

# ***SENT EMAILS***

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OCTOBER 20, 2023 through DECEMBER 12, 2023

## **SUSAN KIRBY BROOKE**

Commissioner (Region 3)

## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 4:34 PM  
**To:** Montana Chapter  
**Subject:** Re: Season-setting process, point of clarification

Thanks guys for the email. I did have a brief conversation with Brad prior to the meeting and he voiced a concern about the public input and requests being not making it into any kind of proposal for a more public consideration and comment at the hearings where the differences can be heard and aired. He did not mention an elk working group and I had not heard there was one.

As the Region 3 representative I will not be inclined to make last minute changes that have little or no public comment opportunities. And, I will afford no group more or less influence on my final decision but will consider the comments and input from all stakeholders equally.

Thanks again for the comments and don't hesitate to email or call me.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
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On Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 1:54 PM Montana Chapter <[montana@backcountryhunters.org](mailto:montana@backcountryhunters.org)> wrote:

Chair Robinson, Commissioners -

Thank you for your careful deliberation regarding our shared public resources in Montana.

As you know, we (Montana BHA) attended the Commission meeting last week and commented on a number of items. Thank you for a productive meeting!

During the final public comment, Brad Longcake, the representative from the Montana Outfitters & Guides Association, mentioned what they thought were failures in the season-setting process, namely that their suggestions did not make it into the formal proposals which are now out for public comment and they have limited options of getting them considered by the Commission now.

We agree with the premise that citizens should have a noticeable say in these matters. And while we generally have confidence in FWP's field staff, and think their opinions should certainly be considered, we agree that they shouldn't be the be-all and end-all when it comes to decisions on wildlife held in the public trust. We feel, and agree with MOGA, that the current season-setting process falls far short to solicit ideas from citizens as everything is funneled through FWP and all good ideas may not actually make it to you. This seems short-sighted and too controlling given the public's interest.

Moreover though, we strongly believe that any proposals this body considers - regardless of how they come about - need to be posted online, publicly, two weeks before the regular written comment deadline, or six weeks before the Commission meeting at which they'll be discussed.

Put another way, any last-minute additions to the agenda, or on-the-fly proposals from Commissioners during the meeting, are what we take the biggest issue with and what we've seen lead to consternation due to the lack of public involvement and notice. This needs to be avoided at all costs.

Additionally, during the regional Commissioner updates to start the meeting, some mentioned having conversations with Mac Minard and MOGA to discuss what sounded to us like suggestions coming from an elk working group. Montana BHA has been part of various discussions, but we want to make clear that these aren't the workings of a formal working group or coalition. At this point, it is at best an ad hoc group of stakeholders - an email chain sounding board - with a healthy dose of agreement, and disagreement. Nothing more.

Any proposals that MOGA is discussing with or presenting to you, unless it has the express written support of others, should be taken as nothing more than a proposal by MOGA.

We appreciate your consideration on these matters, and we look forward to seeing you at the December meeting.

Sincerely,

John B. Sullivan III, Chair

Thomas Baumeister, Vice Chair

Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023 11:48 AM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Fwd: Special Meeting - Monday September 25, 2023  
**Attachments:** image005.png; image002.png; image003.png; image001.png; image004.png; image006.png; Chair Agenda\_Special Mtg\_09.25.2023.pdf

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Date:** Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 6:17 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Special Meeting - Monday September 25, 2023  
**To:** [commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org) <[commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org)>, [commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org) <[commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org)>, [commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org) <[commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org)>, [commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org) <[commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org)>

Good evening, commissioners,

I noticed a typo on the Chair Agenda from the earlier email. Please use THIS copy for Monday's meeting.

~E

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**From:** Wickman, Erik

**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 1:47 PM

**To:** [commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org); [commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org); [commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org); [commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org)

**Subject:** Special Meeting - Monday September 25, 2023

Good afternoon, commissioners,

Firstly, let me take a moment to say THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH for being so flexible and understanding about this special meeting!

In the interest of time, I have attached all materials to this email for your review. I will also post them to the Google Drive so you have access to them from anywhere you're logged on.

You should see the following documents:

*ARM Rule language from the August Commission meeting*

*Proposed ARM Rule language formatted for the Secretary of State's MAPA Process*

*Cover Sheet with background, alternatives, and motion language*

*Chair Agenda for the Special Meeting*

Sarah Clerget, Chief Legal Counsel, will be the presenter for this Wolf ARM language shifting session.

Respectfully,

~E

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 9:01 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Process Steps - Google Drive

YAY! That's a WIN!



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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 9:00 AM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Process Steps - Google Drive

Hi, That was the process I was using...but it just showed up now. So whatever stars lined up, thanks!!

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
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On Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 8:45 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

I am going to send you screen shots of the steps I'm using to get to the December folder. See if these work for you. If not, call me and we can walk through it together.

Take these in order, 1 to 5, and then let me know.



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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Kyle Vanderstoep <kdvanderstoep@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 12:43 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed 313/314 Change

Hi Susan, thank you for the context around this. It is much appreciated.

-Kyle

On Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 11:54 AM FWP Commissioner Region 3 <[commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org)> wrote:

Hi Kyle,

Thank you for your comments. The landowners who are requesting the boundary return to the previous boundary petitioned the FWP and Commission beginning last December. The petitioners also reminded the FWP during the community meeting in Livingston this summer and also at the season setting meeting in Bozeman last week. As the commissioner for Region 3, I will be offering an amendment that reflects the petition and it should be up on the website later this week. In no way have I tried to sneak this in, but want the public to be able to weigh in on this to the Commissioners to allow a fair decision that involves the public. It is my intention to forward this amendment to stakeholder groups to allow them to comment and participate in the public forum either in writing or at the commission meeting in December.

