary of hunters.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Support Shortened Mule Deer Season:

Our mule deer numbers and quality are suffering across the state, there is really no debate from anyone that this is occurring. Our neighbors to the south have far higher quality mule deer herds and much shorter and generally earlier seasons. I believe it is prudent to follow their lead and give up some of our 'opportunity' to shoot rut crazed bucks for the sake of our herds. Implementing this in Region 2 is a good start, but it will need to be applied statewide if we are to improve our eastern herds.

#274

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: HD 270
(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I believe if you make the 270 bull tag restricted in the sense that if you draw it you can not hunt in any other areas for a bull you will have a major crowding problem in 270. This area has the biggest population of elk in region 2 by far so if we have to limit ourselves to one area that is where people will go. Another reason to leave it as it is would be for managing areas with too many elk. An example of why it works out well the way it is now is last year my wife, father-in-law and myself all drew the 270 bull tag. I am the only one of us that shot an elk there though. We have permission on a place in 260 to hunt deer. This year a bunch of elk moved in and we were given permission to hunt them as well, so both my wife and father in law shot elk there. This area has well over the amount of elk that are supposed to be there. Without the ability to hunt multiple areas we could not adapt and change our strategies, thus helping to manage overpopulated areas.

In 204 I think you should allow 2 tags for landowners as proposed but not extend the season. this will force them to use their tags during the regular season and hopefully push elk off of their property and onto public land where other hunters can hunt them as well. This would have a bigger impact on the overcrowded northern part of 204. If you extend the season the landowners would just wait until the regular season is over to harvest the elk. Then if they get pushed off there will still be no one else that can hunt them and the overcrowding will continue.

#275

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Region 2 - 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

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Q1

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Q2

HD 285

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am totally confused on how you can offer 5 over the counter 260-01 tags since I can remember then decide wait a minute lets not give out any at all. Missoula is flooded with whitetails. Then I read this in the new proposal. HD 283: White-tailed Deer B License 260-01 no longer valid in this district. I just cant imagine how the deer population can possibly change that much in one year. Instead of taking them all away I suggest offering 1-2 per hunter instead of 5.

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Q2 HD 200,
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HD 290

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations
I support these boundary changes.

#278

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Q1

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Q2

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk 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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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I see several boundary adjustments proposed for Unit 293. I would like to suggest that wherever the Continental Divide Trail 440 is generally used for a unit boundary, that the boundary is adjusted to be exactly the Continental Divide Trail. It is very difficult to know exactly where the boundary is, unless you are constantly looking at GPS system. Making a minor adjustment of the boundary to the distinguished trail would make it easier to stay in compliance with the laws.

#280

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am opposed to the FWP 2022-2023 Proposed Regulations regarding expanding HD291. FWP reports elk #s for HD291 "are almost double the management objective" but in 2022 FWP proposes to supersize HD291 and then states, "existing antlerless Elk B License will remain with the same quota range that currently exists", which was 350 B permits. The 2021 quota range for HD291 = 350 B permits (private, shoulder) + 50 cow (anywhere, no shoulder); HD293 - 150 B +25 cow and HD298 - 300 B. That means the 875 cow permits in 2021 will be reduced to 350 in the proposed HD 291. I have provided elk harvest survey information whenever called over the past 20 plus years and think making larger hunting districts doesn't help understanding elk numbers. Therefore, I am not in favor of the proposal for two reasons. The HD 291 proposal reduces the number of antlerless elk permits available and a larger HD 291 reduces harvest data. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk 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.

#282

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Q1

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HD 290

Q3

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Side note, 270 has the most issues of any hunting district in the state. It has hunting pressure bordering on insanity with dangerous rifle hunting conditions. At any time you can be shot by one of the 7,000+ other hunters lining the private property boundaries just waiting for an elk to step onto public. The only elk in the entire district do not actually live there. The elk migrate in from the BigHole and go straight to private ranches that do not allow hunting. And now with wanting to lump in 270 with the BigHole that will kill off the 100 or so elk that actually live in the EastFork area outside of rifle season.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I oppose antlerless elk harvest with a general license in 204.

