

APPENDIX A

Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Area Hunter Access and Youth Hunting Opportunity

PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE COMMENT PERIOD

From: [Michael Shepard](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OLD AAC picnic grounds
Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 2:38:52 PM

like the proposal that Dillon just sent out...period..

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Q2

Please comment on the draft Environmental Assessment for Bad Rock Canyon WMA Proposed Hunter Access and Youth Hunting Opportunity:

It would be Awesome for this to be a Youth and Disabled hunter area. As a disabled hunter with a permit to hunt from a vehicle, it would be great to have more places that you don't have to compete with everyone able bodied that road hunts.

From: [Peggy](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon reply
Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 7:06:19 PM

re: proposed youth hunting, Bad Rock canyon

I would prefer no hunting allowed, but if there has to be hunting allowed at Bad Rock, I vote for limited youth only hunting: Alter. C
NO trapping should be allowed at all.
Thank you,

Peggy Brewer
527 Swan River Rd
Bigfork MT 59911

From: rattpak@centurytel.net
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon WMA
Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022 8:50:37 AM

I support Alternative B that allows more usage without opening the gates to abuse. Alternative A is totally wrong when we have the opportunity to have something special. Registration requirements can be modified as we proceed to see how much interest there is in using the property.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Larry Rattray
Proctor, Montana

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Please comment on the draft Environmental Assessment for Bad Rock Canyon WMA Proposed Hunter Access and Youth Hunting Opportunity:

Alternative C, youth only, is the best option for this area since it is so close to Columbia Falls.

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Please comment on the draft Environmental Assessment for Bad Rock Canyon WMA Proposed Hunter Access and Youth Hunting Opportunity:

Although I am a hunter I believe this area should be closed to hunting. Too close to houses.. give the animals a break

From: [Preston and Margie Spencer](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Options
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 8:51:55 AM
Attachments: [FWP - Red Rock.pdf](#)

Good morning Stevie,
Attached is a letter supporting option C. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Preston and Margie Spencer

From: [Tracy Day](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Badrock canyon area.
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 8:31:05 AM

Hi Stevie

I feel the hunting regulations should be kept the same for Badrock Canyon. They worked fine before the land was purchased by FWP. I don't see any reason to change. The amount of hunting land that is accessible for youth and disabled hunters is reducing. So Badrock is a great resource for this.

Kind regards

Neil Day

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From: [Dorian Boling](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Creek Canyon WMA
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 11:46:15 AM

Dear Stevie Burton,

I think the WMA should stay for youths to hunt threw archery and rifle season. I don't think there should be a lottery or drawing it should just stay open for youths. I also think that for archery season current PTMAE permit holders should also be included. There are roads and places open for disabled hunters with hunt from vehicle permits however for those that are upper body disabled there are no special areas, so I think PTMAE permit holders and Thier helper should be able to hunt during archery season, that way there is even a possible reward for the "helper" as a incentive to help a PTMAE permit holders to hunt. Just my two cents.

Dorian Boling

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Please comment on the draft Environmental Assessment for Bad Rock Canyon WMA Proposed Hunter Access and Youth Hunting Opportunity:

Please do not open Bad Rock WMA to the general public without age restrictions or limitations. If there must be any hunting at all in the MWA, I favor very limited access options to youth and bow hunters.

Thank you for your time.

From: [Brett Svetlik](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FWP Draft Assessment for Bad Rock Canyon
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 12:24:45 PM

Hi Mr. Burton,

I'm writing to express my support for FWP's recommended plan in opening Bad Rock Canyon to lottery hunting opportunities and youth hunting as well as public open space. As a beginning archery hunter and an avid supporter of our outdoor heritage, open spaces and abundance of wildlife, I am excited to hear of the collaboration in our communities that brought this opportunity to fruition. I am excited to add this to other special open spaces like Kuhn's WMA and the new Somer's Beach State Park where I can spend time with family and friends in our beautiful back yard. Let's continue to protect as much space as we can for outdoor opportunities and show all of our newcomers that all open space is deserving of protection. Thanks for taking comment and working on this important project.