Once I have the copy of the proposed amendment I will send you a copy and please comment on the website or to all the commissioners so we can consider your comments.

Again, I appreciate you reaching out and letting me know of your position. Thanks for being involved in the public process.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
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On Wed, Nov 15, 2023 at 10:14 PM Kyle Vanderstoep <[kdvanderstoep@gmail.com](mailto:kdvanderstoep@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello,

I am emailing in to comment in opposition to the proposed change of region 313, to pull the section of the unit west of the yellowstone into 314.

1. There is no biological justification for it, collar data supports the boundaries to manage the northern yellowstone elk herd as a whole within the current boundaries.
2. There is already plenty of opportunity in 313 and the proposal for 50 addl cow tags is a better proposal than this
3. This whole process seems like a way to circumnavigate the traditional season setting process by this brief mention in the Q and A on nov 2 but no mention anywhere in the docs. Was this going to be just snuck out right at the final meeting suddenly?

Thanks

-Kyle

**Wickman, Erik**

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**From:** edwin montanaguide.com <edwin@montanaguide.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 12:07 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion3@mtfw.org  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed amendment

Susan,  
Looks good to me.  
Thank You,  
Edwin

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfw.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 11:56 AM  
**To:** edwin [montanaguide.com](mailto:montanaguide.com) [[montanaguide.com](mailto:montanaguide.com)] <edwin@montanaguide.com>  
**Subject:** Proposed amendment

Hi Edwin, Please take a look at this. I would like to get this to the rest of the commission and out for public comment. ASAP. Thanks, Susan



## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Justin Duffy <justinduffy79@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 22, 2023 8:59 AM  
**To:** Jeff Reed  
**Cc:** commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org; bradshultz@hotmail.com;  
casey@visionhawkfilms.com  
**Subject:** Re: More amendments proposed for December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting

Susan,

I spoke with Jeff about this proposal to return the lion quotas to their '22/'23 status.

Two things:

First, I think the should ask for a return to our previous mountain lion management plan for ALL of region 3 and not just LMU specific. The old system was working beautifully and was widely considered successful by sportsmen of all types right up until a small portion decided to tell everyone it wasn't working.

Second, I think we should hold off on this until June as you already are bringing enough to the commission with the 313/314 boundary reset. We don't need to add this to your load now and bring too much heat to region 3 all at once.

I hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving!!

On Wed, Nov 22, 2023 at 7:49 AM Jeff Reed <[Jeff@reedfly.com](mailto:Jeff@reedfly.com)> wrote:

I'm pretty sure they can be introduced whenever. Can someone from FWP validate with you?

Thanks for your support.

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <[commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 22, 2023 7:04 AM  
**To:** Jeff Reed <[Jeff@reedfly.com](mailto:Jeff@reedfly.com)>  
**Cc:** Justin Duffy <[justinduffy79@gmail.com](mailto:justinduffy79@gmail.com)>; [bradshultz@hotmail.com](mailto:bradshultz@hotmail.com); [casey@visionhawkfilms.com](mailto:casey@visionhawkfilms.com)  
**Subject:** Re: More amendments proposed for December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting

Yes but that would be at the June meeting, right?

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On Tue, Nov 21, 2023 at 12:24 PM Jeff Reed <[Jeff@reedfly.com](mailto:Jeff@reedfly.com)> wrote:

Thanks Susan. Would you consider an amendment from the local community on the cougar quotas, returning them to their former status until the statewide study is concluded in our region?

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <[commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 12:13 PM

**To:** Jeff Reed <[Jeff@reedfly.com](mailto:Jeff@reedfly.com)>

**Subject:** Re: More amendments proposed for December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting

There should be a map at the bottom of the amendment.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
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On Tue, Nov 21, 2023 at 8:12 AM Jeff Reed <[Jeff@reedfly.com](mailto:Jeff@reedfly.com)> wrote:

Susan/Michael, few questions. (note: perhaps FWP could include a map in their proposals to speed up the understanding process)

As I read the change, it seems to indicate that 314 is being extended all of the way to Beattie Gulch/Park boundary, and 313 is being reduced in size.

1. What does this actually mean for the 314 cow elk harvest.
2. What does this actually mean for the limited bull harvest like the current 313 regs for the last 2 weeks of the season.
3. What influence if any does this have on the wolf/cougar unit designations.

Best,

Jeff

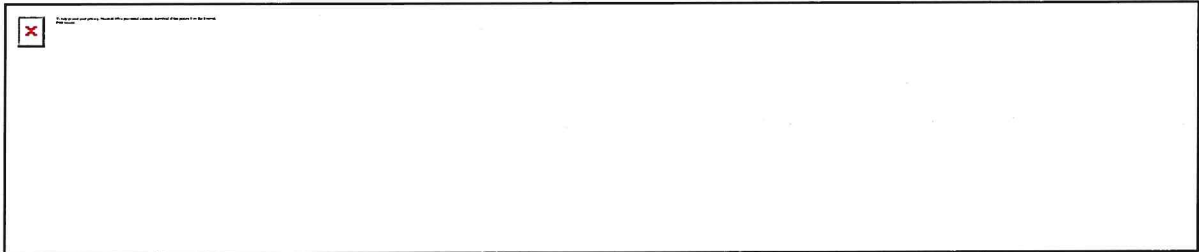
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**From:** Montana FWP <[montanafwp@announcements.mt.gov](mailto:montanafwp@announcements.mt.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2023 4:56 PM

**To:** Jeff Reed <[Jeff@reedfly.com](mailto:Jeff@reedfly.com)>

**Subject:** More amendments proposed for December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting



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## More amendments proposed for December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting

**HELENA** - Two more amendments to agenda items for the December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting are available for public review [online \[lnks.gd\]](#).

