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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

This is a flexible, locally driven tool for ecosystem restoration and conflict resolution. It's a win for beavers and stream restoration- seems like a no brainer! Beavers are critical tools for enhancing natural water storage across the ecosystem. As the climate continues to change and the impacts of drought and wildfire intensify, beavers will be an asset to our efforts. Thank you for running this important test, I like that you are using three separate areas to run the test in.

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Are the areas listed the only places in the State where beavers may be translocated to? If so that is not a good deal because other opportunities may come up. So, the areas listed may be priority but give FWP more flexibility.

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Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Dear Fish Wildlife and Parks Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed beaver translocations into the Spotted Dog WMA, the Moose Creek drainage, and the Flying D Ranch during 2026-2028. Beavers are powerful engines to restore stream systems and restore water quality and water storage and translocating them to these places would be a wonderful step in utilizing their unique skills in these watersheds and to non-lethally address conflicts where their natural behaviors are less-than-desirable.

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Hello! I am writing to express my strong support for the three proposed pilot beaver transplant sites using the Montana Beaver Transplant Program to restore beavers to suitable areas of their historical range. Beavers are natural water storage engineers but are not always appreciated for their unique skillset. It will be very useful to be able to move beavers into watersheds where they can but their talents to better use. Given the impacts from climate change on Montana's landscape, any tools that we can use to help reduce impacts from wildfire and drought should be a priority for the state. Thank you for all you do to support Montana's fish and wildlife communities!

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I support the beaver translocations as proposed.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

As a professional in agriculture I support the beaver relocation proposals of the department for a myriad of well documented and sound scientific reasons that far outweigh any potential conflicts in the proposed release areas. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your careful considerations.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Montana Freshwater Partners strongly supports the proposed beaver transplants to Spotted Dog WMA, the Moose Creek drainage, and the Flying D ranch. Montana Freshwater Partners is a nonprofit organization based out of Livingston, MT that works locally in the Yellowstone Watershed, as well as statewide, on wetland and stream conservation and restoration. We frequently work with private landowners who express interest in either relocating beavers from their property, or accepting beavers to their property. The pilot projects identified for 2026 - 2028 will provide an important learning opportunity and proof of concept for the Montana Beaver Transplant Program.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I support the proposed motion for Fish and Wildlife Commission to approve beaver translocations into the Spotted Dog WMA, the Moose Creek drainage in the upper Big Hole River watershed, and the Flying D Ranch during 2026 2028 as presented by the department.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I strongly support the the proposed Montana Beaver Transplant Program for all the reasons given in the information packet. I urge the the Commission to approve the departments recommendation as presented. This proposal clearly has been a thorough and thoughtful process considering and balancing private landowners concerns and the substantial benefits of beaver activity in streams, especially considering the draught conditions facing much of our landscape in Southwestern Montana.

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I am writing in support of the use of Moose Creek, Flying D Ranch and the Spotted Bear WMA as trial locations for Montana's beaver translocation program. Properly managed, this program is poised to provide critical support to a key species and the important ecological services they provide for water quality and quantity, that in turn support nearly all of Montana's fish and wildlife species at some point in their life cycle. All three of these areas provide sufficient space for the conflict-free existence of beaver through a pilot program period, and further, the opportunity to learn more about the breadth of benefits realized by allowing beavers to flourish on the landscape.

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Beaver Translocations

Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

On behalf of the Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF), Montana's oldest and largest hunter and angler-based conservation group, please accept these comments in strong support of the proposed beaver transplants for 2026-2028.

MWF recognizes the many benefits of healthy, dispersed beaver populations in Montana. Beavers play an important role in riparian health, wetlands habitat, stream function and water storage. We also understand that they're currently absent for much of the suitable and native habitat in Montana. All of this underscores the benefits of the transplant program, especially when faced with a changing climate and longer, more frequent, and more severe droughts in Montana.

In addition to the Montana Beaver Conflict Resolution Program (MBCRP), we also recognize the on-the-ground improvement from Rep. Fielder's HB 95 from the 2025 session, which, upon the request and support of FWP, allows for the trapping of 'problem' beavers with a Department / director issue permit, outside of the traditional trapping season. Though rather than strict lethal removals, both the MBCRP and this new regulation from HB 95 allow for opportunities to utilize non-lethal trapping methods to then transplant 'problem' beavers to areas within their native range that are unlikely to result in human-beaver conflict, and where their ecological engineering services can be beneficial.