Brett

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Brett Svetlik
Whitefish, MT

From: [Stephanie](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Area
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 4:11:23 PM

Please, no hunting on the Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Area! It would be so nice to be able to go to at least ONE UNHUNTED AREA! There is enough areas to hunt around Kalispell and our state without adding this one.

Thank you.

Stephanie Lindemann



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From: [Ramona Coyote](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Bad Rock Canyon
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 2:14:38 PM

Can we not have ONE, single safety net for the wild and wildlife, in our valley.
This has not been used for that in the past...and should NOT be used for this now...
I am tired of everything needing to have a human hunt it...
Enough, already.
Sorry for my rant...but this is not appropriate...period.
And yes...I live in the valley and have hiked the surrounding area for years!
Ramona

From: [Woody](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon Hunting Access Options
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 4:31:34 PM

Dear Stevie Burton,

I have read the Draft Environmental Assessment. Because of its proximity to human habitation and traveled roads, I am a bit surprised that hunting with firearms has been, and possibly will continue to be, permitted on this land. Apparently careful management of access and numbers of hunters has forestalled accidents.

That being the case, I support Alternative B, the Proposed Action, as the most reasonable and most inclusive option.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Woody Nedom

From: [Sallie Gratch](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Cc: [Alan Gratch](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hunting issue
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 6:55:39 PM

Dear Stevie.....we were directed by Laura Katzman at the FLT to send our comments to you re: hunting in the Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Area.

My husband Alan and I both oppose hunting in this pristine area. It seems totally counterintuitive to us to introduce or continue hunting in an area that preserves and protects the entire environment including animal life.

Thank you for considering our point of view.

Sallie and Alan Gratch

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Please comment on the draft Environmental Assessment for Bad Rock Canyon WMA Proposed Hunter Access and Youth Hunting Opportunity:

Regarding Badrock Canyon proposed hunting access, I am in favor of alternative option C, limited youth only hunting access.

From: [Wade Fish](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Hunting
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 7:10:35 AM

I grew up In Cfalls and hunted that area every year so I know it all very well. I also lived on that property in a rental growing up for several years.

I do not believe it would be in the best interest to open it up to everyone for everything. I feel that it should remain youth only by lottery. Our youth need an area that is for them only. I have taken several youngsters hunting there as they had no one to take them for various reasons when their lottery time came up. I know that greedy adults will want it wide open so they can hunt there and I urge you to please keep as is --youth only by lottery.

Wade Fish

From: [Frank & Linda de Kort](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad rock canyon wildlife management area. Please maintain status quo
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 9:47:43 AM

Thank you for collecting public input on this important area. As a former Flathead HS Biology teacher I know how valuable outdoor activities are to the mental and physical well being of our youth. Please maintain Bad Rock Canyon for their exclusive use so they can have a rich experience and maintain an outdoor lifestyle. One possible addition might be to allow disabled hunters through the DREAM program to also use this more accessible area.

Thankyou, Linda de Kort, 1290 Lost Creek Drive, Kalispell
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nicholas Lawrence](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock WMA Comment
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 11:14:47 AM

Mr. Burton,

I would propose that the new Bad Rock WMA be kept as a youth-only opportunity. This area is a great place to introduce new hunters to the sport/lifestyle with a decent chance for success. Opening this unit to general hunts in any way would take away from these valuable experiences.

Thank you.

Nicholas Lawrence
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From: [Dan Grangroth](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad rock canyon WMA
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 6:10:32 PM

Hello Stevie,

I am emailing to give my input on the bad rock canyon wma. I would like to see managed in the same way it was in years past. I have a number of kids and it provided a great opportunity to introduce kids to hunting in an area that has abundant game. It isn't a large enough area to support many hunters and I fear if opened to all ages, the elk and other game would quickly move to private land and then decrease the quality of the opportunity.

Thanks

Dan Grangroth

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From: [Robert Cole](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon Management Area
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 8:10:54 PM

Dear Steve,

Please proceed with the management proposal by FW&P for the Bad Rock Canyon Management Area. I donated substantial money (for me at least) to the purchase of this area and agree that management must occur for best use, thank you.

