

# ***SENT EMAILS***

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OCTOBER 20, 2023 through DECEMBER 12, 2023

**BILL LANE**

Commissioner (Region 7)

## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Paul Ellis <ellispaul4@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 4, 2023 5:47 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** Re: Info for Region 7 Proposals

Please call if you need any background. Sure appreciate your efforts.  
Paul

[Sent from AOL on Android \[play.google.com\]](#)

On Sat, Nov 4, 2023 at 4:32 PM, FWP Commissioner Region 7  
<commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org> wrote:

Thanks Paul. I am working on this.

Bill

On Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 7:48 AM Paul Ellis <ellispaul4@aol.com> wrote:

Commissioner Lane,

I wanted to mention that then Region 7 reduced the 700-20 rifle permits by 50 & the 700-21 archery elk permits by 140 they it took away the following resident opportunities:

700-20

3 Resident Landowner Opportunities

42 Resident Hunter Opportunities

700-21

126 Resident Archery Hunter Opportunities

Also removing over \$200,000 in tourism revenue to the local communities

I have another question. Since our antelope numbers seem to be low in Region 7, why does Region 7 allow anyone the draws one of the 7,500 007-20 antelope license the opportunity to buy a doe/fawn license? The doe/fawn license is only good in HDs 704 & 705, which I would think this is difficult for hunters that are hunting antelope in 1 of the 4 other HDs. Wouldn't it make sense to eliminate the additional doe/fawn license until our antelope numbers rebound.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

**Paul Ellis**

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 12:51 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** 007-20 Antelope proposal

Hello Erik,

I would like to notify you of my endorsement of the MOGA proposal to split the 007-20 antelope region into two separate districts. Please let me know if you have any questions or need anymore information.

Thank you.

Bill Lane



## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Schmitz, Brad <brschmitz@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 6, 2023 11:32 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion7@mtfw.org; Dorak, Brett  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] 700-20 and 700-21

Commissioner Lane:

I suspect Brett will have a more detailed answer to your question so will let him respond.

My thoughts in simple terms:

- Last spring we asked you to reduce the bull elk quota in 700 as we have seen a marked decline in bull numbers and in the bull:cow ratio over the past two surveys. We are far below the 30-40 bulls:100 cows listed as the elk plan goal. This trend is of great concern to us and thus we asked for a reduction until our surveys show these numbers increase to the 30-40 bull/100 cow goal. We haven't seen an increase in bull numbers since spring.

Brett has more data and information, but I think you have the latest information that we provided this spring when we were out to your place.

Brett has his own opinions, but in my mind we should not be increasing the bull licenses in 700 until we see bull numbers increase to what is listed in the elk plan goals.

Brad

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfw.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 4, 2023 4:35 PM  
**To:** Dorak, Brett <Brett.Dorak@mt.gov>; Schmitz, Brad <brschmitz@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 700-20 and 700-21

Do you think we could handle bringing back half of the 700-20 and 700-21 permits?

Bill

## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023 2:54 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Cc:** FWP COMMISSIONERS  
**Subject:** Re: 2024 Tentative Meeting Dates  
**Attachments:** image001.png; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png; image006.png

The only date that I know of, at this point, that I may not be able to attend is August 16.

Bill

On Wed, Nov 29, 2023 at 11:07 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Good morning, commissioners,

I have reviewed the attached list of 2024 meeting dates with Chair Robinson and she has requested that I send the list to you for review.

Please check these tentative dates and let me know if you have conflicts with any of the dates. We do have some latitude to move dates around a bit.

If you'd like to call me with your conflicts, that is always fine and you can call me anytime (24/7) on my cell: 594-8921.

If you're comfortable emailing, that's fine as well.