Spotted Dog WMA, Moose Creek drainage in upper Big Hole, and Ted Turner's Flying D Ranch all seem to fit that outlined goal of the program. We are especially excited about the potential to utilize beavers in the Spotted Dog WMA, an FWP-managed property that has suffered significant riparian damage from trespass cattle. MWF is supportive of Alternative A, approving the department's recommendation as presented.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Kevin Farron, Conservation Director
Montana Wildlife Federation

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

No transplanting unless trapping and killing of the re-located beaver will be absolutely forbidden and protections for the beaver will be in place as well as hefty fines and jail time for those who ignore the restrictions.

Q3

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Relocating beaver should be done while protecting them.

This relocation should be a positive step toward coexistence, as well as watershed restoration, and climate resilience. We need to make sure the animals that are moved are protected and not harm din traps. We need clear, enforceable trapping closures in release areas. This beaver relocation proposal can easily become another example of trappers benefiting instead of the ecosystem. Montana public land values and the animals themselves are worth our protection.

The Montana public deserve transparency before this decision is made. The Commission should not approve this project until FWP clearly explains whether translocated beavers will be protected from trapping, how long those protections will last, and how the agency will prevent these animals from being moved into places where they may simply be killed again.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I am wholly in support of Beaver translocations but measures must be in place to assure their success. Beavers are our best chance of restoration following fire damage ion any forest environment. Please do not allow trapping of beavers in any of the relocation areas and limit the numbers to almost zero in all areas. Beavers are our best chance at restoration.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Please support the beaver translocation areas! See our full letter attached. BHWC is ready to receive beaver translocations in Moose Creek! Thank you

Q3

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I strongly support the beaver transplant projects proposed for Spotted Dog Wildlife Management Area, the Moose Creek drainage in the Upper Big Hole Watershed, and the Flying D Ranch. I appreciate that you are offering landowners reasonable options for managing wildlife conflict. These three transplant areas are excellent locations where the potential for human-wildlife conflict is low. The Moose Creek drainage in particular is an excellent spot to attempt to rebuild beaver populations, increase water storage, and diminish negative effects of drought via natural means. Thank you for approving these specific projects.

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Beaver Translocations

Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Please Put Beaver Translocation Approval on Hold Pending Public Transparency

Dear Montana FWP Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that the Commission put approval of the 2026-2028 beaver translocation proposal on hold until Montana FWP provides the public with clear, specific information about the purpose, terms, and consequences of this project.

Beaver relocation can and should be a meaningful step toward coexistence, watershed restoration, drought resilience, and healthier riparian ecosystems. But relocation only makes sense if the animals being moved are actually protected once they are released.

Before the Commission makes a decision, the public deserves clear answers to several basic questions:

Will trapping of beavers be suspended in the release areas?

If so, for how long?

How far from the water source will trapping be restricted?

Will trapping of all wild animals be suspended in these release areas, or only trapping specifically targeting beavers?

If only beaver trapping is suspended, how will FWP protect translocated beavers from the ongoing trapping of other wild animals, given the indiscriminate nature of many traps?

Without clear, enforceable trapping closures, this proposal risks moving beavers into areas where they may simply be trapped and killed again. That would undermine the stated purpose of translocation and would fail the public, the ecosystem, and the animals themselves.

Montanans deserve transparency before this decision is made. If this project is intended to support watershed restoration, climate resilience, and coexistence with native wildlife, then FWP must clearly explain how translocated beavers will be protected, how long those protections will last, and how the agency will prevent these release areas from becoming kill zones for the very animals being relocated.

I respectfully ask the Commission to delay approval of the 2026-2028 beaver translocation proposal until FWP provides the public with full, clear, and enforceable details regarding trapping protections in the proposed release areas.

Relocation must come with protection.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Won't do any good if you are just going to allow them to be trapped (killed). Furthermore, on trapping itself, a true picture of the degenerate human race.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I am writing as a Montana resident to strongly support the proposed Beaver Translocation Pilot Program and the approval of the three designated trial locations (Moose Creek, Turner's Flying D Ranch, and the Spotted Bear WMA).

Moving toward non-lethal management and utilizing beavers for natural water storage and watershed health is a massive win for Montana. It makes far more sense to relocate these animals where they can actively help our ecosystems rather than relying on trap-and-kill methods. Please approve the three pilot watersheds at your June 12th meeting.

