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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on Bighorn Sheep Removal

If the sheep need to be removed, fwp should do it the same way the tendoy herd was removed. Give some people the opportunity to hunt sheep that otherwise would not get the chance. Same rules as the previous hunt of the tendoys too. I personally hunted it with a friend who took a ram with the bow and that hunt gave us memories that will last the rest of our lives. This could do the same for others.

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on Bighorn Sheep Removal

Big horn sheep have basically two species of lung worms, Protostrongylus stiles and russi. The lung worms cause damage to the lung tissue as the large migrate through the tissue. This can cause a secondary infection of bacteria which can cause the sheep to die. It has also been proven the the larvae can be transmitted interplacentally to infect unborn lambs. We have had success treating for lungworm in bighorn. When lung damage is reduced there are less deaths resulting from pneumonia. Have you tried treating g for lungworm?

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on Bighorn Sheep Removal

Sell the tags through a lottery

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on Bighorn Sheep Removal

To save bighorns for future generations i feel the FWP must consider changing rules against vaccination of sheep herds. Argument is always it's not natural, but most of their issues come from domestic sheep that were not natural to the land scape . Ranchers vaccinate their animals and nobody ever hears of large die offs. Costs of transplanting animals could be much lower by saving what we already have. Only in last couple of years have I started to see more sheep in highlands. So not liking idea of killing if other methods can be used .Also think 95 percent of people know nothing about this plan . Found it by accident and nobody i talked about it ever heard about it !! Thank you.

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**Q1**

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## Bighorn Sheep Removal

Q2

Please comment on Bighorn Sheep Removal

September 19th, 2023

Chair Robinson, Commissioners -

On behalf of the Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, we submit these comments in support of the unfortunate but necessary decision to lethally remove up to 45 bighorn sheep in the Highland Mountains identified as chronic carriers of *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae*.

In December of 2021, we partnered with FWP and Montana Wild Sheep Foundation to help wildlife biologist Vanna Boccadori survey this specific herd of sheep in the Highland Mountains. Collectively, during one blustery day, 91 bighorns were observed with a mixture of rams, ewes and – importantly - lambs. Our records were returned to Vanna to help inform future management, capture and tracking needs, and how best to protect our herds from pneumonia. For example, one subgroup we watched had extremely low lamb-to-ewe numbers, likely signaling an ongoing battle with the disease.

We trust FWP field staff to use this and other best science available to inform management decisions, and we have full faith that the proposal before us today is our best path forward for the herd's health.

However, we encourage the most conservative approach possible here, and want to underscore how we as stakeholders, other conservation groups, and concerned citizens need to continue to work together to address this tough situation.

Additionally, we encourage the approval of necessary funding to continue studying the issue and, importantly, the effectiveness of lethal removal of chronic carriers; we ask for full transparency from the Department on this as wild bighorn sheep are one of the most treasured and valued big game species in Montana.

With that, we ask the Commission to approve the lethal removal of no more than 45 bighorn sheep in the Highland Mountains identified as chronic carriers of *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae*, and we hope that the number is far, far less than that, and the herd rebounds quickly.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Kevin Farron, Regional Policy Manager  
Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the Elk Hunting Access Agreements ARM

Hi I did not know where to put this comment. I was a resident of Montana for 76 years. now in Nebraska. I appreciate the "come home to hunt" license - however I feel the license at about 50% of normal out of state fees is still above what retired former residents can pay. I would like to see the license fee for former residents at about \$150. Please take this into consideration. thank you. Don Parsons 308-230-1166 Also, I don't understand why there needs to be a relation accompanying me.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on the Elk Hunting Access Agreements ARM

## Elk Hunting Access (EHA) Agreements ARM

September 19th, 2023

Chair Robinson, Commissioners -

On behalf of the Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, we submit these comments re: the Contractual Public Elk Hunting Access Agreements (EHA) Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM).

The Elk Hunting Access Agreements are agreements made between the public and landowners to achieve elk herd management goals. The public agrees to provide landowners and their designees with additional above quota either-sex elk permits in return for an opportunity for members of the public to hunt those private lands.

We would like to thank the Department and the Commission for continuing to take a close look at the Elk Hunting Access Agreements (EHAs) and the administrative language managing them in an effort to ensure accurate and up-to-date regulations are in place. Most of the changes we see before us today do that.

While we certainly have some suggestions on how to better implement these EHAs as effective management tools that offer public opportunity, what's before us today is simply the chance to comment on existing law and corresponding rulemaking.

So with that in mind, we encourage the Department to define what constitutes a 'full-time employee' and what constitutes as 'occupied elk habitat' and 'successful public hunting.' With the latter two left undefined, we find it difficult to evaluate performance of this elk management tool. Despite the existing "occupied elk habitat" requirement, many of the comments from public hunters in 2022 claim there were no elk present when hunting these EHAs. We encourage the Department and Commission to define "occupied elk habitat" with a recognition that 87-2-513 and HB 596 provide for free public hunting "throughout the regular hunting season," not just the shoulder seasons. Targeting areas occupied by elk and giving the public reasonably high chances of success will only help increase harvest rates and achieve program goals.