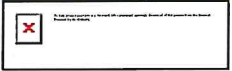
The first amendment looks to change the hunting district boundary in 313 just north of Yellowstone National Park. This is a deer and elk hunting district and the proposed change would add a portion of HD 314 into HD 313. Commissioner Susan Brooke proposed the amendment. To see the proposed amendment, click [here \[lnks.gd\]](#).

The second amendment would split FWP region 7 into two hunting district - north and south - for antelope. Currently antelope are managed as a region without any hunting district split. The amendment is proposed by Commissioner William Lane. To see the proposed amendment, click [here \[lnks.gd\]](#).

People have until Nov. 30 to comment on these two amendments. Comments can be emailed to the commission at this address: [FWComm@mt.gov](mailto:FWComm@mt.gov). Public interested in commenting can also register to comment virtually beginning Dec. 1 at 12 p.m., or attend the meeting in person in Helena. The commission will meet Dec. 14 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Capitol in Helena.



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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Cunningham, Julie <juliecunningham@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 6, 2023 7:57 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Region 3 Season Setting - HD 309, Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area

Hi Susan,

Yes, I have heard about this, and I remember speaking with Troy. Although I've gotten another comment that agrees with Troy, there are certainly others who do not agree.

I would be happy to visit with you about the history of this proposal, its purpose, and other perspectives on Tuesday when you are back?

Thank you so much,  
Julie

**Julie Cunningham**  
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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2023 3:18 PM  
**To:** Cunningham, Julie <juliecunningham@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Region 3 Season Setting - HD 309, Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area

Hi Julie, good seeing you last night. Have you heard of this matter? I assume he's talking to you. I am back in town next Tuesday and maybe we can chat about this one.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
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From: **FWP Commissioner Region 3** <[commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org)>

Date: Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 5:03 PM

Subject: Re: Region 3 Season Setting - HD 309, Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area

To: Troy Carter <[troymikecarter@gmail.com](mailto:troymikecarter@gmail.com)>

Interesting. I will give you a call tomorrow. Thanks for the info.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
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On Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 4:52 PM Troy Carter <[troymikecarter@gmail.com](mailto:troymikecarter@gmail.com)> wrote:

Commissioner Brooke, thank you for asking, no, I can't make it, but since writing, I learned from the R3 biologist about the proposed HD 309 Blackwood Exclusion proposal. I ask that you consider it skeptically. I know you'll make the best decision you can, weighing the facts and using your good judgment. I'd be happy to talk with you by telephone at your convenience, but the gist of my opinion is that giving the privilege of using a high-powered rifle, to a small group of able-bodied people who own or can access these large acreages where elk are all but confined by surrounding housing/urbanization, during what is for most hunters the archery season, to take either-sex WT deer and elk, is wrong-headed. I understand the desire to decrease the herd size, but it contradicts the intended safety policy of HD309 and "plays favorites." I am not a biologist or wildlife management professional, but I am a hunter who cares and still thinks, as I said in my letter, that the state should re-establish an archery season in HD309. Appreciate your time.

V/r  
Troy

On Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 4:23 PM FWP Commissioner Region 3 <[commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org)> wrote:

Hi Troy,  
Are you going to the season setting meeting at FWP in Bozeman tonight? If not, I will give you a call and we can chat about this matter.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
406.438.0460

On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 2:41 PM Troy Carter <[troymikecarter@gmail.com](mailto:troymikecarter@gmail.com)> wrote:

Commissioner Brooke, Supervisor Yoshioka,

Good afternoon. I understand that I may be attempting to participate in the season-setting process at a late hour, and I apologize for that.



I want to call your attention to the peculiarity of the Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area and an issue I've witnessed: bull elk being *legally* killed with firearms in September. I've also heard trophy bucks have also been killed in September using firearms.

Oddly, the weapons restriction area has a more liberal firearms use policy than the regular ol forest. Odd and unfair to hunters who don't have access to lands in GVVRA and also to the bull elk in them.

I've attached a letter that contains my proposal.

The bottom line is that I am asking that FWP reinstate an archery-only season distinct from the general season AND make the GVVRA an antlerless-only opportunity.

I'd be happy to discuss this with you. Appreciate your time and service to the public.

Thanks,  
Troy Carter  
Bozeman, MT  
406-539-4829

**Wickman, Erik**

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 7:55 AM  
**To:** Mike Winchell  
**Subject:** Re: Region 6 Limited Draw Antlered Mule Deer

Hi Mike,

Thank you for sharing the list of concerned community members. I appreciate your participation in this public process.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
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406.438.0460

On Mon, Dec 4, 2023 at 10:23 AM Mike Winchell <[mike@lodestarlandandhome.com](mailto:mike@lodestarlandandhome.com)> wrote:

All,  
Please see the attached updated list of concerned community members that are in favor of a very aggressive limitation on antlered mule deer permits. I believe you all would be absolutely shocked at the support of an even slightly more liberal option.

