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Q1

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Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

I support all amendments listed above, particularly the change to elk permit allocations/numbers in HD 380, 620, 621, and 622.

Q3

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Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

I oppose the proposal in HD 417. This continues a troubling trend of giving private landowners greater influence over elk management. The fundamental issue in HD 417 and across the state is that the public is denied access to vast tracts of private land where elk congregate. If private landowners choose not to provide public access, that is their right, but their influence in decision-making must be reduced, as their refusal to allow access directly drives the issue.

This pattern of FWP prioritizing large private landowners who deny access has repeatedly failed, and evidence statewide shows it only worsens the problem. Instead, FWP should consider solutions such as hazing elk off private property, installation of exclusion fencing, or curtailing hunting opportunities on non-accessible private lands, similar to how public land hunting opportunities are getting restricted. Currently, FWP's strategies only benefit large landowners at the expense of the public. Until FWP re-examines these strategies and prioritizes public hunters, management goals will continue to fall short.

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Q1

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Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

If you can amend the quotas for special permits I'm sure you can amend the current unlimited spike hunting in district 380. It needs to be reduced so the 380-20 permit doesn't dwindle down to 20-50 permits.

Q3

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Q1

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Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

I am commenting on exhibit 2: 380:20's proposal. Statistically speaking you can drop the number of either sex tags by 30%, and it really doesn't affect my draw odds that much. Most likely I'll dream of this tag my entire life and never get an opportunity to have the 380-20 tag in my pocket. So decreasing my odds by a very small margin isn't the issue, the issue is the Elk herd and the ability to kill old mature bulls in one of Montana's most coveted areas. How do we fix the problem long term? To a lot of us, it's simple; stop killing every spike that breaths in the unit, have landowner tags actually used on private land, and take it easy on the cows. I would propose making the cow tag an either sex cow/spike tag, and do away with the general tag for spikes. This accomplishes 2 goals, the first is it lets more spikes reach maturity, and second it will help with poaching. My reasoning for that would be Limiting the number of hunters legally pursuing other game species within 380 would reduce opportunities for individuals to use those hunting activities as a justification for illegally pursuing trophy-class animals. Reduced hunter density and activity would make it more difficult to conceal poaching activity under the guise of legally hunting other species, thereby improving enforcement effectiveness and protecting the trophy elk populations. I grew up in the unit and it's frustrating to watch the same families draw the tag year after year, and also watch good honest sportsmen put in during the best years of their life and never draw, I had multiple teachers in high school growing up that I always felt bad for because they would have done anything for that tag, and they never got a chance to hunt it. I truly believed if you care about the trophy population of bulls and the future of hunting and the greatest mountain range in Montana you will consider what I and others have to say. Thanks for your time.

Q3

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Q1

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Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on 380 elk quotas. As I see it, there either needs to be fewer either sex tags or else eliminate the spike hunting. If the spike hunting were eliminated that would certainly add more bulls into the big bull population and you would likely be able to maintain the existing number of either sex tags.
If there's any snow, it seems the spike population for that hunting season just gets hammered thus killing most of the yearling bulls off that year. These are baby big bulls that are killed before they get a chance to grow up and become a big bull. If the spike hunting continues as is, then the only option we are left with is to minimize the number of either sex tags.

Perhaps one option for FWP to still be able to sell general elk tags and be able to tell hunters you have a place to go hunt for a spike bull would be to alternate every other year killing spikes between HDs 380 and 339 meaning in 2027 hunters could not shoot any spikes in HD 380 but they could in HD 339, the following year reverse it and spikes could be shot in HD 380 but not in HD 339 and the following year reverse it and this would allow more spikes to grow into mature bulls in both HD's which I believe most hunters are wanting to shoot anyway. If this were allowed, then I believe you could maintain the existing number of either sex tags in HD 380. It would also allow FWP to be able to sell unlimited general elk tags and still be able to tell hunters you have a place to go hunt for spikes every year. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

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Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

I am in favor of decreasing the number of bull permits to provide a better hunting experience. There are not a lot of trophy bulls out there, and I believe this is because there are too many hunters after a limited number of trophy bulls.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q2

Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

Norm Darlinton
Owner of block management 147 in the Elkhorns. My recommendation for improving older bull numbers in the Elkhorns would be to close spike hunting after the first two weeks of season. Kind of a compromise. I appreciate your effort to improve numbers but getting rid of 30 tags won't help enough.
As for poaching, how about a large reward for hunter who report poachers.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

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Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

I support the proposed reduction of either sex elk tags for hunting district 380. The management strategy has been well documented and warrants a reduction in tag allocation IF it has the potential to be reversed in the future. THE ONLY WAY I SUPPORT THIS REDUCTION IS IF THE AVAILABLE TAGS TO LANDOWNER PREFERENCE APPLICANTS IS ALSO REDUCED TO AVOID DISPROPORTIONATE NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO NON-LANDOWNING GENERAL PUBLIC HUNTERS.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

This comment is in regard to decreasing the number of either sex (trophy bull tags) in area 380. First off this is just another Band-Aid that Adam Grove is trying to use to fix the mess that he has made of this unit. He was given this area with regulations that had worked great for several decades. He got ahold of it. then he then tried to make it a hunter opportunity area instead of the trophy area it was intended. His biggest mistake was the many years he allowed the harvest of cows with a general tag for the first several weeks of the season. If he was a rancher he would now be bankrupt. You cannot kill all your mama's and expect to still be in business. In conversations with him I think it was easier for him to shoot all the cows than to deal with a dozen or so landowner complaints each year. Luckily that stopped this year though I heard it's not what he wanted. However, he still managed to issue a large number of B tags so now he doesn't have the calf crop we used to, so not as many spikes and not as many replacement bulls. lowering the either sex tags is not going to fix this problem. He has already lowered them once. So what, if some of the bull hunters can't find the bull they want, they are still there in sufficient numbers. We need to address the real problem, the lack of cows to make baby bulls. I would bet it takes close to 50 bull calves to get 1 ten year old bull so you need 100 calves because 1/2 will be female. You need almost 300 cows to get 1 ten year old bull. I see no reason to decrease the bull tags again as it will not solve the real problem. Please quit killing the cows and replace Adam Grove.
Thanks for reading this. If I can give you anymore insight or answer any questions feel free to call me.