Additionally, we commend the approach that requires the Department to present the Commission with all complete elk hunting access applications, draft EHA agreements, and hunter/landowner satisfaction data from the prior year, we ask that this data is presented in a way to better help determine the program's effectiveness of this elk management tool. We'd look for this data to be included in the agreement-level report to gauge individual agreement effectiveness, but also program wide to gauge the overall program effectiveness:

- 1) total number of landowner participants, hunter days, harvest info (age, sex) of elk killed by landowners, overall success rate
- 2) total number of landowner designees participated, days allowed to hunt, harvest info (age, sex) of elk killed by landowner designees, overall success rate
- 3) total number of public hunters selected by FWP, days allowed to hunt, harvest info (age, sex) of elk killed by public hunters selected by FWP, overall success rate

This information, provided in this manner, will paint a much clearer picture on the success of the program, and allow the public and the Commission to evaluate it and the individual agreements accordingly, per the intent of the law.

With these suggestions taken into consideration, we support the Commission instructing the department to file an administrative rule notice with the secretary of state to remove outdated and unnecessary language and ensure the ARMs are consistent with current practices and statutory requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Kevin Farron, Regional Policy Manager  
Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers



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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on Elk Island Wildlife Management Area Land Exchange

I agree with the exchange. Mistakes happen and are all human. I think to continue to maintain public relations with landowners, this exchange should happen.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on Half-Moon Slough Boating Regulations

I support Fish and Wildlife Commission granting the petition.

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#2

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on Half-Moon Slough Boating Regulations

It's seems if there have been no accidents or erosion created by wake, it would be unnecessary and burdensome to create a rule or regulation governing speed and access.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**State/Province:** MT  
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## Q2

Please comment on Half-Moon Slough Boating Regulations

Dear sirs, thank you for considering my comment. Please defer to the half moon Slough working groups recommendations and move forward with the designation of Halfmoon Slough as a no wake zone and also with the seasonal closure for March 1 through April 15. The the opportunity to enjoy quiet areas is diminishing in Montana, and throughout the world. Please do not dish regard. The unanimous recommendation put forward by the working group that you guys put together. If you were ignore their recommendations, think of the public trust that you would lose. Thank you for listening to my thoughts. Sincerely, Andy Roubik.

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**Q1**

Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on Half-Moon Slough Boating Regulations

9/19/2023

Land Owner" comment to Half Moon Slough

We the land owners of Half Moon Slough ask that you approve the no wake zone petition that was presented to you in October of 2022.

We went by the departments' recommendations, formed a citizens local working group and after presenting all the facts and photos unanimously voted to approve the no wake zone. We presented many photos of erosion of the bank that is dangerously approaching Egan Rd and Sibley Lane.

The Department did not contact us or involve us in showing or discussing the erosion issue. This petition is not about recreational boating or boating safety. We just want to protect our land.

Again, please approve this small body of water and land in a no wake zone.

On behalf of the land owners.

Thank you

Emmett Quigley

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on Lake Five Citizen Advisory Group Recommendations

Commissioners,

My name is Aaron Hallenberg, the Northwest Government Affairs Manager for the Water Sports Industry Association (WSIA). At the WSIA we focus on maintaining waterway access, promoting safe practices, and education for boaters and water sports participants. I am writing today to express concern with the recommendation from the workgroup. The information presented to the workgroup did not show evidence that wake from boats or wake surfing are having any negative impacts on Lake Five. Additionally, I fear that piecemealing restrictions on one body of water at a time is going to cause confusion for users in the region.

For these reasons, we ask you to support the agencies recommendation to not accept the workgroup's recommendation. The WSIA would appreciate any opportunity to partner with the commission or community members to make our outdoor spaces accessible and safe for all to use. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any concerns or questions I can address.

Thank you,  
Aaron Hallenberg  
Northwest Government Affairs Manager, WSIA

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on Marshall Creek WMA Log Deck Removal

Removing the dead standing timber to reduce bug infestation and have it become a productive resource at a lumber mill seems like a win win. It might even reduce lumber prices and help alleviate our housing shortages!

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Q1

Contact information:

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**City/Town:** Corvallis  
**State/Province:** MT  
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Q2

Please comment on Marshall Creek WMA Log Deck Removal

Dear sirs, thank you for considering my thoughts. Please do not remove the dead trees from the Marshall Creek WMA! These trees will add so much to the area. They will contribute greatly to bird species, rodents, predators, etc. The logs will decompose and nurture, the soil and subsequently a new forest. When they fall, they will insulate the ground from freeze thaw cycles. When their bark pops away from the standing tree a bit, it provides bat roosting sites. The standing trees shade the forest floor, and provide roosting spots for raptors, as well as woodpeckers and other fly catching birds . The rotting logs will hold moisture for the forest that will naturally develop under the shade of remaining trees. If the logs are removed, invasive, weed species will follow. The forest trying to regenerate will not have the valuable mulch of rotting organic material surrounding them. If the logs are removed, countless birds species will be left without potential homes. Bird species are down by alarming numbers in the last 50 years. If this snag forest is removed, the soil will be robbed of the addition of a huge quantity of organic material that could have carpeted the floor of a new and burgeoning forest. there is no reason to do this project. There is no ecological reason to do it. The new forest will be more fire resistant if the logs are left in place to keep moisture levels up . bark beetles are a native species and are incredibly important to wildlife, from woodpeckers to rodents to the Raptors that feed on those species. So basically, I'm saying that the idea of removing these logs legally so that somebody doesn't come in to do it illegally and to prevent an outbreak of bark beetles that are so ecologically important to so many wildlife species seems insane! thank you very much for considering my thoughts and please make the right decision. Sincerely Andy Roubik.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I strongly support the acquisition of the Lower Yellowstone Wildcat Bend property. This acquisition as a FAS will provide a much needed new river access location for all river based recreationists. The property is also large enough to provide some public hunting activities in a region of the state with limited public lands. The wildlife habitat will also be forever protected to provide for healthy wildlife populations in perpetuity.