On Fri, Dec 1, 2023 at 6:42 PM Mike Winchell <[mike@lodestarlandandhome.com](mailto:mike@lodestarlandandhome.com)> wrote:

All,  
Please see the attached list of petitioners that are not only concerned about the declining Mule Deer population but also willing to sacrifice their own opportunities to help the wildlife. It is not secret that the priority of wildlife management is population versus age but I believe that by limiting the number of Buck Mule Deer harvested for a minimum of 5 years that the age class, and quality of mule deer would be greatly enhanced at no cost to the state or its management abilities. Limiting the harvest of buck mule deer would still allow for active population management through doe harvest, would move a hunting priority away from the deer and possibly onto the cow elk, and would take a significant stress load off of landowners. I hope that this call to action from the sportsmen, women, and landowners alike does not go unheard. For reference; this petition was circulated via only social media and for a short time period of less than a week. The petition is still growing and I'm happy to share it with any interested party at any time.



## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Sally Schrank <sschrank@greateryellowstone.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 7:28 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org  
**Cc:** Shifrin, Brooke; Shana Drimal  
**Subject:** Re: Request to connect about wildlife in region 3

Susan

That sounds like a great holiday.

We look forward to seeing you next Monday at the GYC offices. Thank you so much.

Sincerely  
Sally  
Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 28, 2023, at 4:37 PM, FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org> wrote:

Hi Sally,  
This last week was some pretty great weather and our family enjoyed the Montana outdoors all weekend!

Monday December 4 at 1 pm works for me. I have been to the GYC offices before so that will work for me.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
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On Tue, Nov 28, 2023 at 4:28 PM Sally Schrank <[sschrank@greateryellowstone.org](mailto:sschrank@greateryellowstone.org)> wrote:

Dear Susan,

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving. It seemed like the perfect weather, a slow arrival of winter.

I wondered if you would have the time in the next couple of weeks to meet with me and two of my colleagues at GYC. There are many things happening in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem related to bison, wolves and bears and we wanted to have a conversation about all of them with you. We would

appreciate the opportunity to share our organization's thoughts firsthand with you, as well as hear your questions and opinions.

I have copied my two colleagues on this message, Wildlife Conservation Coordinator Brooke Shifrin and Senior Wildlife Conservation Associate Shana Drimal.

We looked at our calendars and 3 times popped up for us.

- Monday December 4 at 1:00
- Friday December 8 at 1:00
- Thursday December 14 at 1:00

We could meet at our offices or go out for coffee or tea. Please let us know if you have the time. And where you would feel most comfortable meeting.

Thank you.

Sally

<image001.jpg>

**Sally Schrank** | *Montana Conservation Coordinator* | *she/her/hers* ([What's this?](#)) [[bottomline.org](#)]  
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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 4:57 PM  
**To:** Linette Ratay  
**Subject:** Re: Saving Yellowstone wolves. Our wolves.

Dear Lynette,

Thank you for your email. My position is tasked with making decisions on managing wildlife in Montana. The biologists with the department make recommendations based on data and there was no data or recommendations from either Yellowstone Park biologists or Montana biologists to lower the quota from last year, which was also 6.

I do support wolves and in the State of Montana we have healthy populations and new packs establishing every year in different eco regions. While we aren't a National Park, wolves still seem to thrive outside of the boundaries of Yellowstone with a 10x bigger population than the Park.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
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MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
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On Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 6:36 AM Linette Ratay <[linetteratay@gmail.com](mailto:linetteratay@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Brooks,

More information is available on the most recent wolves killed in Montana. 3 in WMU 313 have been killed!

Data and research indicate that no resident wolves exist in WMU 313. This would suggest that the three wolves killed in WMU 313 are Yellowstone National Park wolves. Probably the same wolves I have many photographs of while they were alive!

This would have been entirely avoidable had you the Region 3 commissioner, proposed a reduction in the quota for WMU 313, which borders Yellowstone National Park.

Please stop sending the wrong message to the rest of the world and let them know that you support America's wolves. The millions of tourists that visit your state will appreciate you for keeping wolves part of your beautiful state.

Respectfully,  
Linette Ratay  
420 274 0716

Sent from my iPhone



## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 4:34 PM  
**To:** Montana Chapter  
**Subject:** Re: Season-setting process, point of clarification

Thanks guys for the email. I did have a brief conversation with Brad prior to the meeting and he voiced a concern about the public input and requests being not making it into any kind of proposal for a more public consideration and comment at the hearings where the differences can be heard and aired. He did not mention an elk working group and I had not heard there was one.

As the Region 3 representative I will not be inclined to make last minute changes that have little or no public comment opportunities. And, I will afford no group more or less influence on my final decision but will consider the comments and input from all stakeholders equally.

Thanks again for the comments and don't hesitate to email or call me.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
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On Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 1:54 PM Montana Chapter <[montana@backcountryhunters.org](mailto:montana@backcountryhunters.org)> wrote:

Chair Robinson, Commissioners -

Thank you for your careful deliberation regarding our shared public resources in Montana.

As you know, we (Montana BHA) attended the Commission meeting last week and commented on a number of items. Thank you for a productive meeting!

During the final public comment, Brad Longcake, the representative from the Montana Outfitters & Guides Association, mentioned what they thought were failures in the season-setting process, namely that their suggestions did not make it into the formal proposals which are now out for public comment and they have limited options of getting them considered by the Commission now.