Respectfully,

~E

**Erik Wickman**

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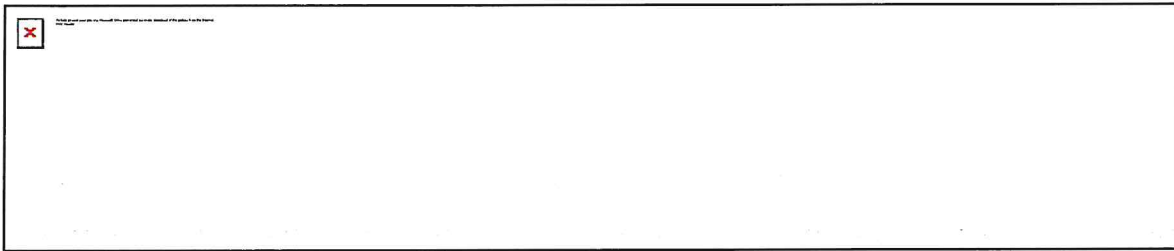
## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023 10:23 AM  
**To:** mtskyking@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Applications sought for upland game bird council

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**From:** Montana FWP <[montanafwp@announcements.mt.gov](mailto:montanafwp@announcements.mt.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Dec 4, 2023 at 4:41 PM  
**Subject:** Applications sought for upland game bird council  
**To:** <[commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org)>



### Applications sought for upland game bird council

HELENA - Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking to fill a vacancy on an advisory council that monitors upland game bird enhancement program activities. The vacancy must be filled by someone who resides in in [Region 3 \[lnks.gd\]](#), southwest Montana.

Council members represent all FWP administrative regions and include upland game bird hunters, landowners, upland game bird biologists and others who have conservation interests.

The council member will be appointed by FWP Director Dustin Temple to participate in two meetings a year. Members will be asked to contribute to additional discussions throughout the four-year term.

To apply, visit the [Upland Game Bird Advisory Council webpage \[lnks.gd\]](#) on [FWP's website \[lnks.gd\]](#). Paper applications are available upon request by calling 406-444-5674. Nominations must be submitted by Dec. 15. The next council meeting will be held in Helena on March 11 and 12.

For more information, call Debbie Hohler at 406-444-5647, or send an email to [dhohler@mt.gov](mailto:dhohler@mt.gov).

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 4 <commissionerregion4@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2023 6:49 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Court-Ordered Special Meeting

Confirmed.

Commissioner K.C. Walsh  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
Region 4

On Oct 30, 2023, at 6:09 PM, FWP Commissioner Region 7 <CommissionerRegion7@mtfwp.org> wrote:

Sounds good to me.

On Mon, Oct 30, 2023 at 2:37 PM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon, commissioners,

We have a legal requirement to schedule a special meeting (all commissioners AND the public – there will be NO public comment) for Legal to provide public meeting training. This is mandatory and court-ordered so I am trying to make sure that all can attend.

The idea, which was brought up by the incredible minds at Legal, is that since everyone is coming into town on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, the night before the regular FW Commission meeting, we could do dinner here at HQ and Sarah can teach the class right here; after which you can all head back to the hotels. This makes it easier to comply while also taking advantage of your presence here in Helena already. For those of you who may not be able to attend in person, we will send out a Zoom link. The public will also be attending via Zoom only, and there is no public comment because this is strictly a training session.

I will keep you posted and get the Zoom link out shortly.

Respectfully,

~E



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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023 8:25 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Expenses

Hi Erik, here are my expenses for November.

Nov. 7- Region 7 season setting public meeting 6-8pm in Miles City 160 miles round trip.

Nov. 10- Spoke at Southeastern Montana Stockgrowers meeting in Miles City regarding new season setting proposals. 2-5pm 160 miles round trip.

Nov. 16- Legal update via zoom 1 hr.

Nov. 19- Spoke at Carter County Stockgrowers Mtg in Ekalaka regarding season setting proposals. 2-6pm. 80 miles round trip.

Thank you!