#284

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I oppose antlerless elk harvest with a general license in 204.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 282,

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Where to even begin with this...?! Reported reasons for these changes are to simplify the regulations. Let's be honest here, the regulations for the most part are pretty clear. Determine what HD you are in. Determine what tags you have in your possession. Look at regulations for that HD. Match them up to the tags in your hand. Find a place you hunt. Go hunt. Making massive hunting districts for the sake of "simplicity" has a rather negative effect on the most important reason for regulations in the first place: meeting biologically sound objectives for a district. If a district spans 100 square miles you're looking at multiple herds, a large number of landowners, various landforms, simply a very large set of variables. So I personally feel collapsing HDs into larger units is not the best decision, for any reason.

I have been blessed with access to hunt private land NE of Lincoln, previously known as HD281. In four years of hunting there I've been watching a herd of 200+ elk on this private 2000 acre parcel near Silver King Mountain. Over these four years, in that herd of 200 elk, at most there have been TEN bulls. Yet Elk Permits given out per year for harvesting cows has been TEN and the proposal is to eliminate even those 10 permits? That seems counter to the whole idea of managing population objectives. As I said, in a herd of 200 elk, 5% of them are males, 95% of them are female, and this has been static in the four years I've been hunting there. I strongly oppose eliminating Elk Permits in HD281 however you draw up that district. It's completely contrary to the facts on the ground.

One of the reasons given for creating shoulder seasons was to "manage" elk populations that have grown too large and reside on private land. Yet getting access to hunt these private lands is the issue, not the length of the season. Providing more "opportunities" through more tags or longer seasons for private land only helps the private landowner, not the majority of the hunting public. If we are to truly manage these elk that have adapted to living on private land, with herds that grow year after year, then we should be giving landowners tags ONLY for cows. That disincentivizes the profit aspect of these tags which would make it more attractive for landowners to open their land to the public. As it stands now, our "public" resource, the elk, are being pushed onto property and turned into private investments. The public hunter still gets to pay for his or her tag that won't get filled and the landowner gets a tag to hunt the previously public resource that's been pushed onto their land? A bull gets paid for and harvested, population objectives are not met because the private landowner only allowed a paying customer to hunt a bull, and the public increasingly goes home with unfilled tags. Win-win for only the landowner, lose-lose for FWP and the public. We don't need shoulder seasons, we need more cow tags and more access.

Here are a few more things, as a hunter in Montana, I would find horrible. Landowners certainly should not be able to transfer tags to anyone. If it's your land, you get the tag, you harvest the animal. Allowing anyone to transfer a tag means it's getting sold and our formerly "public" resource is now a commodity that Montanans will generally not be able to afford but out of state hunters will gladly pay. That is wrong. In trophy elk districts there should be ZERO permitless bull tags for private land. You must draw a tag like everyone else. And as I stated above, landowner tags should be for cows, not bulls. If you want to hunt a bull elk, put in for a tag.

Had I the free time, I'd comment a lot more but alas, I already have a full time job. I'm not against changing regulations for the greater good, but I do not see a lot of "greater good" in many of these proposed changes. I am also rather suspect of the reason for these changes coming so soon after the Fish & Wildlife Commission composition suddenly became bereft of biologists and filled with landowners, ranchers, and big game guides. Needless to say, I see very little biology in the new regs, and a lot of money and public resource being transferred into private hands.

Good luck.

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Q1

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Q2

HD 240

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Opposed to the proposal to get rid of 240-50 wilderness mule deer tag. There are very few opportunities to pursue mule deer with the rifle before general rifle season in the state of Montana. Removing this tag will decrease these early season opportunities for mule deer.

#287

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I hunt in District 281 where I own a ranch (the Silver King Ranch). I see hundreds! of cows every year on the ranch. Please do not remove cow tags from this district.
Thanks!

#288

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Q1

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Q2

HD 270

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I would prefer the 270-45 to allow brow tined bull hunting in other HD's.

#289

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Q1

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HD 201,
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HD 204,
HD 210,
HD 214,
HD 217,
HD 222,
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HD 250,
HD 260,
HD 262,
HD 270,
HD 282,
HD 285,
HD 290

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I think you should be careful combining districts as it's going to present problems in specific area management and also be difficult to see trends from historical districts. I am in favor of reducing mule deer opportunities to increase populations. Consider limiting hunting during the rut. Or consider a point restriction.

#290

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Q1

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Q2

HD 217

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I want to comment on proposed changes to mule deer regs in all the 200 districts where you want to reduce the season from 5 weeks to 3, such as:

HD 292: Remove 292-50 Antlered Buck Mule Deer Unlimited Permit.