We agree with the premise that citizens should have a noticeable say in these matters. And while we generally have confidence in FWP's field staff, and think their opinions should certainly be considered, we agree that they shouldn't be the be-all and end-all when it comes to decisions on wildlife held in the public trust. We feel, and agree with MOGA, that the current season-setting process falls far short to solicit ideas from citizens as everything is funneled through FWP and all good ideas may not actually make it to you. This seems short-sighted and too controlling given the public's interest.

Moreover though, we strongly believe that any proposals this body considers - regardless of how they come about - need to be posted online, publicly, two weeks before the regular written comment deadline, or six weeks before the Commission meeting at which they'll be discussed.



Put another way, any last-minute additions to the agenda, or on-the-fly proposals from Commissioners during the meeting, are what we take the biggest issue with and what we've seen lead to consternation due to the lack of public involvement and notice. This needs to be avoided at all costs.

Additionally, during the regional Commissioner updates to start the meeting, some mentioned having conversations with Mac Minard and MOGA to discuss what sounded to us like suggestions coming from an elk working group. Montana BHA has been part of various discussions, but we want to make clear that these aren't the workings of a formal working group or coalition. At this point, it is at best an ad hoc group of stakeholders - an email chain sounding board - with a healthy dose of agreement, and disagreement. Nothing more.

Any proposals that MOGA is discussing with or presenting to you, unless it has the express written support of others, should be taken as nothing more than a proposal by MOGA.

We appreciate your consideration on these matters, and we look forward to seeing you at the December meeting.

Sincerely,

John B. Sullivan III, Chair

Thomas Baumeister, Vice Chair

Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023 11:48 AM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Fwd: Special Meeting - Monday September 25, 2023  
**Attachments:** image005.png; image002.png; image003.png; image001.png; image004.png; image006.png; Chair Agenda\_Special Mtg\_09.25.2023.pdf

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Date:** Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 6:17 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Special Meeting - Monday September 25, 2023  
**To:** [commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org) <[commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org)>, [commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org) <[commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org)>, [commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org) <[commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org)>, [commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org) <[commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org)>

Good evening, commissioners,

I noticed a typo on the Chair Agenda from the earlier email. Please use THIS copy for Monday's meeting.

~E

**Erik Wickman**

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**From:** Wickman, Erik

**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 1:47 PM

**To:** [commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org); [commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org); [commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org); [commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org)

**Subject:** Special Meeting - Monday September 25, 2023

Good afternoon, commissioners,

Firstly, let me take a moment to say THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH for being so flexible and understanding about this special meeting!

In the interest of time, I have attached all materials to this email for your review. I will also post them to the Google Drive so you have access to them from anywhere you're logged on.

You should see the following documents:

*ARM Rule language from the August Commission meeting*

*Proposed ARM Rule language formatted for the Secretary of State's MAPA Process*

*Cover Sheet with background, alternatives, and motion language*

*Chair Agenda for the Special Meeting*

Sarah Clerget, Chief Legal Counsel, will be the presenter for this Wolf ARM language shifting session.

Respectfully,

~E

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 9:01 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Process Steps - Google Drive

YAY! That's a WIN!



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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 9:00 AM

**To:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Process Steps - Google Drive

Hi, That was the process I was using...but it just showed up now. So whatever stars lined up, thanks!!

Susan Kirby Brooke

Region 3 Commissioner

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On Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 8:45 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

I am going to send you screen shots of the steps I'm using to get to the December folder. See if these work for you. If not, call me and we can walk through it together.

Take these in order, 1 to 5, and then let me know.



**Erik Wickman**

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Kyle Vanderstoep <kdvanderstoep@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 12:43 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed 313/314 Change

Hi Susan, thank you for the context around this. It is much appreciated.

-Kyle

On Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 11:54 AM FWP Commissioner Region 3 <[commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org)> wrote:

Hi Kyle,

Thank you for your comments. The landowners who are requesting the boundary return to the previous boundary petitioned the FWP and Commission beginning last December. The petitioners also reminded the FWP during the community meeting in Livingston this summer and also at the season setting meeting in Bozeman last week. As the commissioner for Region 3, I will be offering an amendment that reflects the petition and it should be up on the website later this week. In no way have I tried to sneak this in, but want the public to be able to weigh in on this to the Commissioners to allow a fair decision that involves the public. It is my intention to forward this amendment to stakeholder groups to allow them to comment and participate in the public forum either in writing or at the commission meeting in December.

Once I have the copy of the proposed amendment I will send you a copy and please comment on the website or to all the commissioners so we can consider your comments.

Again, I appreciate you reaching out and letting me know of your position. Thanks for being involved in the public process.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
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On Wed, Nov 15, 2023 at 10:14 PM Kyle Vanderstoep <[kdvanderstoep@gmail.com](mailto:kdvanderstoep@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello,

I am emailing in to comment in opposition to the proposed change of region 313, to pull the section of the unit west of the yellowstone into 314.

1. There is no biological justification for it, collar data supports the boundaries to manage the northern yellowstone elk herd as a whole within the current boundaries.
2. There is already plenty of opportunity in 313 and the proposal for 50 addl cow tags is a better proposal than this
3. This whole process seems like a way to circumnavigate the traditional season setting process by this brief mention in the Q and A on nov 2 but no mention anywhere in the docs. Was this going to be just snuck out right at the final meeting suddenly?