Bill



## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Dorak, Brett <Brett.Dorak@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2023 3:31 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Cc:** commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: FW: Proposals  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg; HD 417 Elk Permits.docx; Splitting Antelope Hunting District 007-20 into two districts.docx; Proposal to restore HD 700 Elk Quota.docx; Black Bear June 15 Season End.docx; R7 Mule Deer Doe on Private Land only.docx; Elk Hunting District 314 Boundary Restoration.docx

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 7:55 PM  
**To:** Schmitz, Brad <brschmitz@mt.gov>; Dorak, Brett <Brett.Dorak@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: FW: Proposals

I believe that the motion from MOGA to split the antelope hunting districts in two makes sense. It is obviously very simplistic, but gets the point across. If you think I need to refine it, let me know.

Bill

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**From:** <moga@mt.net>  
**Date:** Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 11:33 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Proposals  
**To:** <CommissionerRegion7@mtfwp.org>



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**From:** [moga@mt.net](mailto:moga@mt.net) <[moga@mt.net](mailto:moga@mt.net)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023 9:14 AM

**To:** '[CommissionerRegion7@mtfwp.org](mailto:CommissionerRegion7@mtfwp.org)' <[CommissionerRegion7@mtfwp.org](mailto:CommissionerRegion7@mtfwp.org)>

**Subject:** Proposals

Commission Lane

I have attached six draft proposals we are considering putting before the Commission during the upcoming season setting process.

Oddly, there is no clear pathway for these proposals to be included in the public notice so they would receive public review. Seems that can only happen if the Department decides to move these ahead. In speaking with both Quentin Kujala and Brian Winkling, there does not seem to be an appetite for that.

In developing these proposals, we conferred with the outfitting and landowner community. In addition, we have continued to meet with the elk coalition that formed last legislative session. This collation includes MWF, Stock Growers, PERC, MTSFW, BHA, MOGA. Within the coalition there is support for a number of these as written and support for others if modified slightly.

I wanted to share them with you and seek your initial thoughts on the proposals and how I might best proceed to get these included in the Oct 20 distribution for public comment.

Thanks in advance.

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*Executive Director*

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 7, 2023 11:54 AM  
**To:** Stephen Christian  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Welcome and Press Release  
**Attachments:** image001.png

Congratulations! I'm sure you will represent the region well! Good luck!

Bill

On Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 8:40 AM Stephen Christian <[mtduckhunter@hotmail.com](mailto:mtduckhunter@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Commissioner Lane,

I have been selected to represent Region 7 on the new Wetlands Protection Advisory Council!

Thank you for your time and counsel. I am very excited to be an active member of the WPAC.

Sincerely,

Steve

**Steve Christian**

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**From:** Harris, Heather <[heharris@mt.gov](mailto:heharris@mt.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 6, 2023 11:39 AM  
**To:** Bridger Pierce <[bridgerp@gmail.com](mailto:bridgerp@gmail.com)>; [minnesotaj@live.com](mailto:minnesotaj@live.com); Evensen, Chris <[Chris.Evensen@arcadis.com](mailto:Chris.Evensen@arcadis.com)>; Bev Wornom <[bwornom@yahoo.com](mailto:bwornom@yahoo.com)>; Kenneth Jansa <[kjansa2011@yahoo.com](mailto:kjansa2011@yahoo.com)>; [mtduckhunter@gmail.com](mailto:mtduckhunter@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Welcome and Press Release

Greetings and Happy Monday Wetland Protection Advisory Council (WPAC),

Thank you so much for agreeing to participate on this important council to help guide the future direction of Montana's Migratory Bird Wetland Program.

I look forward to meeting you all in person in Lewistown, at the Calvert Hotel, on December 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. The tentative plan is to start at 1:00pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> and wrap up around the same time on the 5<sup>th</sup>, to accommodate travel. Please do not worry about making a hotel reservation, I have that covered for the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup>.

During this meeting I hope it is a time to get to know each other as well as go over the roles and responsibilities of the WPAC, the current state of the program, and have some good discussions about the future direction of the program. An agenda with logistics will be sent out, and posted online, in a few weeks.