Change general season length from five weeks to three weeks and allow antlered buck on the general license during the archery and general seasons.

I cannot overstate how vehemently I oppose this change, especially across all the 200 series districts you've proposed this for at the same time. If this were a good plan, and would result in hunters being able to harvest higher quality bucks, then you would have been seeing larger numbers of hunters applying for the 204-50 mulie tag than you are seeing. The first mule deer buck I ever shot was in district 204, almost 30 years ago, but I quit hunting that district for mulies because of the shortened (3 week) season, and it's obvious that not many other hunters feel that hunting during a 3 week season is what they want. Just look at the numbers. District 210, directly across Rock Creek from 204, had about 6 times as many applicants in 2020 for the mulie buck tag, despite the low drawing success in 210, and that pattern has been the case for as long as I can recall. HD 292, also adjacent to 204, had almost 3 times as many applicants as HD 204 for the mulie buck tag in that district, which is further evidence that hunters want the 5 week season to hunt for muley bucks, not the three week season. If the three week season were the solution, then 204 should be producing plenty of quality muley bucks, because the three week muley season has been in place in this district for many, many years, and hunters would know this, and be putting in for that tag in larger numbers than they are. It's clear based on the data I've presented here, that this is not what area hunters want. If FWP feels strongly that there is a need to improve the number of large, mature muley bucks in these areas, then there are other ways to achieve this than the proposed changes. For example, FWP could adopt limits on the numbers of muley tags allotted for these areas, as is the case in so many very popular muley hunting districts in the area. And/or you could put these districts in a rotation where only 1/3 of them are open for a 5 week season every year, while the other 2/3 of these districts are open for only three weeks for muley buck harvest. At least this way, hunters will have some opportunities to either hunt a five week season for muley bucks in the area or at least have an opportunity to apply for a limited permit that will allow them to have a 5 week hunting season for muley bucks locally. Shutting down all of these areas at once, to a 3 week season, particularly the first 3 weeks, so we know that we really won't get the chance to hunt any substantial rut activity is just not the right thing to do.

Having a five week window in which to hunt, particularly including thanksgiving week, is something I sincerely cherish. Having that large window of opportunity allows me to still have some sort of family life during hunting season, and allows me to try to wait for good hunting weather, allows me to work several different tag opportunities during the season, and takes a bit of the pressure off when deciding whether or not to take what might be a less than ideal shot at an animal. If the season length is shortened by 40%, especially by removing prime rut hunting time, then all mule deer hunters in these areas will be more likely to try to force less than ideal shots in the field, which will certainly result in more wounded and lost animals, and less satisfaction in hunting for individuals who find themselves in that situation.

I further believe that if you initiate the proposed changes you will certainly see an increase in poaching of these deer, because there are people that will simply not abide by such drastic changes to our area mule deer hunting opportunities.

#291

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Q1

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

hd 281. I disagree with combining 293 in with 281 and not allowing mule deer hunting in the late season rut. I have an outfitting business in 293 and removing that opportunity to hunt the rut is horribly destructive to one of the few positives I have left in promoting my business. I would rather see a point restriction than more constraints on hunting opportunity. At the regional meeting there was also no data to support that the size or amount of bucks taken was sizeably more during the rut than early season. These districts were originally designed based on terrain and wildlife movement and habitat and the differences in hunting rules reflect that these areas need to be managed separately. combining them for the sake of making the rule book easier to read is destroying years of fwp's hard work to manage game effectively. the district boundary changes to 291,293,and 281 have far reaching consequences. combining these is causing problems with controlling elk migration issues from lincoln to avon and lincoln to region 3 and hwy 200 has a definitive impact on what happens in 281 vs what happens in 293. I have heard numerous complaints about montana's rules but sadly the one thing I have always heard positively was that everyone liked how our districts were organized so conscientiously according to habitat and wildlife and they all wished their states would do the same. most of the complaints I hear are based more on confusing terminology than anything else. differences between permits and licenses, b tags standing for buck,doe,cow. the word "combination".secondary tags should stand for b-buck, d-doe,c-cow. combination should mean two big game tags such as elk/deer, deer/antelope,elk/wolf, etc. I understand it would require some statute work but that is far better than destroying districts and losing hunting opportunities statewide.