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support the Wildcat Bend Acquisition on the Yellowstone River! The river bottom is very important for the functioning of the natural free-flowing river system. The protection of the river bottom will preserve habitat for a multitude of riparian birds, animals, and aquatic species, and provide the possibility for large woody debris recruitment on the river.

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**Q1**

Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Dear FWP Commissioners - Please support the Wildcat Bend WMA acquisition. This will be a beautiful and rare chance to provide needed public access to the lower Yellowstone River corridor.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am not against the purchase. Will provide some hunting, hiking, and fishing access. The picture plainly shows it is mature cottonwood overstory. At max, a couple of bird hunting groups or deer hunters a day, will chase the game off the property. But still that is probably more than we had before.

But let's be honest, most of the hunters will already be hunting in Mt, and so doubt there will be any new revenue. Put and take, another words they are already here,

So the 50+ jobs is not possible and the 5 million revenue, give me a break. I would love to look at the charts that developed those numbers.

Unless the site has some form of controlled hunter numbers, it will be like most block management area, over used. I have hunters stop every yr to ask permission. Yes a lot of people hunt my land, but i limit access, to make it palitable for me and also provide quality hunts. Free for 95% of hunts. I ask why do they not use block management, most will look at me and say yah right, too many people.

I am just one person, rancher, hunter's comment. The money would be better spent hiring quality staff that work with land owners, developing quality block management. Also more wardens to help with landowner issues...Open doors are just like new york city, too many of anything is too much,

thanks

richard iversen

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

-North Wildcat Coulee secures critical habitat for wildlife for both game and non-game species.  
-Protecting important wildlife habitat becomes increasingly important as Montana grows, and the North Wildcat Coulee is a great model for balancing access and conservation. -This project has been developed with significant community input and support from agriculture, recreation, conservation, and business groups.  
-Adding new access will improve recreational opportunities, making it easier for people to enjoy the river and reducing overuse in existing access areas. My family and I value our public lands and access them regularly!

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

North Wildcat Coulee secures critical habitat for wildlife for both game and non-game species.

Protecting important wildlife habitat becomes increasingly important as Montana grows, and the North Wildcat Coulee is a great model for balancing access and conservation.

This project has been developed with significant community input and support from agriculture, recreation, conservation, and business groups.

Adding new access will improve recreational opportunities, making it easier for people to enjoy the river and reducing overuse in existing access areas.

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### Q1

Contact information:

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**State/Province:** MT  
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### Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Excellent project. How about forming a "Friends of..." group????

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**Q1** Respondent skipped this question

Contact information:

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**Q2**  
Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

This is good, we need more public land in our state. 68% of the state is private property and unacceptable. This state has wildlife here from the Lewis and Clark Expedition and we need to be responsible to keep this state truly the Last Best Place in the lower 48.

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### Q1

Contact information:

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

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

North Wildcat Coulee secures critical habitat for wildlife for both game and non-game species.

Protecting important wildlife habitat becomes increasingly important as Montana grows, and the North Wildcat Coulee is a great model for balancing access and conservation.

This project has been developed with significant community input and support from agriculture, recreation, conservation, and business groups.

Adding new access will improve recreational opportunities, making it easier for people to enjoy the river and reducing overuse in existing access areas.

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Melissa Kwasny  
**City/Town:** Basin  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** melissakwasny@gmail.com

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am writing in support of the acquisition of the Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend property. I recently read that less than 10% of lands in Texas are public lands. We should do whatever we can to acquire land for public use and public conservation. Riparian zones are particularly important for our future and the future of wildlife.

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# #11

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Kelly McDermott  
**City/Town:** Helena  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** kasmcdermott@gmail.com

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

YES! Additional public access to the Yellowstone in eastern Montana is needed, as well as protecting critical habitat for game and non-game species. This project has winners on all sides.

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# #12

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Dave Books  
**City/Town:** Helena  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** books53@msn.com

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I'm writing in support of North Wildcat Coulee WMA acquisition. We need more public land access, wildlife habitat, and river access as Montana's population continues to grow. We need to set aside these areas while we still can, before they're gobbled up by big money interests and locked away forever.

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# #13

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Jason Erickson</b>
City/Town:	<b>Bozeman</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>jas.erickson@gmail.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Hello-

I strongly support this acquisition to better protect wildlife and improve public access on the Lower Yellowstone.

Thank you!

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#14

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Scott Merrell  
**City/Town:** Thompson Falls  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** ssmdeep@hotmail.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

What a wonderful way to add more land that we can all enjoy. This acquisition is a great idea and I support it very in full. The Yellowstone River Ecosystem is very diverse but also fragile. We should protect it any way that we can. Thank-you.

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# #15

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Mark Good  
**City/Town:** Great Falls  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** mgood91700@gmail

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support the FWP's effort to protect wildlife habitat by acquiring 300 acres of new public lands along the Yellowstone River as the North Wildcat Coulee Wildlife Management Area for the following reasons:

The North Wildcat Coulee secures critical habitat for wildlife for both game and non-game species.

Protecting important wildlife habitat becomes increasingly important as Montana grows, and the North Wildcat Coulee is a great model for balancing access and conservation.

This project has been developed with significant community input and support from agriculture, recreation, conservation, and business groups.

Adding new access will improve recreational opportunities, making it easier for people to enjoy the river and reducing overuse in existing access areas.