Thank you for your time and leadership on this issue.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Connor Parrish, and I am a project manager for Trout Unlimited. I am contacting you to provide support for the beaver translocation pilot projects in the Spotted Dog Wildlife Management Area, the Moose Creek drainage in the Upper Big Hole Watershed, and the Flying D Ranch. As a member of the Montana Beaver Working Group, TU recognizes beaver as a keystone species whose dam-building and habitat-modifying activities are vital to achieving restoration goals that support wild and native trout populations. TU currently has three restoration projects on the Flying D Ranch that will improve habitat and natural water storage. These projects depend on beaver occupancy for maintenance and long-term success. While beavers may naturally arrive in the project areas, translocation may be necessary to ensure their occupancy of these restored areas. For this reason, TU believes that translocation is an important tool to protect the long-term success of restoration projects and the health of our streams and fisheries. We strongly encourage you to approve these three pilot projects.

Sincerely,

Connor Parrish

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Re-establishing or augmenting beaver colonies is a good thing
However, the public must be kept informed about the issues of trapping in these chosen release areas.
Before any release should happen FWP must state, and keep the public informed on...
*where trapping will be allowed
*temporary closures of the release areas
*how long if any protection will last.
** Beavers should not be relocated only to be trapped.
Beavers are natures engineers, not "furbearers". This designation is unscientific. Also, unethical.
Trapping is an ugly part of the heritage of Montana. Ultimately, this needs to change.
For now, allow the beavers to do their work.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

See attached pdf

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

We are landowners along the Yellowstone River east of Livingston and, in addition to the riparian zone along the river, have ponds and seasonal streams on the property. We believe beavers are essential to a well-functioning ecosystem; we co-exist happily with them when they stick to the river area.

However, we had a beaver last year that established a lodge in the pond closest to our house. Despite ongoing concerted efforts to discourage the beaver by excluding food sources, etc., it still felled several significant trees that had provided us visual screening from the highway. We would have loved to trap and relocate the beaver, but this was not an option at the time; we had to kill the beaver.

Beaver translocation is a fantastic idea. We look forward to being able to take advantage of this new policy the next time a beaver tries to set up shop in our pond.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

See Footloose Montana comment attached.

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I am supportive of Alternative A and the move toward reducing human / beaver conflict by moving beavers to locations where they are desired. I believe this has the potential to grow in scope over time and excited to see where it goes!

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I am asking the commission to approve the Flying D, Moose Creek, and SDWMA beaver transplant projects. These projects can allow us to see and study the impacts of beaver restoration in these areas. It would be a benefit to all to utilize non lethal beaver conflict mangement. I look forward to seeing how these projects play out and see more projects like these in the future! Thank you to the managers who diligently planned these porjects and thank you to the commission for hearing my public comment.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I'm so glad you're going to relocate the beavers - but please exclude trapping in the surrounding areas. Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I am in support of the beaver translocations, with one safeguard, that trapping of beaver in the area and adjacent areas should be prohibited. I urge FWP and the Commission to support beaver, clean up the unregulated and liberal trapping and killing of them, and prioritize nonlethal effective tools to reduce and eliminate conflicts. Any state that cares about water should by necessity CARE about beavers. Many creatures, including humans, benefit from the work and wetlands and aquifers created and maintained by beavers. It's past time MT FWP and Commissioners learn the huge positive impact beavers can make on this semi-arid environment.

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I think beaver are very helpful to the environment. I would like to bring beaver to more locations. I very much approve. No trapping should be allowed. Jivan

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I support Alternative A , the approval of beaver transplants for 2026 through 2028. There must not be any killing or trapping.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Beavers must be seen as part as the natural water system. Their management of the territory for free make them ecologically valuable. We are glad to hear that the beaver control will not include killing. Translocation to non conflict areas is fine but avoiding trapping. We know that trapping beavers ends in harm and deaths. Please, implement a humane no-trapping alternative to crown the project successfully.

Thank you

Q3

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I fully support this proposal.
Other states and countries have used Beaver as flood prevention and water conservation successfully.
I would urge the commission to support Beaver in our state by prioritizing non lethal tools to reduce and eliminate conflicts.
It would help to tighten up the regulations of trapping and killing.
Thank You

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Contact information

Q2
Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Hello-
Thank you for taking the time to read this. This message is in regards to the beaver translocations and that trapping of beaver in the area and adjacent areas should be prohibited. May I also urge FWP and the Commission to support beaver, clean up the unregulated and liberal trapping and killing of them, and prioritize nonlethal effective tools to reduce and eliminate conflicts and hopefully making Montana livable and enjoyable for all creatures, furry and non-furry.
Thank you so much.
James Caliva

Q3 **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Dear Commissioners,

I fully support the beaver translocation projects and think the three pilot project areas are an excellent starting place. Eventually I would support expansion of the project into other places in Montana. The EA was statewide in scope, so it would be great to take advantage of the program in other areas. I think Montana is very innovative to implement this translocation program.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Please find letters of support for the proposed beaver translocation pilot sites from X Greater Yellowstone Coalition advocates in the attached PDF.