#292

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Q1

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Q2

HD 290

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(optional)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

i strongly oppose the earlier attempt to remove the buck b tag from this famed archery area. rifle doe damage tags should be removed first, then extra doe tags, before any attempt is made to remove our most coveted of opportunities

#293

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Q1

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Q2

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional)	HD 201, HD 204, HD 260
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

For HD 260 elk: I'm confused by the proposed Elk B tags. It appears you could have a 201-01 and 900-00 license in your pocket which would be valid on the same dates in the same location but one would be weapons restriction and the other would allow any legal weapon (ie rifles during general season). That doesn't make any sense from a safety standpoint or simplification of regulations. The two licenses should allow the same weapons in a given location and time period.

For HD 260 I request addition of crossbow as a legal method for deer hunting. I'm a archery hunter, but it seems elitist to not allow cross bows for deer in 260. there are sufficient populations of deer for both groups to share. I don't believe there is any significant safety issue between the two weapons types, especially with the significant advances in compound bows over the past few decades.

HD 204 Elk: I'm concerned about allowing cow elk harvest on a general license in the Rock Creek/Clarkfork drainage portion of the district. I'm worried about the significant negative impact that will have on the lower populations in the national forest/wilderness of that part of the district.

HD 204 Deer: thank you for removing the mule deer buck permit. I live in this district, but have not had the opportunity to hunt mule deer bucks due to the limited nature of those permits prohibiting me from hunting mule deer in other parts of the state that I also frequent.

HD 203 being incorporated into HD 201 Elk: I'm displeased that this consolidation will result in a 33% decrease in cow elk permits/licenses valid on public/MKH Montana lands in what was HD 203. Access to private land is difficult in this area and removing these tags will remove opportunity for hunters to harvest cow elk that frequent the public-private boundary corridors in the portion of 201 that was previously 203.

Thank you for taking my comments.

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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

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HD 281, 284 & 293 Changes - I'm opposed to eliminating the antlerless elk permit program for these districts. I'm also opposed to combining these districts as I don't see or read the logic behind combining these districts that have been separate and co-existing since their creation. Although HD 281 is not listed within your above noted Hunting Districts, I wanted to comment before the end of the deadline to express my views and objection to combining the districts and eliminating the antlerless permits for these districts. Which is clearly noted in the Region 2 Elk Master List.

When I was a kid (37 years ago), they use to issue about 150 permits for HD 293 and 281 separately, on an annual basis. But now, due to the lower bull/cow ratios in these districts, you can't even get a cow permit or the possibilities of getting a cow permit is very low to impossible. The FWP should look at addressing the predation aspect of elk in these districts, since the bull/cow elk populations have dropped significantly. Most likely due to increased wolf and mountain lion numbers. You should also allow a respondent a means of obtaining a copy of his/her online comment through email and the U.S. mail.

I attest and certify the foregoing statement was submitted on Jan. 21, 2022, through the Montana FWP online portal. These statements partially address my concerns about combining districts (HD 281, 284 293) and in this particular area of Region 2, and the elimination of cow elk permits.

Michael Marquart /s/

#295

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Q1

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Q2

HD 204

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I am supportive of the removal of mule deer permit requirement.

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Q2

Respondent skipped this question

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

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Please keep Lincoln district 284 it's own district, archery only, and not part of 281. Make 281 include former district 293. Lincoln does not have too many elk and can not handle large numbers of cow tags. We have a bunch of hunters and lots of wolves! Please keep 290's extra buck B-tag. Thanks, Ron

#297

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Q1

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State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 210

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Elk comments HDs 210, 211, 212, 216

First off I appreciate the decision to not manage all if these HDs as one consolidated HD 210. Making most of the HDs in Granite County one HD is too coarse a scale to manage these populations, while, some elk herds move between these HDs managing them as one HD does not allow enough flexibility to address the individual concerns of land owners or hunters that may be particular to one area.

That said it is appropriate to have LPT 210-30 which allocates some B licenses which are valid throughout this landscape. In the 12/16/21 Elk Master list the quota is stated as 800; yet in the 2022 proposed regulations book the it is written that there is a quota of 200. Thats a difference of 600 licenses which assuming 20% success on antlerless licenses is 120 cows/calves. In a complex of HDs that are hovering near objective—100 cows could make the difference between an increasing or decreasing population. Is the quota 800 or 200?