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# #16

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Jayce Dorman  
**City/Town:** Billings  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** [dormanjayce37@outlook.com](mailto:dormanjayce37@outlook.com)

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am in full support of this acquisition. The lower Yellowstone is such an amazing and fairly untapped place. Adding another wma like our wonderful Isaac homestead would be a great addition for the public!

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# #17

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Jill Paul</b>
City/Town:	<b>Billings</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>Jillhoukdvm@gmail.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I wholeheartedly support acquisition of the wildcat bend property on the yellowstone River for increased fishing, hunting, and recreation access!

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#18

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Tom Ross  
**City/Town:** Gallatin Gateway  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** Tom.ross51@gmail.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support the addition of the North Wildcat Coulee Wildlife Management Area to Montana's public lands and urge the Fish and Wildlife Commission to recommend its acquisition to the State Land Board.

This acquisition would protect important wildlife habitat by adding over 300 acres of new public lands along the lower Yellowstone River and secure critical habitat for wildlife for both game and non-game species. Protecting important wildlife habitat becomes increasingly important as Montana grows, and the North Wildcat Coulee is a great model for balancing access and conservation.

This project has been developed with significant community input and support from agriculture, recreation, conservation, and business groups.

Adding new access will also improve recreational opportunities, making it easier for people to enjoy the river and reducing overuse in existing access areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,  
Tom Ross

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# #19

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Karole Lee</b>
City/Town:	<b>Clancy</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>karole.lee59634@gmail.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I strongly support obtaining this very important habitat. It is what Montana is all about!

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# #20

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Corinne Day</b>
City/Town:	<b>Billings</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>cetansky@hotmail.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

As more and more out-of-staters come to Montana, it is imperative to preserve lands for public use so that all Montanans, of any income level, can afford to enjoy our state's beauty.

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# #21

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Jay R Palmatier  
**City/Town:** Missoula  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** palmatierj@charter.net

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

This appears to benefit a whole variety of recreationalists, which is a good thing. Keeping the Yellowstone as wild as possible is also a good thing. So acquire it, more is better.

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#22

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Jill Hickson  
**City/Town:** Billings  
**State/Province:** MT

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support acquisition of the property for public use. I do not support hunting on the property but general, low impact recreation such as walking and biking. I would like to see more public access all along the Yellowstone River. Thank you

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#23

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Haley Eakin  
**City/Town:** Missoula  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** heakin@wildmontana.org

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am in support of the proposed North Wildcat Coulee Wildlife Management Area to conserve 328 acres of prime riparian habitat along 2.2 miles of the lower Yellowstone. I ask you to please make this area public lands for conservation and recreation access opportunities. Thank you.

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# #24

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Gloria Burgos</b>
City/Town:	<b>Bozeman</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>gloeski@gmail.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

The Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition will benefit the beautiful state of Montana by attracting new visitors, increasing our economy and perhaps create new jobs. A real win for the folks of Montana!

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#25

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Jeff McMaster</b>
City/Town:	<b>Jefferson City</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>jrmcmaster@hotmail.com</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I agree with the acquisition

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# #26

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Dayl A Fredrickson  
**City/Town:** Missoula  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** [michaeldaylfredrickson@gmail.com](mailto:michaeldaylfredrickson@gmail.com)

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Please approve this acquisition. It makes sense for wildlife and it is important for sportsmen and women and nature lovers to have more access to these riparian areas.

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#27

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Jim Bjornemo  
**City/Town:** Anaconda  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** Bjornemo@aol.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support the addition to the Wildcat WMA. This is a great addition to public access to the Yellowstone River. It also provides Habitat for a diverse wildlife. Thanks

Jim Bjornemo vp Anaconda sportsman's club.

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#28

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Ryan Kuehn  
**City/Town:** Belgrade  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** ryank411@gmail.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Dear FWP,

The Yellowstone is an amazing river. Vote yes for enhanced access to this state treasure.

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#29

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name: **Tia Nelson**  
City/Town: **Helena**  
State/Province: **MT**  
Email Address: **DrTiaDVM@AOL.com**

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Please do your best to add the Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition to our preserved wild lands in Montana!

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#30

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Gary Rillema</b>
City/Town:	<b>Dillon</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>joggingpoet54@aol.com</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

It is important to protect public lands along the entire yellowstone river, the largest free flowing river in the US. Please consider the importance of this biosphere.

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# #31

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Kenneth DeGraaf</b>
City/Town:	<b>Emigrant</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>kdtranch@gmail.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am in full support of the purchase of the lower Yellowstone wildcat bend

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#32

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Valerie Caton</b>
City/Town:	<b>Laurel</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>valcaton4@aol.com</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Please save this land for public use. It is irreplaceable.

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#33

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Faith Conroy  
**City/Town:** Cameron  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** faithconroy@yahoo.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support the Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition. Please protect this important habitat.

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# #34

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** K L Utzinger  
**City/Town:** Bozeman  
**State/Province:** MT

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Please approve acquisition of this property. It is a rare opportunity to save virgin land from “ development” and preserve it .

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#35

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Francis McIntyre</b>
City/Town:	<b>Condon</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>tullychrismac@gmail.com</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

This proposed acquisition should absolutely be approved to preserve as much as possible in it's natural state.

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#36

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Libby Langston</b>
City/Town:	<b>Missoula</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>libbylan61@gmail.com</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Keep it wild and accessible!