Kurt Burnham 406-465-8101

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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I don't know if this is the right committee to voice my complaint. If not the right place, please transfer to the right decision maker. I live in the Sidney area and hunted elk in eastern Montana. My son and I both shots bulls and extracted the glands for CWD research. But where do we deliver the glands to the FWP, either Miles City or Glasgow. I took them to Glasgow, 145 miles or 290 miles round trip. Last year we took them to a truck stop in Sidney on a weekend. My son and I have participated in the CWD program for years, but how do you expect us to continue at 290 miles delivery? Go back to having a FWP representative at the Sidney truck stop, maybe 1 pm to 6 pm, 2 days a week during the hunting season. Mailing them to Helena or anywhere is questionable (arrival condition) and messy. John L Franklin 406-480-9153
Thank you.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

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Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

No unlimited elk b tags on private land. The elk b tags need to be limited Block Management only! The wealthy private land owners and outfitters are hoarding the publics elk. They charge $1,500 to harvest an elk. The Mt residents voted to outlaw the FWP from providing tags to outfitters. The commission is trying to circumvent the law and provide tags to wealthy land owners and outfitters to profit off of state elk. This is a stabbing the voters in the back! The commissioners only care about wealthy land owners and outfitters!

Q3

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

Subject: Elk recovery must follow the evidence, not predator quotas

Commissioners,

My name is Rob Frisina. I'm a veteran and small business owner in Vancouver, Washington. I'm commenting on the 2027 deer, elk and turkey amendments because elk numbers are now the stated reason for a new predator management policy, and those two decisions can't be separated.

On September 24 you voted 7–0 to draft a policy that puts "coordinated, consistently elevated" pressure on all significant predators wherever deer or elk fall short of objectives. The proposal names no species. It sets no threshold for "significant" predation. It defines no "more intensive tools," and it has no review date. That isn't a framework. It's a blank check.

Here is what the evidence already shows:

- FWP's own new model, iPOM 2.0, estimates about 725 wolves in Montana, not the 1,094 the old model reported. Yet the commission set this season's quota at 300, above the 250 its own biologists recommended.
- In FWP's Bitterroot elk calf study, mountain lions were the main predator and black bears dominated the first weeks of life. Wolves were a smaller factor.
- From January through November 2025, the Livestock Loss Board paid $77,778 on 55 wolf claims, less than half the $176,485 paid for grizzlies.
- FWP's Sanders County Adaptive Elk and Carnivore Management Project has collared elk, lions, bears and wolves in Hunting District 121 since 2023. Its results have not been published.

I ask the Commission to:

1. Publish the Sanders County results and Region 1 elk survival data before any predator rule is drafted.
2. For every hunting district where a deer or elk amendment is justified by predation, publish the data behind it: cause-specific mortality, habitat condition and human harvest.
3. Require any predator policy to name the species, the threshold, the tools and a sunset date, and send it through full MAPA rulemaking with independent peer review.
4. Hold wolf killing to the biologists' 250 until iPOM 2.0 is peer reviewed.

Commissioner Wargo has said predator management shouldn't be arbitrary. I agree. Then let the data decide, in public, before another wolf is killed on a guess.

The world is watching how Montana treats its wildlife.

Rob Frisina
Vancouver, Washington

Q3

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Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

Growing up in Helena, everyone always dreamed of a trophy bull in 380. I think in addition to dropping bull permits, hopefully temporarily, get rid of spike hunting on a general tag and reduce cow hunting opportunities. Today's spike is tomorrow's trophy bull. The additional hunters trying to fill spike tags also puts extra pressure on the most coveted bull tag (arguably) in the state. Thank you for your consideration!

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Q1

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Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

Please include a dramatic Female Subquota increase in Bear Management Unit 411. Despite having a ton of bears in the area, our season closed within days for both fall and spring. THANKS!!!

Q3

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Please comment on Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons

Hello Commissioners,

I would like to state my support for several of these proposals. Specifically, I'd ask you to please approve the quota change for the elkhorns LE permit. I believe this is a great start to improving this unit. I'd also like to add that getting rid of the spike hunt on this unit would be another great option. I've been fortunate enough to help some tag holders in this unit and the most frustrating part was the spike elk hunters in bow season. When you draw a permit with long odds, there is nothing more frustrating than dealing with spike elk hunters that want to call in big bulls just to see them. There is a ton of opportunity to hunt elk throughout the state. Allowing someone's once in a lifetime hunt to be affected by a spike hunter seems like a poor choice. There are very few units that allow spike elk hunting, and I believe getting rid of these hunts would be supported by the majority of hunters.

I'd also like to support the quota changes in 620,621, and 622. The drastic decline in elk numbers needs to be addressed. It appears these populations have been trending down for 5-6 years now. I find it a little alarming that these changes weren't proposed during the season setting prosses, but I appreciate the biologist recognizing the issue and addressing it now. Please approve these quota recommendations.

Thank you for your time,

Heath Hansen

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I Support the proposed changes and amendments. These are sensible and needed changes for the benefit of our herds, particularly the reductions in elk tags.

Thank you,
Hunter Stier

Q3

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