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Chair Robinson, Vice Chair Tabor and Commissioners,

Montana Sportsmen Alliance offers support for and strong endorsement of the proposed 6-year grazing lease renewal by MT FWP on 9,520 acres of the Beartooth Wildlife Management Area (WMA) with Sieben Live Stock Company (SLLC). The lease which utilizes a prescribed rest-rotation grazing system, has successfully incorporated 26,300 acres of SLSC, 2,200 acres of BLM and 320 acres of DNRC lands to significantly expand the footprint of wildlife resource benefits, soil and vegetation enhancement and public access to private and public lands. It is a model of successful collaboration that is built on trust, competence, science-based information and a desire by all parties to create something bigger and more sustainable than any of the individual pieces. We urge the F&W Commission to vote in favor of this renewal proposal.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment. Thank you.

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