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#37

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### Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Karen Senfft</b>
City/Town:	<b>Great Falls Montana</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>imp4491@msn.com</b>

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### Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Please consider my opinion about the Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition!

North Wildcat Coulee secures critical habitat for wildlife for both game and non-game species.

Protecting important wildlife habitat becomes increasingly important as Montana grows, and the North Wildcat Coulee is a great model for balancing access and conservation.

This project has been developed with significant community input and support from agriculture, recreation, conservation, and business groups.

Adding new access will improve recreational opportunities, making it easier for people to enjoy the river and reducing overuse in existing access areas.

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#38

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### Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Stuart Parker</b>
City/Town:	<b>Butte</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>sparker1@mtech.edu</b>

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### Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support this proposal, and hope you will do the same.

Stuart Parker

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#39

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Mike guthneck</b>
City/Town:	<b>Libby</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>mgutbneck@yahoo.com</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support this proposal

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#40

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**Q1** **Respondent skipped this question**

Contact information:

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**Q2**  
Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition  
  
Please protect as much of the Lower Yellowstone River as possible!

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# #41

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>David Rockwell</b>
City/Town:	<b>Dixon</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>59831</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Please protect the North Wildcat Coulee through the state's acquisition. It is a well-thought-out proposal and should happen. Thank you.

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#42

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Ali E Wolpern  
**City/Town:** Dillon  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** ali.wolpern@westernalum.org

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I think it's vital to protect water and riparian habitats, I highly support this land acquisition and think it will positively impact the local environment.

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# #43

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Mary Brouard</b>
City/Town:	<b>Greatfalls</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>angelbq2012@gmail.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Please, continue to save all the wildlife in this area, and for those to come! We need to continue protecting the wildlife and land that will protect the wildlife in the waters of Montana! I certainly don't wanna see any of our wildlife, big or small in danger of losing their homes!

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#44

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Sally Cameron-Russell</b>
City/Town:	<b>Kalispell</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>sallycameronrussell@gmail.com</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am writing in support of the Yellowstone River North Wildcat Coulee Wildlife Management Area proposal. It would provide greater recreational access to the Yellowstone River and at the same time protect habitat for diverse wildlife along the river. We are experiencing tremendous growth in Montana. Protecting this area is crucial to protecting the recreational opportunities and wildlife we enjoy

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#45

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Todd Gilzow  
**City/Town:** Billings  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** tgilzow1@gmail.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am for conserving Public access to The proposed North Wildcat Coulee Wildlife Management Area (formerly known simply as the proposed Wildcat WMA) will conserve 328 acres of prime riparian habitat along 2.2 miles of the lower Yellowstone.

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#46

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Mark E. Slovak  
**City/Town:** Santa Fe  
**State/Province:** NM  
**Email Address:** Mark.Slovak@gmail.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

As a Native Montanan from Yellowstone County, my father and I have floated many sections of the Yellowstone River with many stories and memories to show for it. A treasured river in our State. In fact, my father has floated the entire Yellowstone from Gardiner to the confluence with the Missouri. I am relaying this small adventure because the preservation of public lands and access to our waterways is part of what contributes to the quality of life that defines Montana.

Please support the acquisition of public lands; specifically the North Wildcat Coulee Wildlife Management Area which consists of 328 acres of riparian habitat along 2.2 miles of the lower Yellowstone River.

Thanks for listening,  
Mark Slovak

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Danny Morton  
**City/Town:** Gardner  
**State/Province:** KS  
**Email Address:** morton14850@gmail.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support any acquisition to protect lands and wild animals from further intrusion. However, this area is so small, I don't understand how it can help many, if any, wildlife.

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#48

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Frank Benestante  
**City/Town:** Bozeman  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** benestantef@yahoo.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

The Yellowstone is a wild and scenic river and the lands along its banks need to be protected. This is valuable habitat and because development has been undertaken on the lands along the river. We need to preserve lands along the river so that it will remain a healthy ecosystem.

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#49

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Danielle Rose Trangmoe  
**City/Town:** Stevensville  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** dani@trangmoe.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

As someone with strong roots in Eastern Montana and a career in ecological research, I strongly support the purchase of this land for public use. Eastern Montana's outdoor assets are under appreciated and often overlooked when talking about recreation and habitat protection.

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#50

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name: **Lisa Ferguson**  
City/Town: **Lewistown**  
State/Province: **MT**  
Email Address: **lisaferguson@earthlink.net**

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support acquisition of more public lands to protect the huge Montana wildlife needs!

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# #51

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Emma Trotter  
**City/Town:** Missoula  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** ectrotter@gmail.com

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Yes please

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# #52

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Mark Schulein</b>
City/Town:	<b>Livingston</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>schulein.mark@gmail.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

As someone who loves to do overnight float trips on the lower Yellowstone, I'm excited that we (joe q public) have the opportunity to have more access. Please move forward with this acquisition.

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# #53

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Robin Vogler</b>
City/Town:	<b>Bigfork</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>vogler_robin@yahoo.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Please secure the Yellowstone!

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#54

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** MARK J HANSON  
**City/Town:** MISSOULA  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** mjhmontana@gmail.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am writing to support the North Wildcat Coulee Wildlife Management Area.  
With Montana's growing population, it is important to support proposals such as this, which is a great model for balancing access and conservation, and which has been developed with significant and diverse community interests.  
Thank you!

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#55

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Chip Clawson</b>
City/Town:	<b>Helena</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>chipclawson@msn.com</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Protecting and creating new public land is very important to me. Please approve the Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend acquisition.