Q3

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

My name is Steve Platt. I am the President of Helena Hunters and Anglers. Our group enthusiastically supports this proposal to allow the translocation of beavers in Montana. As Montana more and more frequently grapples with drought conditions, beavers are a simple and inexpensive answer to slowing down runoff and keeping water on the landscape. This proposal makes a ton of sense and is going to cost very little. Please approve the beaver translocation proposal.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Beavers have been around since the beginning of time. God has put them here to protect or systems environmentally and ecologically. Beavers importance cannot be understated and underestimated.

Please relocate and Not trap.

Conibear traps hurt and let them live until they slowly suffocate.

Respectfully, they are living creatures that God put here to help us. Please relocate and not trap.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I am absolutely in favor of transplanting problem beaver. The ecology and streams of the west have evolved with beaver. They have been gone WAY too long.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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City/Town:	Stevensville
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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Please relocate beavers, do not trap/kill them.

I amazes me that MT would consider killing beavers when all across the country beavers are being reintroduced to areas in distress because of the benefits they provide to the ecosystem. Well, "nature" has always known best. It's humans who, with typical hubris, decide they know better.

We humans are destroying the planet —our home—because we don't want to be annoyed by animals. I pray we will figure it out before it's too late.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

FWP Commission must put the approval of beaver translocation for 2026-2028 on hold until FWP provides the public with information on the purpose, terms and consequences of this project.

To make an informed decision, the public needs to know, if and for how long trapping of beavers will be suspended, how far from the water source trapping of beaves might be suspended, and if trapping of all wild animals will be suspended, or only beavers. Given the indiscriminate nature of trapping, how will beavers be protected from ongoing trapping of other wild animals in these three release areas if all trapping is not suspended.

Beaver relocation can and should be a meaningful step toward coexistence, watershed restoration, and climate resilience only if the animals being moved are protected. Without clear, enforceable trapping closures in release areas, this proposal risks becoming another example of wildlife being managed for the benefit of trappers rather than for ecosystems, public values, or the animals.

Montanans need and deserve transparency before this decision is made. The Commission must not approve this project until FWP clearly explains whether translocated beavers will be protected from trapping, how long those protections will last, and how the agency will prevent these animals from being moved into places where they may be killed again.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Beaver Translocations

Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I am a Restoration Ecologist with an M.S. in Ecological Sciences and a B.S. in Wildlife Biology with an emphasis in North American mammals, and a long-standing member of the American Society of Mammalogists, the Society for Ecological Restoration, and the Ecological Society of America. I also hold Rosgen stream classification certification and bring over 30 years of field experience across Montana and the Northern Rocky Mountain region, working in numerous watersheds throughout the state. I have collaborated directly on beaver reintroduction projects in Montana and have observed firsthand the ecological and hydrological benefits that reestablished beaver populations provide.

I write in strong support of the proposed beaver translocation program for Region 2 (Spotted Dog WMA), Region 3 (Moose Creek drainage, upper Big Hole watershed), and the Flying D Ranch for the period 2026–2028.

Beaver are a keystone species whose engineering activity is foundational to watershed function — raising water tables, expanding riparian zones, increasing sediment retention, moderating stream temperature, and building habitat complexity that benefits a broad spectrum of native species. Translocation of problem animals is a nonlethal, ecologically sound, and cost-effective alternative to killing. It should be the default response to human-beaver conflict, not the exception.

However, translocation alone is insufficient policy. The current trapping framework in Montana — with a season running up to 9 months in much of the state, unlimited take under a \$28 furbearer license, and voluntary and incomplete kill reporting — undermines any translocation investment. Animals moved at public expense and ecological benefit can be legally killed shortly after release with no accountability.

I strongly urge the Commission to:

1. Approve the proposed translocation program for 2026–2028.
2. Prohibit trapping of beaver in and immediately adjacent to all translocation receiving sites for the duration of the program.
3. Initiate a formal review of beaver trapping regulations statewide, with the goal of implementing mandatory kill reporting, reduced season length, and take limits commensurate with the species' ecological value.