In the meantime, we are planning to send out a press release, announcing the new WPAC. Please see attached. I wanted to send it out to you prior to its release (likely tomorrow - Nov 6<sup>th</sup>) so you are not surprised to see your name in the announcement.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks

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**Heather Harris**

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 5:20 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Region 7 Antelope Proposal

No, sir. Legal is reviewing yours and Commissioner Brooke's due to changes in boundaries and legal descriptions. Should be ready soon!

~E

~Erik Wickman  
Commission Coordinator



Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 5:18:47 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Region 7 Antelope Proposal

Hi Erik,

I still haven't seen the proposal to split the Region 7 Antelope district into two units. Am I missing something?

Bill



## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 18, 2023 8:14 PM  
**To:** Chad Hoover  
**Subject:** Re: Resource

Thank you.

Bill

On Sat, Nov 18, 2023 at 6:08 AM Chad Hoover <[chad@hooveroutfitting.com](mailto:chad@hooveroutfitting.com)> wrote:

Dear William,

Hunters perceive money spent on a tag should result in a dead animal. The more money spent increases the need for results. This is a fact. I would propose to change the culture with the new e-tag system. Understandably the state needs to continue making the same dollar amount.

Consider separating the hunting license. One would be a hunting permit and the second would be a harvest permit. One might consider it the old trophy fee. I would consider it a harvest fee. This would be an opportunity to capitalize on our resource and put it more in the catch and release category. Potentially an additional \$250 harvest fee would limit killing immature bucks on the last day of the hunt. In state hunters are more often allowing the immature animals to live. Non-residents do not have the same preservation mindset. We have caused this problem ourselves. Please consider new solutions.

Respectfully,

Chad Hoover

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023 8:31 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: State of Montana File Transfer Service  
**Attachments:** Image.jpeg

Thank you!

Bill

On Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 8:28 PM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:  
I will send it to you in a PDF tomorrow, sir.

~Erik Wickman  
Commission Coordinator



Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <[commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023 7:25:40 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: State of Montana File Transfer Service

What do I do with this? Don't have a login to download it.

Bill

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Date: Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 12:20 AM

Subject: State of Montana File Transfer Service

To: [commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org) <[commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org)>

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Marc Cooke <marc@wolvesoftherockies.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2023 3:09 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** Re: Time to chat?

Bill,

*Thanks for the kind explanation. But please don't stress or worry about me. I understand your plate is full; sometimes, you must prioritize your focus and energy. I will see you next week at the commission hearing in Helena. The wolf stamp is my priority, and I hope you will support that.*

*If you are not in Helena next week and appear via Zoom, let me take a moment to thank you for being you and wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a safe, Healthy New Year,  
Marc*

On 2023-12-07 20:47, FWP Commissioner Region 7 wrote:

Marc,

I am so sorry that I haven't gotten back to you sooner. I have been so busy on the ranch here that I literally haven't had a lot of extra time. Please don't think that I am avoiding you. I have to be in Billings this weekend for my kids basketball tournaments and am receiving cattle at the beginning of the week. I honestly don't know when a good time to visit will be. I will try to call you if time frees up.

Once again, I am sorry.

Bill

On Wed, Nov 29, 2023 at 2:54 PM FWP Commissioner Region 7  
<[commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org)> wrote:

Marc,

I will look at my schedule and get back to you.

Thank you.

Bill

On Tue, Nov 28, 2023 at 9:58 AM Marc Cooke <[marc@wolvesoftherockies.org](mailto:marc@wolvesoftherockies.org)> wrote:

*Commissioner Lane,*

*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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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Temple, Dustin <dtemple@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 10:00 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Upland Game Bird Council

Thanks Bill, I'll look for his application.

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023 8:30 PM  
**To:** Temple, Dustin <dtemple@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Upland Game Bird Council

Hi Dustin,

I would recommend Larry Merkel from Bozeman as a great candidate for the Region 3 representative to the Upland Game Bird Council. I have spoken to him and he should be putting an application together soon.