Thanks  
-Kyle

## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** edwin montanaguide.com <edwin@montanaguide.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 12:07 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed amendment

Susan,  
Looks good to me.  
Thank You,  
Edwin

**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 11:56 AM  
**To:** edwin [montanaguide.com \[montanaguide.com\]](mailto:edwin@montanaguide.com) <edwin@montanaguide.com>  
**Subject:** Proposed amendment

Hi Edwin, Please take a look at this. I would like to get this to the rest of the commission and out for public comment. ASAP. Thanks, Susan

## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Justin Duffy <justinduffy79@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 22, 2023 8:59 AM  
**To:** Jeff Reed  
**Cc:** commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org; bradshultz@hotmail.com; casey@visionhawkfilms.com  
**Subject:** Re: More amendments proposed for December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting

Susan,

I spoke with Jeff about this proposal to return the lion quotas to their '22/'23 status.

Two things:

First, I think I should ask for a return to our previous mountain lion management plan for ALL of region 3 and not just LMU specific. The old system was working beautifully and was widely considered successful by sportsmen of all types right up until a small portion decided to tell everyone it wasn't working.

Second, I think we should hold off on this until June as you already are bringing enough to the commission with the 313/314 boundary reset. We don't need to add this to your load now and bring too much heat to region 3 all at once.

I hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving!!

On Wed, Nov 22, 2023 at 7:49 AM Jeff Reed <[Jeff@reedfly.com](mailto:Jeff@reedfly.com)> wrote:

I'm pretty sure they can be introduced whenever. Can someone from FWP validate with you?

Thanks for your support.

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <[commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 22, 2023 7:04 AM  
**To:** Jeff Reed <[Jeff@reedfly.com](mailto:Jeff@reedfly.com)>  
**Cc:** Justin Duffy <[justinduffy79@gmail.com](mailto:justinduffy79@gmail.com)>; [bradshultz@hotmail.com](mailto:bradshultz@hotmail.com); [casey@visionhawkfilms.com](mailto:casey@visionhawkfilms.com)  
**Subject:** Re: More amendments proposed for December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting

Yes but that would be at the June meeting, right?

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
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On Tue, Nov 21, 2023 at 12:24 PM Jeff Reed <[Jeff@reedfly.com](mailto:Jeff@reedfly.com)> wrote:

Thanks Susan. Would you consider an amendment from the local community on the cougar quotas, returning them to their former status until the statewide study is concluded in our region?

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <[commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 12:13 PM

**To:** Jeff Reed <[Jeff@reedfly.com](mailto:Jeff@reedfly.com)>

**Subject:** Re: More amendments proposed for December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting

There should be a map at the bottom of the amendment.

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On Tue, Nov 21, 2023 at 8:12 AM Jeff Reed <[Jeff@reedfly.com](mailto:Jeff@reedfly.com)> wrote:

Susan/Michael, few questions. (note: perhaps FWP could include a map in their proposals to speed up the understanding process)

As I read the change, it seems to indicate that 314 is being extended all of the way to Beattie Gulch/Park boundary, and 313 is being reduced in size.

1. What does this actually mean for the 314 cow elk harvest.
2. What does this actually mean for the limited bull harvest like the current 313 regs for the last 2 weeks of the season.
3. What influence if any does this have on the wolf/cougar unit designations.

Best,

Jeff

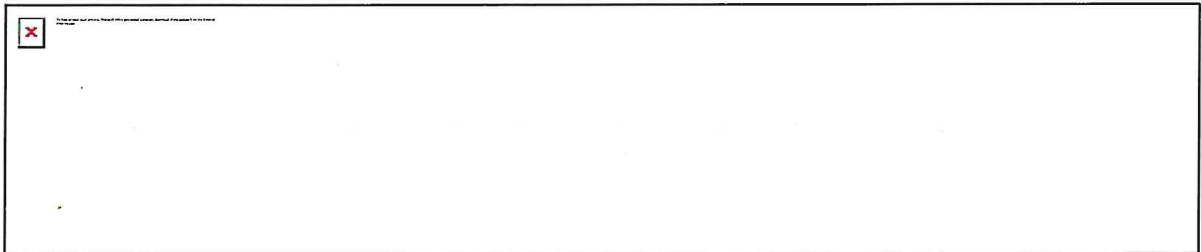
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**From:** Montana FWP <[montanafwp@announcements.mt.gov](mailto:montanafwp@announcements.mt.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2023 4:56 PM

**To:** Jeff Reed <[Jeff@reedfly.com](mailto:Jeff@reedfly.com)>

**Subject:** More amendments proposed for December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting



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## More amendments proposed for December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting

**HELENA** - Two more amendments to agenda items for the December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting are available for public review **online** [\[lnks.gd\]](#).

The first amendment looks to change the hunting district boundary in 313 just north of Yellowstone National Park. This is a deer and elk hunting district and the proposed change would add a portion of HD 314 into HD 313. Commissioner Susan Brooke proposed the amendment. To see the proposed amendment, click **here** [\[lnks.gd\]](#).

The second amendment would split FWP region 7 into two hunting district - north and south - for antelope. Currently antelope are managed as a region without any hunting district split. The amendment is proposed by Commissioner William Lane. To see the proposed amendment, click **here** [\[lnks.gd\]](#).