Beaver are not a commodity. They are a restoration tool, a climate adaptation asset, and an ecological keystone. Montana's regulatory framework should reflect that.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Goos, M.S.
Restoration Ecologist | Woody Creek Resources, LLC
Big Timber, Montana

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

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Beaver Translocations

Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

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Big Timber, Montana

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Beaver Translocations

Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Dear Commissioners,

Trap Free Montana is supportive of the translocation of beavers involved in conflict and in lieu of lethal trapping.

Beavers operate in family groups and are territorial, which helps them self-regulate their population. Therefore, any efforts to restore beaver populations should prioritize natural processes to ensure the greatest success and mitigate the inherent risks associated with relocation.

We appreciate and strongly encourage the use of far more nonlethal effective management tools to reduce or eliminate conflicts and especially in those areas in which this occurs and beaver are removed. Otherwise, the potential is high for new beaver to claim the habitat which historically results in trap, kill, repeat.

For the record, Trap Free Montana has offered and continues to help fund nonlethal projects for beaver.

In addition, we are pleased to see a likely review in the August furbearer regulations meeting about trapping in these areas involving potential beaver translocations. Allowing trapping to continue in these areas is both counterproductive and illogical. We urge the department and Commission to instill a supportive management plan for beaver. To do so, trapping reform is highly warranted across the state.

Currently, beaver in Montana can be trapped for recreational and commercial purposes 5 1/2 - 9 months of out the year, with most of the state being the latter. Regions 4-7 give beaver only a summer reprieve from trapping. Beaver in our state can be killed in unlimited and unbelievably unreported numbers! From less than 1/3 of licensed trappers returning the voluntary annual survey, the 2024-2025 season alone expressed over 4,800 beaver were trapped and killed. Outside of the lengthy season, a landowner can obtain a beaver kill permit within a matter of a few days.

Beaver, nature's hydro-engineers, improve streams, slow snow melt, enhance ground water, create habitats, and help mitigate fires. From song and migratory birds, large prey and carnivores, agriculture, threatened and endangered species, beaver play a critical role that should be embraced rather than eliminated by trapping and killing.

Thank you,
KC York and on behalf of board of directors
President/founder
Trap Free Montana

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I prefer non-lethal trapping in areas of conflict. But the benefits of beaver and the many mitigation measures to reduce conflict and still have beaver on the landscape must be tried before removal of beavers whether lethal or non-lethal. As the proposal states, beavers benefit fisheries, they also create wildfire refuges for wildlife and create moist, meadow habitats.

If you are to translocate beaver to other areas, then trapping must be banned in those areas to allow for the beaver to establish and create the benefits to fisheries, watersheds, and wildlife. Allowing trapping is counter-productive.

I would like to see more trapping restrictions to increase beaver benefits to ecosystems.

Thanks for your time.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Flathead Ridge Ranch (FRR) supports the transplanting of beavers into the Spotted Dog Wildlife Management Area, the Moose Creek drainage in upper Big Hole River watershed, and the Flying D Ranch. As a keystone species, expanding the presence of beavers across Montana landscapes will be an essential component to maintaining healthy future habitats, particularly when drought conditions are present and perhaps worsening. Beavers are essential to mitigating against fire and rehabilitating natural disrobed ecosystems.

Furthermore, beavers are a creature that has suffered localized extirpation in many areas due to the recent intensity of anthropogenic disturbances. FRR recognizes the duty humans have to restore and maintain healthy ecosystems and preserve biodiversity. Supporting beaver expansion will provide much needed food, water and shelter to local ungulate and carnivore populations, that may be struggling due to lack of retained water and suitable habitat that beavers can provide.

Flathead Ridge Ranch not only supports these relocations, but would like to see an expansion of opportunities for relocating beavers, particularly in Region 1 in order to protect and expand habitat for imperiled, threatened and endangered species such as moose, grizzly bears, great blue herons and common loons.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I am in support of Beaver Translocations but NOT of trapping beaver for any reason what so ever. Any issues that come up in order to manage needs to be non lethal means of reasonable management.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

Name:	Angela James
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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Please approve the Beaver Translocation proposal and ensure that trapping of beaver in the area and adjacent areas be prohibited.

They need all the help they can get. I have seen first-hand and reported illegal shootings in my county. Widespread unreported killing of Beavers is devastating their population and harming the environment that they benefit.