The proposed total number of B licenses in HDs 210, 211, 212 or 216 is either 555 or 1155.

Whichever it is it's imperative that there be good aerial survey data in Granite County and that justifications are guided by data.

Elk numbers are in decline throughout the county, they are challenging to find on public lands and greatly diminished or absent on traditional public land winter ranges (the West Fork Buttes, Scotchman Gulch, Henderson Mountain, Stewart Ridge to name a few). The justification for HD 210 and associated HDs did not provide adequate data to support a recommendation for significant continued antlerless harvest. Not only are elk few where there is access, bull numbers are likely below 10:100. Scientific management requires that there be data to support it and current/accurate survey data is either not provided or not available for much of Granite County. Without data to support it and an apparent decline of elk it is likely time to reduce antlerless harvest in HDs 210, 211, 212 & 216. In addition FWP should explore setting objectives in part based on the proportion of elk that are available for public harvest.

Generally speaking big game regulations in Granite County are liberal and that is no longer supported by deer or elk numbers in the area.

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Q1

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State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 210,

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on: (optional) HD 214,
HD 217

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

This application does not have check boxes for all the HDs in R2 where changes are proposed.

Mule deer Bucks HDs 212, 213, 214, 215, 217

Please do not end the mule deer harvest in these HDs on November 13. While we appreciate that R2 FWP is receptive to the idea of reducing mule deer harvest, cutting the season to 3 weeks will dramatically reduce harvest opportunities, resulting in less protein in peoples freezers and/or displacement of hunters to other regions.

There was not adequate data in the justification to support a change of this magnitude.

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Q2 HD 270

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I really disagree with cutting 270-02 cow license and allowing the 262-01 to be used for all of 270. It would be too much hunting pressure for the hunting district. A more efficient way to harvest the elk would be the 262-01 tag only be used on private land in south portion of 270. Along with the north portion. Keeping the B tags at the same number for 270-01 and 270-02. That way people who have access to the private property can shoot 2 cow elk.

They have a real problem near Sula and south of there with animals being shot on property boundaries and not being recovered. Plus over populated hunting in the French basin area with bullets flying all different direction's from the warden I've talked to.

#300

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Q1

Contact information: (optional)

State/Province: MT

Q2

HD 210

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

This application does not provide check boxes for all HDs where there are changes proposed

Whitetailed Deer HDs 210, 212, 213, 215

We appreciate the elimination of general rifle harvest opportunity for antlerless WTD in December (thats whats shown in the proposed regs anyway.)

WTD are not abundant enough here to support an additional 4 weeks antlerless opportunity and the muzzle loader season will allow some opportunity to address game damage in December.

#301

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Q2 HD 270

Select which hunting district(s) you want to comment on:
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Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

I'm totally against having 262-01 cow tag being used for all of hunting district 270. It should not be open for state and federal or public ground. It's fine to extend the 262-01 south of rye crk on private ground. There's not enough game wardens to keep up with the high traffic of hunting pressure in the area in the French basin if that tag was open to public ground. There would be more wounded elk running onto ranch's than there already is. Plus the fact in the past 10 years not one time has every Cow B tag been filled in that area. So there's no reason to try to change it. Except raise the quata by fifty in 270-02 and fifty in 270-01. Making 250 north half and 350 south half. To make up for people who don't get out and hunt. Then maybe make 262-01 ONLY good for PRIVATE land in south portion of hd 270.

Thank you for your time

#302

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Q2 HD 200

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

Q3
Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

Lets get our elk harvest done in general season. Please eliminate late elk seasons in Region 2. Muzzleloader season is enough.

#303

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Q2

HD 270

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

Q3

Please comment on the proposed changes for Region 2's 2022-23 deer and elk regulations

The only portion of the proposed changes that my family is concerned about is the addition of the restrictions to the 270-45 permit that prevents hunters from hunting other districts. We are land owners with high-mountain property divided by 270 and 211. We allow open access to our private property and the the herd doesnt seem to care which side of the watershed they are on. As non-resident land owners we pay high license fees for a shorter portion of the hunting season. This change will greatly reduce our ability to hunt our owned property.

We didn't see any justification provided for that specific change so we kindly ask that it be left out of the new regulations. Sincerely the Johnas Family.