People have until Nov. 30 to comment on these two amendments. Comments can be emailed to the commission at this address: **FWComm@mt.gov**. Public interested in commenting can also register to comment virtually beginning Dec. 1 at 12 p.m., or attend the meeting in person in Helena. The commission will meet Dec. 14 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Capitol in Helena.





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**Wickman, Erik**

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 6:11 PM  
**To:** Marc Cooke  
**Cc:** Kim Bean  
**Subject:** Re: Time to chat?  
**Attachments:** fb3a441c.png

That works for me.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
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406.438.0460

On Tue, Nov 28, 2023 at 6:08 PM Marc Cooke <[marc@wolvesoftherockies.org](mailto:marc@wolvesoftherockies.org)> wrote:

*Commissioner Brooke,*

*Thanks for getting back to me. Let's shoot for 4:30. I don't think it will take more than 30 minutes. Please let me know if something comes up and we can reschedule. Otherwise, I will send out a Zoom tomorrow morning.*

*Thanks again, Marc*

On 2023-11-28 09:55, FWP Commissioner Region 3 wrote:

Sure. I'm pretty flexible today or tomorrow.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
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On Tue, Nov 28, 2023 at 9:50 AM Marc Cooke <[marc@wolvesoftherockies.org](mailto:marc@wolvesoftherockies.org)> wrote:

*Commissioner Brooke,*

*We would like to discuss several items on the agenda for the December 19th commission hearing. Would it be possible to set up a Zoom chat? If so, please let me know what time would work best, and we will do the rest.*

*Thanks for your consideration, Marc*

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*Marc Cooke*

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023 9:26 AM  
**To:** Cunningham, Julie  
**Subject:** Re: time to visit about public feedback on regulations proposals?  
**Attachments:** image006.png; image005.png; image002.png; image001.jpg; image003.png; image004.png

Yes would love to chat. I am around this week if you have time.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
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406.613.8562

On Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 9:24 AM Cunningham, Julie <[juliecunningham@mt.gov](mailto:juliecunningham@mt.gov)> wrote:

Commissioner Brooke,

I was wondering if you would be interested in a brief chat where I can visit with you about the public comments that have started to trickle in relative to the season proposals I've got out there?

I'd love to hear your feedback too. I am not "sold" on any idea or pushing any agenda, I see each change comes with pros and cons, and wondered if you were interested in discussing more if it's appropriate?

Thank you,  
Julie

**Julie Cunningham**

*Bozeman Area Wildlife Biologist*

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Lowrey, Ashley - FPAC-NRCS, MT <Ashley.Lowrey@mt.nacdnet.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 10:31 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: Upper Yellowstone Watershed Group Meeting

Hi Susan,  
Excellent, thank you so much for taking the time to come chat with us on Dec 12th. We look forward to meeting you!

Best,  
Ashley

### Ashley Lowrey

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 4:42 PM  
**To:** Lowrey, Ashley - FPAC-NRCS, MT <Ashley.Lowrey@mt.nacdnet.net>  
**Subject:** Re: Upper Yellowstone Watershed Group Meeting

Hi Ashley,  
Thanks for your email. I think that will work for me so I'll plan on being there.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
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406.438.0460

On Tue, Nov 28, 2023 at 2:58 PM Lowrey, Ashley - FPAC-NRCS, MT <[Ashley.Lowrey@mt.nacdnet.net](mailto:Ashley.Lowrey@mt.nacdnet.net)> wrote:

Hi Susan,

Our next Upper Yellowstone Watershed Group meeting in Paradise Valley is coming up in December, would you be able and willing to come on down and introduce yourself for a meet and greet? Our meeting is at St Johns Church in Emigrant, 6-8pm on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>. It would be great to have you there to say hello to our Upper Yellowstone landowners and community.

Thanks,

Ashley

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 11:38 AM  
**To:** Lowrey, Ashley - FPAC-NRCS, MT  
**Subject:** Re: UYWG General Meeting Reminder  
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Sure thing.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
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On Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 8:58 AM Lowrey, Ashley - FPAC-NRCS, MT <[Ashley.Lowrey@mt.nacdnet.net](mailto:Ashley.Lowrey@mt.nacdnet.net)> wrote:

If you could plan on standing up and giving a background on you and all pertinent updates from the Commission and then we will allow time for Q and A. Lets plan on 15 minutes for you to talk and then we can open it up for Q and A, does that sound ok?

Thanks again,

Ashley

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <[commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 7:53 AM  
**To:** Lowrey, Ashley - FPAC-NRCS, MT <[Ashley.Lowrey@mt.nacdnet.net](mailto:Ashley.Lowrey@mt.nacdnet.net)>  
**Subject:** Re: UYWG General Meeting Reminder

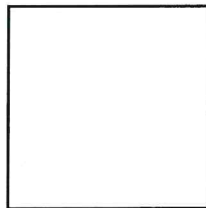
I will be there. Thank you for inviting me. Is this a meet and greet or do you plan on having me present or stand for Q&A?

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
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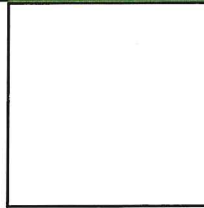
On Mon, Dec 4, 2023 at 10:28 AM Lowrey, Ashley - FPAC-NRCS, MT <[Ashley.Lowrey@mt.nacdnet.net](mailto:Ashley.Lowrey@mt.nacdnet.net)> wrote:

**Hi Susan, We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday!**

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**UYWG General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 12th, 6-8PM**  
**St. Johns Church in Emigrant**

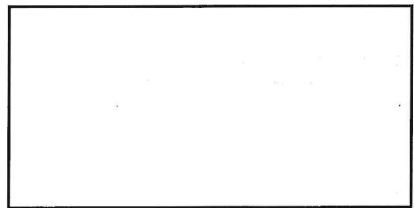


Come join the Upper Yellowstone Watershed Group at our next meeting. If you're feeling so inclined, bring holiday cookies to share! Hope to see you all there!