Please update rules that would prioritize nonlethal and effective tools to reduce and eliminate human conflicts. Beavers need you to be their champions! Please fight the unregulated and liberal trapping and killing of them.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

Name:	Dr. Kari Gunderson
City/Town:	Condon
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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I am a 3rd generation Montanan commenting on the FWP proposal to approve translocating beaver into areas of their historical range within R2 the Spotted Dog WWA, R3 Moose Creek drainage in the upper Big Hole watershed, and R3, the Flying D Ranch. There is no such thing as “problematic beavers” but instead unsustainable trapping and killing of beavers who serve an invaluable role in restoring watersheds, creating wildlife habitat, and addressing the effects of climate change along with proposals from the MT Public Service Commission to build numerous A I data centers which require vast water resources, many in arid regions of the state.

My biggest concern with this proposal is there are no safeguards to guarantee that once beavers are reintroduced to areas within their historical range, they will be quickly trapped out where the trapping season runs from 5.5 months to 9 months of the year and allowed an unlimited number of beavers trapped, thus a complete waste of taxpayer dollars for these relocation efforts. It has happened before and it will happen again without closing beaver trapping in these areas.

FWP needs to pause, and provide the public with science-based information first before a management decision can be made. The FWP proposal fails to answer whether translocated beavers will be protected from traps, whether temporary closures will be implemented, and how long these closures will remain in effect. To date FWP has shown favor to trappers in their management decisions and comments such as mine have very little or no consideration. Continuing the translocation of beavers from one place to another is just a bait and switch strategy if trapping is not closed for extended periods of time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
 Kari Gunderson, PhD.
 Swan Valley, MT

Q3

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Q1

Contact information

Name: **Laura Ferguson**
City/Town: **Helena**
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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Dear FWP commissioners, I would like to comment in SUPPORT of using beavers for wetland and stream restoration wherever possible and to urge a very wide, posted NO TRAPPING zone around them. Across the west, formerly wet and fertile meadows have dried up, cottonwoods and willows have died from drought, and wetlands that act as filters have dried out. Locating beavers to these areas could prove highly beneficial for wetlands, streams, meadows, and forage. This has worked well elsewhere. Please ensure these beavers are protected from trapping and other threats. Thank you.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

Name: **Catherine P. Logan**
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State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **catherineplogan@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Please approve translocating the so-called "problematic" beavers, and prohibit trapping them in the new locations and adjacent lands. The 'problem' has been not reforming, nor prioritizing non-lethal management methods. The current regulations need more protection for beavers! FWP & the Commissioners should consider that as a keystone species, the beaver's ecosystem services enhance other wildlife's habitat and offer many other known benefits, which should be recognized and incorporated within your revised regulations. Sincerely, Catherine P. Logan, Emigrant, MT

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

I support beaver transplants but please no trapping in the areas.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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State/Province:	MT
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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Translocating problematic beaver is a step in the right direction!

But please also prohibit trapping in and around the areas where they will be transplanted.

With all the science pointing to the importance of beavers, it is past time to stop their unregulated and liberal trapping and killing, and to prioritize nonlethal effective tools to reduce and eliminate conflicts.

In the past 3 years, the fewer than 1/3 of trappers returning voluntary trapping surveys reported 20,000 beaver trapped and killed here in Montana.

Currently Montana's recreational and commercial trapping of beaver runs up to 9 months out of the year.

With the purchase of a \$28 trapping license for furbearer's, a trapper can trap unlimited beaver with no reporting of the kills necessary.

Trapping in Regions 1-3, runs from Nov 1 - April 15. Beavers in the rest of Montana, Regions 4-7, only get a summer reprieve, as the season runs Sept. 1 - May 31.

This is all egregious for an animal so important to our water resources- including water temperatures; for soil composition and retention; for wildlife habitat, fisheries, big game browse, ranching, farming, and tourism.

Please do more to support our beavers.

thank you

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Beaver Translocations

Your proposal to translocate problematic beavers is a good one. I hope you also plan to prohibit trapping where they will be transplanted.

And I hope you will do more to support this key species.

Montana's recreational and commercial trapping of beaver runs for up to 9 months out of the year. Trapping in Regions 1-3, is from Nov 1 - April 15.

In the rest of Montana the season runs from Sept 1 - May 31.

This is too long- especially since every year over 20,000 beaver are reported trapped and killed in Montana. And that number is just from voluntary forms turned in by trappers! Who knows how many are killed- as a trapper can trap unlimited beaver with one license, and no reporting is necessary.

It is time to improve beaver management here in Montana as they are critical for our water resources and wildlife habitat.

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