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#56

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name:	<b>James vesbach</b>
City/Town:	<b>Columbus</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>jdvesbach@gmail.com</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Area needs more public access.

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# #57

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Phil F Williams</b>
City/Town:	<b>Bozeman</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>pfwms@juno.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

As a Montanan voter and US citizen, I strongly support the Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend acquisition. This pristine area must be preserved for future generations, and will generate more revenue long-term for tourism than it would for McMansions.

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#58

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Elena Ulev  
**City/Town:** Missoula  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** elulu75@hotmail.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I have been a Montana resident for 24 years and I love this place. It is changing in some negative ways, though. Now more than ever we need critical habitat for wildlife and non-invasive recreational opportunities on our public lands. There can never be too much land set aside for future generations to enjoy.

Montana's tourist industry is our most important industry and we need to take care of our resources if we want to remain THE LAST BEST PLACE!!!

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#59

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name:	<b>William Gaul</b>
City/Town:	<b>Missoula</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>Bgaul@centric.net</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Pristine for future generations.

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#60

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Janet Cass  
**City/Town:** Missoula  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** janetkcass@gmail.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

This is important.

North Wildcat Coulee secures critical habitat for wildlife for both game and non-game species.

Protecting important wildlife habitat is increasingly important as Montana grows, and the North Wildcat Coulee is a great model for balancing access and conservation.

This project has been developed with significant community input and support from agriculture, recreation, conservation, and business groups.

Adding new access will improve recreational opportunities, making it easier for people to enjoy the river ,reducing overuse in existing access areas, and attracting and securing new, and more, tourist dollars for the State.

Thanks,  
Janet

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# #61

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Donald J Burgard  
**City/Town:** Kalispell  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** burgie-sub@hughes.net

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

It doesn't seem unreasonable to me for comments from an 80-year-old man to be general in nature rather than specific to an area that is being considered for purchase by the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission.

I strongly support a favorable vote on the North Wildcat Coulee Wildlife management Area.

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#62

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Deb Louttit</b>
City/Town:	<b>Ulm</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>louttit.mckay@gail.com</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

As life becomes more hectic, we need more protected areas for the people and animals. This 320 acre parcel is beautiful. Please insure that this happens.

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#63

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Rush Hardin  
**City/Town:** Ennis  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** g.hardin@hotmail.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I strongly support the lower yellowstone river wildcat bend land acquisition

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#64

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Rebecca Barkley  
**City/Town:** Bozeman  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** rbarkley2001@msn.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support this acquisition and proposal of the new WMA. Thank you for considering all the public comments.

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#65

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**Q1** Respondent skipped this question

Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Please preserve the riparian corridor making up one of America's legacy rivers.

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#66

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Judy Hoy  
**City/Town:** Stevensville  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** bjhoy@localnet.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am in favor of acquiring land and forming the North Wildcat Coulee Wildlife Management Area along the Yellowstone River. The wildlife needs all the habitat we can provide. Thank you.

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#67

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**Q1** **Respondent skipped this question**

Contact information:

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**Q2**  
Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I really enjoyed exploring all the fishing access places on yellowstone river

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#68

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### Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>John Boehmke</b>
City/Town:	<b>Billings</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>jebjrb@yahoo.com</b>

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### Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Great idea!!! Please acquire this area for public access.

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#69

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Rochelle Gravance</b>
City/Town:	<b>Columbus</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>rmg13@hotmail.com</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

As a Montanan, I support the purchase of new public lands. This parcel will enhance the health of the habitat that supports a wide diversity of species and provide accessibility to a wide variety of outdoors people to enjoy.

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# #70

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Heidi Genito</b>
City/Town:	<b>Bozeman</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>heidigenito@gmail.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am in strong support of you acquiring the Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend. This would be a wonderful benefit to the people to have beautiful and wild lands added to our public lands!

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#71

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**Q1** Respondent skipped this question

Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

MT has precious resources, viz . pristine wild land and waterways, which are unavailable in most other jurisdictions. Even our national parks can no longer accommodate the crush of tourism. Hopefully MT will recognize its treasures and protect areas such as the Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend.

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#72

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**Q1** Respondent skipped this question

Contact information:

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**Q2**  
Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Please purchase the wildcat. Riverside habitat will never be as "cheap and easy" to find in the future with constant human population growth

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# #73

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Melenie Lopane</b>
City/Town:	<b>Helena</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>melenielopane@yahoo.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

The proposed North Wildcat Coulee Wildlife Management Area (formerly known simply as the proposed Wildcat WMA) will conserve 328 acres of prime riparian habitat along 2.2 miles of the lower Yellowstone. The area features stands of cottonwood trees, willows, and native grasses, and it's home to a variety of animals like white-tailed deer, ring-necked pheasants, and sharp-tailed grouse. The property also has the potential to provide a home to species of concern including great blue herons, little brown bats, and black-tailed prairie dogs.

The proposed property would also provide boat-in and walk-in access for anglers, floaters, hunters, hikers, and wildlife watchers.

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#74

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### Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Anne Kroeger**  
City/Town: **Miles City**  
State/Province: **MT**  
Email Address: **ryssikora@gmail.com**

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### Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Please favor the acquisition of this Yellowstone river wildcat bend area. Public lands are so important for us today and future generations! I so hope you support this action.

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#75

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Lisa Robertson  
**City/Town:** Missoula  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** lisa292@gmail.com

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

North Wildcat Coulee secures critical habitat for wildlife for both game and non-game species.