Bob Cole 125 Swan Ridge Ct. Kalispell, Mt.

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From: [Nate Thompson](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock WMA Hunting
Date: Friday, June 17, 2022 3:54:05 PM

Hello,

Just writing to express support for managing the Bad Rock WMA as a youth hunting area.

I support general access, where only hunters aged 12-15 can take an animal.

I don't support reservations. Similar to GNP, reservations are taking all public access down a very slippery slope.

Some years will have more hunters than others, that is the nature of it.

Everything is a stepping stone to more and more loss of public access. Should hikers and bicyclists need reservations as well?

From: [Susan Dowler](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Area for kids and the disabled
Date: Friday, June 17, 2022 6:05:44 PM

Please sir, keep the area designation as youth only hunting; or include handicap hunters as well. But please do not open it to the general hunter community. Between the Flathead and Kootenai national forests and the Bob Marshall wilderness, northwest Montana able bodied hunters have 8 million plus acres to access for hunting opportunities. There is absolutely no reason to give them access to this area as well. Please keep it for kids and the disabled only.

I thank you for your consideration,
Susan Dowler
406-461-9977

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jeff LaPlume](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon Hunter proposal comment
Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022 9:21:53 AM

I would like to make a brief comment on proposed hunter access in the new Bad Rock Canyon preserve.

I believe the intent is good but as a resident of the area I am against any hunting on the property.

1) It is close to Hwy 2 . Any parking is dangerous on this highway; we see it every day. Weapon discharge in addition could be dangerous.

2) The wildlife corridor now in place would be effected. Bears are at risk just crossing the highway to reach Columbia mountain. Extra stress on the wildlife is not desirable.

3) Our family, pioneering this area 125 years ago, keep cows. (The reserve use to be the Firestein's land). The cows have and will on occasion bolt and cross the highway into the reserve.

Why can't it just be left alone, accessible for fishing and hiking?

Closing , I am against any hunting on the new Bad Rock reserve.

Jeff LaPlume

From: [Ange Luke](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 1:05:48 PM

Hi Steve my name is josh. I was fortunate enough to take my son Landyr on a youth opportunity hunt in the bad Rock WMA last year. Our experience was great. We saw plenty of animals and we're not fortunate enough to have him harvest one. I think that it should remain the way it is for youth to be in a lottery drawing hunt only. I think it would take away from the youth experience if they opened it to the general public for hunting season. It is a beautiful section of land and I hope that it can remain for our kids for many generations to use. Thanks for your time and I hope this helps. Josh Luke, 406-212-4930.

From: [Wendy Lauman](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon WMA
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 10:12:08 AM

I would recommend Alternative B for hunting opportunities in the Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Area. I did not see any restrictions on vehicle traffic in the Wildlife Management Area. I recommend no motorized vehicles and no electric bicycles, foot or horse access only.

Mike Lauman, Kalispell, MT.

406-212-6902

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From: [Julie Stetter](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon hunting access
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 7:04:25 AM

I would like to see a lottery and reservation system set up that would limit hunter numbers and provide youth preference. I work at CFJH with middle schoolers and the hunting culture is strong and healthy. It is important to give youth opportunities and access to more outdoor activities. Thank you!

Julie Stetter, LCSW
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From: [Yeats](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Bad Rock Canyon WMA Hunting
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 8:48:34 PM

I would like to voice my support for the Alternative B Proposed Action for hunting in the Bad Rock Canyon WMA. As a nearby landowner and bowhunter I like the idea of an opportunity to archery hunt in the WMA. This alternative will also give me a chance to rifle hunt there and will be shared equally with youth. This seems like a fair option for all.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Lucille R. (Luci) Yeats

From: [Shari Larson](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hunting at Bad Rock
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 8:33:29 AM

Dear Sir,

I am concerned about general population access to the hiking trail at Bad Rock if it is opened further to hunting.

With the new trail such a short distance from Columbia Falls and Hwy 93, I anticipate a great many hikers using that trail, many hikers using it for exercise daily.

It seems to me the amount of time open to hunting would be excessive if the proposals go thru as planned.