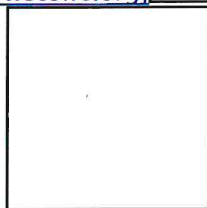
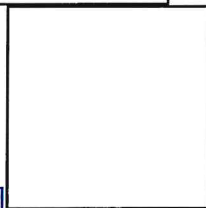
Agenda includes:

- FWP Area 3 Commissioner, Susan Kirby Brooke
- Ted Nelson, NRCS: RCPP program overview & updates
- Bethany Allen, PCEC: Annual Weed Monitoring Report
  - UYWG Committee and project updates

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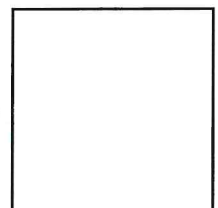
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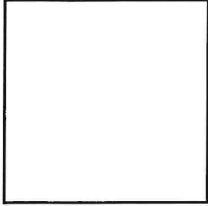
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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 1:06 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Virtual Binder Update

Wonderful! Your binder will arrive tomorrow. It is coming via USPS.



**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 1:05 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Virtual Binder Update

I refreshed it a couple of times and then it updated. Thanks.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
406.438.0460

On Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 1:03 PM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

No. The most current version of the Virtual Binder is 12.04 and should include all known amendments at this point.

~E

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <[commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:01 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Virtual Binder Update

My drive shows the most recent additions are amendments modified on 11/27. Is that correct?

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner

MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
406.438.0460

On Mon, Dec 4, 2023 at 4:41 PM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon, commissioners,

The virtual binder for December 2023 has been updated to reflect all of the recent changes. Please discard any previous versions and use the one that is now available through the Google Drive.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

~E

**Erik Wickman**

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2023 1:32 PM  
**To:** Marc Cooke  
**Subject:** Re: Wolf stamp information  
**Attachments:** fb3a441c.png

Hi Marc,  
Thanks for letting me know. I was at the Bozeman meeting and thought it went well. See you next week.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
406.438.0460

On Sat, Dec 9, 2023 at 10:32 AM Marc Cooke <[marc@wolvesoftherockies.org](mailto:marc@wolvesoftherockies.org)> wrote:

*Commissioner Brooke,*

*I have been on the road attending the Wolf Management Plan hearings. Bozeman had around thirty pro-wolf advocates attend. The anti-wolf (for lack of a better term) community was not present. In Region 1 Kalispell, there were 14 pro-wolf and 11 anti-wolf present. The hearing in Kalispell was a little heated, but MtFWP stepped in and de-escalated it. This heated atmosphere didn't come from the pro-wolf community. They were polite and respectful toward everyone in the room.*

*I have attached the last draft of the derailed wolf stamp for your review. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Marc*



*Marc Cooke*

*Wolves of the Rockies*

*Stevensville, Montana*

*Cell: 406.493.5945*

*[Marc@WolvesoftheRockies.org](mailto:Marc@WolvesoftheRockies.org)*

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2023 5:03 PM  
**To:** Christine G  
**Subject:** Re: Yellowstone Wolves

Christine,

Thank you for your email. Montana is responsible for managing the wildlife in the state. I know you refer to these as Yellowstone wolves but they are in Montana and this state has a healthy population of wolves, in fact 10x more than Yellowstone.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
406.438.0460

On Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 9:30 PM Christine G <[christinegoulet@hotmail.com](mailto:christinegoulet@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Hello,

3 Yellowstone wolves killed. This is an atrocity that could have been prevented. If only you had spoken up and represented the far majority of people who want to protect our country's keystone species, the Gray Wolf.

What a tragedy that truly breaks the heart of so many and denies future generations of the planet and country they so deserve. Why does a person who just wishes to kill a living animal and deprive us all of so much be allowed to do so? I am at a loss for words and weep for the future.

Please speak up and protect our Gray Wolves and all wildlife from unnecessary slaughter.

Christine

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**Wickman, Erik**

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 7:54 AM  
**To:** 12kamps@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: Thank You - Crossbow Petition

Steve,

Thanks to you for being involved in the public process of these petitions. It is important that Montanans stay involved.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
406.613.8562

On Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 1:03 PM Steve Kamps <[12kamps@gmail.com](mailto:12kamps@gmail.com)> wrote:

Thank you all for voting to keep Montana's cherished archery seasons the way they are.

Steve Kamps  
Montana Native and Lifetime Bowhunter

## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 7:53 AM  
**To:** ROBIN TRENBEATH  
**Subject:** Re: Thank You

Thanks to you for being involved in the public process of these petitions. It is important that Montanans stay involved.

Susan Kirby Brooke  
Region 3 Commissioner  
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
406.613.8562

On Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 12:56 PM ROBIN TRENBEATH <[robinhood\\_5@msn.com](mailto:robinhood_5@msn.com)> wrote:

Thank you for denying the crossbow petition; it is very much appreciated.

Robin Trenbeath  
Retired  
Sent from my iPhone