Protecting important wildlife habitat becomes increasingly important as Montana grows, and the North Wildcat Coulee is a great model for balancing access and conservation.

This project has been developed with significant community input and support from agriculture, recreation, conservation, and business groups.

Adding new access will improve recreational opportunities, making it easier for people to enjoy the river and reducing overuse in existing access areas.

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Chris Scranton  
**City/Town:** Stevensville  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** pamnchris82@gmail.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support the acquisition of the wildcat Bend area. As Montana grows public land access becomes increasingly important. this area has significant riparian habitat for wildlife and offers the public access to fishing and other recreation

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#77

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Charles Bock</b>
City/Town:	<b>Great Falls</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>cbockmontana@gmail.com</b>

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

There is a need for protection of habitat in this area before irreversible and inevitable private development occurs.

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#78

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Sandra Kempa  
**City/Town:** Great Falls  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** sekempa350@gmail.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

The North Wildcat Coulee Wildlife Management Area would protect valuable wildlife habitat, by adding over 300 acres of new public lands along the Lower Yellowstone River. A WIN-WIN situation!!

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#79

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### Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Dylan Flather  
**City/Town:** Hamilton  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** dylan.flather@gmail.com

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### Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Protecting important wildlife habitat becomes increasingly important as Montana grows, and the North Wildcat Coulee is a great model for balancing access and conservation.

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#80

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**Q1**

Contact information:

**Name:** Mary Greenup  
**City/Town:** Whitefish  
**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** t\_greenup@msn.com

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support the Wildcat Bend acquisition. Preserving riparian areas is important for water quality and wildlife, which ultimately benefit people. Thank you!

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# #81

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

We heartily approve of and urge your vote for this wonderful opportunity to preserve wildlife, bird and plant species' habitat on the Lower Yellowstone.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support the acquisition of this land to make it available to the public for future Yellowstone River access.

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#83

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

North Wildcat Coulee secures critical habitat for wildlife for both game and non-game species.

Protecting important wildlife habitat becomes increasingly important as Montana grows, and the North Wildcat Coulee is a great model for balancing access and conservation.

This project has been developed with significant community input and support from agriculture, recreation, conservation, and business groups.

Adding new access will improve recreational opportunities, making it easier for people to enjoy the river and reducing overuse in existing access areas.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I strongly support the acquisition of land in support of wildlife protection.

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#85

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**Q1**

Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

This riparian zone is critical habitat for preservation. Please move forward with a yes vote on this project.

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#86

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Please confirm the acquisition! What an historic addition!

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#87

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I fully support the acquisition of this parcel, which would protect important riparian habitat and provide public access along the Yellowstone River.

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#88

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

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North Wildcat Coulee secures critical habitat for wildlife for both game and non-game species. FWP does not own much in the percent of lands in the state. It needs to provide more WMAs like this for the public.

Protecting important wildlife habitat becomes increasingly important as Montana grows, and the North Wildcat Coulee is a great model for balancing access and conservation.

This project has been developed with significant community input and support from agriculture, recreation, conservation, and business groups.

Adding new access will improve recreational opportunities, making it easier for people to enjoy the river and reducing overuse in existing access areas.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I support alternative A.  
Great habitat for wildlife.

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# #90

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

This proposal is a boon to fishing, floating, wildlife, hiking, and general nature watching. More than that, however, it is a step in protecting the lower Yellowstone from development that could easily harm the river but would most certainly limit or even prevent access. The Yellowstone is public and this would insure the public's access to this important waterway.

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# #91

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## Q1

Contact information:

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

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Please approve the purchase of the North Wildcat Bend area. Montanas are in favor of public land and this is the perfect place for a WMA. Thank you.

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# #92

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

North Wildcat Coulee secures critical habitat for wildlife for both game and non-game species.

Protecting important wildlife habitat becomes increasingly important as Montana grows, and the North Wildcat Coulee is a great model for balancing access and conservation.

This project has been developed with significant community input and support from agriculture, recreation, conservation, and business groups.

Adding new access will improve recreational opportunities, making it easier for people to enjoy the river and reducing overuse in existing access areas.

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# #93

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

It is always a welcome sight to see more land in public hands. I fully support and endorse the acquisition and management of this land.

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# #94

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am in favor of this acquisition. It will provide more public lands for riparian wildlife and the conservation of whitetail deer and Montana native species. The acquisition is also good for anglers for fishing. The majority of Montanans support public lands and the more of them the better.

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# #95

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**State/Province:** **MT**  
**Email Address:** **armazzullo@gmail.com**

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

Hi there,

Thanks for taking the time to review public input on the Wildcat Bend Acquisition.

I'm writing to express my support for your purchase and increased public access to the Lower Yellowstone River. I feel MT FWP has proven themselves to be exemplary managers of natural resources and would be good stewards of this important swath of habitat. I also recognize that increased fishing and boating access to this stretch of the Lower Yellowstone will boost economies and healthy lifestyles in the local area.

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**Q1**

Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am writing in support of the acquisition of Wildcat Bend on the lower Yellowstone River.

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# #97

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am in full approval of the Fish, Wildlife and Park's 328-acre proposed acquisition of the North Wildlife Management Area. It's our responsibility to safeguard these lower Yellowstone River treasures now and for future generations.

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#98

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**Q1**

Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

September 19th, 2023

Chair Robinson, Commissioners -

On behalf of the Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, we submit these comments in full support of the proposed acquisition of 328 acres and the creation of the Wildcat Wildlife Management Area.