Regards,
Shari Larson

From: [jenny.steenberg](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad rock canyon youth hunting.
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 9:00:21 PM

After reading your proposal , I am struck with how many times your claim of overwhelming support for continuing youth hunting is mentioned. You have your answer.

To open it up wide open will drive wildlife away. There are also at least three homes adjacent or imbedded within the 1.2 square miles.

You have a hiking trail with Moms pushing babies, dads carrying infants in the same area.

I am suggesting you keep in place what has worked. Youth hunters, registered parties of one a day. The hiking trail needs to be closed during hunting season period. It is an accident waiting to happen. Think.

Sent from my iPhone

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Q2

Please comment on the draft Environmental Assessment for Bad Rock Canyon WMA Proposed Hunter Access and Youth Hunting Opportunity:

I give support to the proposed action B. The property is a good opportunity for youth hunters and family's being so close to town. Giving a preference to youth is a good plan.

From: [Kim Wiatrak \(US\)](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Area Proposed Hunter Access and Youth Hunting Opportunity Response
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 6:49:41 AM

Mr. Burton,

I am writing in response to the Environmental Assessment ("EA") for Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Area Proposed Hunter Access and Youth Hunting Opportunity

The best option provided is that of Alternative C: Youth Only Opportunity Status Quo. Under Alternative C, hunting at Bad Rock Canyon WMA would be managed as a youth only opportunity, following rules established when the property was enrolled in the Block Management Program. As noted there are only approximately 550 acres of land and 215 of marsh, which is not large enough to support widespread hunting (Alternative A or B) and/or the safety of adjacent property owners. The public has overwhelmingly supported youth and the disabled for hunting in this area, as noted in your EA - "FWP received strong public support for continuing to manage hunting on the property as a youth opportunity." I am a home and land owner in Columbia Falls and am that public voice in support of Alternative C, as you have indicated. Please continue to manage the property with what has worked in the past and continue with Alternative C. Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Kim Wiatrak

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Area- proposed hunting access response
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 7:09:54 AM

This email is in response to the current Draft Environmental Assessment dated June 10, 2022. I have owned property that borders the recently acquired FWP Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Area for over 50 years. We have supported youth hunting as described under your Alternative C and continue to view that as the only viable option given the acreage, the game and existing homes that surround the property. The public supports Alternative C as you have duly noted. Please continue with what has worked over the years and don't try to "fix" what's not broken. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dick Taylor

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Q2

Please comment on the draft Environmental Assessment for Bad Rock Canyon WMA Proposed Hunter Access and Youth Hunting Opportunity:

I am for the proposal to sue drawing for adults and youth with limits on the number of hunting parties or day. I would also be in support of keeping it as is for youth only. It should not be open like other WMAs. Thanks, Nick S

From: [Dale Crosby Newman](#)
To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon WMA
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 12:58:01 PM
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Option C is probably the best option. I am highly concerned about the number of private residences that are within 1 mile of the center of the property not to mention the entire town of Columbia Falls is within the circle if I move the radius to the western edge.

DALE CROSBY-NEWMAN
BROKER-OWNER



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To: [Burton, Stevie](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon Wildlife Management Area Proposed Hunter Access and Youth Hunting Opportunity Response
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 1:40:21 PM

Dear Mr. Burton,

I am a land and property owner in Columbia Falls. After careful review it is my opinion to continue to manage the property with what has worked well in the past, and continue with Alternative C. Thank you for taking the time to review our opinions.

Respectfully,

Adam Wiatrak



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Burton, Stevie

From: tom.ritzdorf@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 11:49 AM
To: Burton, Stevie
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bad Rock Canyon

I know I just missed the official deadline, but wanted to give my input, as a parent who has hunted this site in the past with my youth son.

Although we did not harvest any animals in this site when we were able to hunt it, this was a great opportunity for my son to hunt an area that had elk sign and was easily accessible without being overrun by other hunters. It was a great local youth opportunity. I would strongly advocate for keeping the management of this area very similar to how it has been managed in the past for youth hunters.

Thank you,

Tom Ritzdorf

Tom Ritzdorf
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