Thank you.

Bill Lane



## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 6, 2023 11:44 AM  
**To:** FWP COMMISSIONERS  
**Cc:** Scolavino, Alexander  
**Subject:** FW: Legal Demand for Correspondence

Good morning, commissioners,

For those of you who have already responded to this request, please disregard.

For those who have not yet answered with your correspondence (or lack thereof), please do so as soon as possible so Legal can evaluate all commission responses and provide the court-mandated answer prior to the deadline.

Thank you for all you do!!!

~E

### Erik Wickman

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023 4:50 PM  
**To:** FWP COMMISSIONERS <FWP\_COMMISSIONERS@mt.gov>  
**Cc:** Scolavino, Alexander <Alexander.Scolavino@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** Legal Demand for Correspondence

Good afternoon, commissioners,

As you know, a suit was brought against FWP and the FW Commission regarding the Special Meeting that was held on September 25, 2023. One of the demands is for all "correspondence" regarding ARM 12.9.1303 (Gray Wolf ARM) between employees of FWP and the Fish and Wildlife Commission from October 27, 2022 to present. This only applies

to correspondence involving ARM 12.9.1303 (Gray Wolf ARM) and nothing more. For clarity, "correspondence" is legally defined in this request as:

*any written communication between, or among, individuals or entities. It includes memos, letters, emails, text messages, online posts, or written entries made on a webpage, portal, website, or in software. It also includes any logs of unwritten communications between, or among, individuals or entities.*

This interrogatory requires that any and all such "correspondence", as it pertains to the listed ARM, be produced and provided to the requester. In this case, the deadline for our answer, including all of the requested correspondence, is November 17<sup>th</sup>. This is going to require you to go back through all of those methods listed in the definition and provide them to FWP Legal to assist in formulating the department's answer. You can send them all to me for ease of destination and I can forward them to Legal, if you wish. Again, this only applies to correspondence involving ARM 12.9.1303 (Gray Wolf ARM)

Thank you, in advance, for your work on this! Sorry to be the bearer of this news...

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwf.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2023 7:38 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Re: Legal Update for Commissioners

I'll do the 16th

Bill

On Wed, Nov 1, 2023 at 11:13 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Commissioners,

This is the second available date for the Legal Update with our Chief Legal Counsel...

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 7 <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023 8:58 AM  
**To:** Dorak, Brett  
**Subject:** Re: Management Hunt  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

I will approve this based on your recommendation. Sorry for the delay.

Bill

On Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 5:52 PM Dorak, Brett <[Brett.Dorak@mt.gov](mailto:Brett.Dorak@mt.gov)> wrote:

Commissioner Lane,

There are four landowners within Region 7 that have been experiencing some game damage issues from mule deer. These landowners are located on the eastern side of Garfield County along Hwy 200 with some of their properties within Hunting District 700 and Hunting District 701. Wildlife and enforcement staff have met with them and discussed the issue and their options. Two of the landowners are enrolled in Block Management and two of the landowners are not, but based on regional staff's discussions with the landowners, FWP feels they allow adequate access for mule deer hunting based on the requirements outlined in MCA 87-1-225 and ARM 12.9.803. One of the landowners has been approved and accepted a stackyard while other three have declined stackyard materials. The landowners and FWP feel the best option would be to initiate a management hunt to help alleviate the current situation. FWP staff feels that pulling 50 hunters from the game damage roster and allowing each hunter the opportunity to purchase two B licenses specifically made for this hunt would help address the issue. In order to get 50 hunters, FWP would have to pull hunters from the HD 700, 701, and 652 game damage rosters. The landowners would also be eligible to select up to 25% of the hunters if they so choose. If approved the hunt would start as soon as we can get it going and last until February 15<sup>th</sup> as the landowners have stated that more deer move onto their properties as the winter goes on.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information and if you choose to approve this management hunt option or decline the hunt.

Thank you.

-Brett

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