We thank Montana FWP along with a handful of NGO partners for putting forward this collaboratively funded project proposal. Specifically, we'd like to extend a special note of gratitude to our friends at Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, MeatEater, National Wild Turkey Federation, and The Conservation Trust for their financial commitments to this project.

This proposed WMA, which is comprised by mostly an island in the river with 2.2 miles of riverfront land, provides valuable habitat for many species including mule deer and white-tailed deer, Merriam's turkey, waterfowl, ring-necked pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, and more.

We are happy to see that the proposed EA does not include much development of this property which would be to the detriment of the wildlife, but instead focuses on maintaining access to this wild island via an already existing boat ramp 1.5 miles to the east and only a primitive parking site for public access. Further development plans in the proposal seem largely dedicated to streambank mitigation, which also benefits wildlife. We appreciate the effort to strike a balance between public access, quiet recreation including hunting and fishing, and also the protection of the habitat for the species that call this property home.

Further, it is worth noting that the EA mentions public overuse of other publicly accessible sites because of scarcity of public lands and publicly accessible lands in the area. It is our hope that other state-owned sites would see more sustainable levels of recreational use as more public lands are added, to the benefit of both wildlife and public land owners alike.

Montana BHA strongly supports this proposal and applauds the effort by FWP and its NGO partners to create this WMA for the benefit of all.

We urge the Commission to move forward with the proposed motion, alternative A, and approve the department's purchase of the Wildcat Bend property for the conservation of riparian habitat and public access.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Kevin Farron, Regional Policy Manager  
Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

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**Q1**

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## Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

### Q2

Please comment on Lower Yellowstone River Wildcat Bend Acquisition

I am opposed to this acquisition proposal. I am not new to recreation and living in Southeast Montana. In 1969 I journeyed from Helena to Miles City to attend Miles Community College. It was then that I became enamored with the beauty and wildness of the landscape and the lower Yellowstone River. I lived and worked in Miles City for several years after finishing my schooling. I first paddled the lower Yellowstone River in 1972 and have done so many times since in canoes and kayaks. I regularly journey to Southeast Montana to camp and hike in the badlands and the breaks. This year alone I camped in my tent 18 days and hiked 14 day hikes in Southeast Montana.

I journey to Southeast Montana because I enjoy the landscape and the people. It is my belief that those tourist promotion groups and tourism promotion Consultants and those groups that profess to believe in wild uncrowded primitive landscapes are supporting the beginning of Industrial Tourism in the Lower Yellowstone landscape solely to line their own pocket. The group called Wild Montana, formerly Montana Wilderness Association is promoting the acquisition of the Wildcat Parcel solely so that they can get a few new members east of Billings, Montana.

Here is what will happen if the Wildcat parcel is acquired by the State of Montana. It will get cluster bombed with human turds. The landscape will be a fetid turd and toilet paper covered mess.

You must remember what happened to several small islands in Flathead Lake during the Covid years ? Exactly the same thing. Thousands of clueless out of staters and thousands of clueless Montana residents ( many who were clueless out of staters just a few years before) flocked to those islands. Because there were no toilets there these people dumped their turds and toilet paper in a grotesque and unsanitary plague. Seriously, people who do not know how to "Poop in the Woods" should just stay home. But if you acquire this parcel and allow public access when there are no "Facilities" this very same plague of poop will happen. Just think where all those turds and all that toilet paper will go after high water in the spring. That's right. Into the lower Yellowstone River. Downstream from the Wildcat Parcel, Miles City, Terry, and Glendive get their drinking water from the Yellowstone River. They will need to upgrade their treatment plants.

But my opposition to the acquisition of the Wildcat parcel is also based on the phony promotion pitch that it will then be protected. Serious ? The best protection would be to leave the parcel alone, leave it as it is rather than tell 10,000 clueless tourists that the Lower Yellowstone area is the "Next Big Thing" in industrial tourism.

The Fish Wildlife and Parks department has a couple of fishing access sites just west of the Wildcat parcel. In Forsyth. The Rosebud F.A.S.

Normally I do not camp in these sites, preferring to wild camp by myself. However a couple years ago, due to a flat tire on my Subaru on a Sunday I camped at the more downstream of the 2 sites in Forsyth. What a mess. Dusty potholed dirt roads. Garbage strewn about, fire pits full of melted beer cans and broken beer bottles.

The vegetation was a mess. tangled dense masses of trees and bushes, in need of care and trimming. Noxious weeds called Russian Olive Trees crowding out native vegetation. It looks like the Fish Wildlife and Parks department in that neck of Montana has more work than they can handle. I do not see that they will be able to manage the Wildcat parcel in any way that will protect the existing wild character.

Please do not acquire the Wildcat parcel. Leave southeast Montana and the lower Yellowstone River wild, uncrowded and clean. Do not try to improve and preserve the landscape by sending thousands of clueless outdoor slobs to this wild part of Montana. The tourism promotion consultants, the former Wilderness promotion groups, and the tourism promotion agencies are all urging you to "Protect" the Wildcat parcel. In truth what they advocate will not ever "Protect" the Lower Yellowstone River, will never protect the wildness and solitude of Southeast Montana. What they are proposing will result in the destruction of what I find special about the lower Yellowstone River country and the wild lands of Southeast Montana.

When I go on my next kayak float on the lower Yellowstone River I hope to see the landscape as it is and as it always has been. Please protect the Lower Yellowstone, please protect Wildcat by NOT purchasing this parcel and dooming it to destruction. Thanks so much. Tom Kilmer in Helena.