



MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
1400 South 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Bozeman, MT 59718

January 31, 2022

Dear Interested Party,

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) proposes to purchase in fee title an 829-acre parcel of private land adjacent to Mt. Haggin Wildlife Management Area (WMA). It is located approximately 4 miles south of Anaconda along MT Highway 569 ("Mill Creek Highway"). The property is owned by Gayle and Roger Burnett. The owners have agreed to sell the property for \$2,700,000. The property was appraised last year and is currently being re-appraised to reflect the increase in land values that have occurred in the last nine months. If the re-appraisal establishes a value below \$2,700,00 then FWP and the owners will renegotiate the purchase price to account for the lower appraised value. If the re-appraisal establishes a value above \$2,700,000 the owners have agreed to donate that "excess" amount to FWP. FWP would pay the \$2,700,000 purchase price using Habitat Montana and possibly other partner funds, including a \$258,400 grant from the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust. Upon purchase, this property would be incorporated into and managed as part of the Mt. Haggin WMA. It would be managed for its wildlife, fisheries, and recreational values.

The public comment period will extend for (30) thirty days beginning January 31, 2022. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2022. If you'd like to provide comments in person there will be an open house on February 8, 2022 at FWP's Butte Area Resource Office (address below) from 5pm-6:30pm. Comments can also be made on the FWP website [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov), emailed to [vboccadori@mt.gov](mailto:vboccadori@mt.gov) or mailed to:

FWP  
1820 Meadowlark Lane  
Butte, MT 59701  
Attn: Willow Creek Addition

Sincerely,

Marina Yoshioka  
Region 3 Supervisor

Attachment