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From: FWP Commissioner Region 4 <commissionerregion4@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 8:02 PM
To: Rhoten, Jason
Subject: Re: Game Damage
Attachments: image001.png; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png; image003.png; image002.png; image004.png; image001.png; image005.png

Hi Jason,

Sorry for the delayed response. I was traveling last week, and missed your email. I approve the damage hunt.

Best,

KCW

On Thu, Jan 18, 2024, 12:09 PM Rhoten, Jason <jrhoten@mt.gov> wrote:

Hi Commissioner Walsh,

Just an FYI

A property north of Lewistown is experiencing game damage from white-tailed deer. The property owner is Gene Meier and he was issued a kill permit to remove up to 10 antlerless white-tailed deer.

Thanks,
Jason

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From: FWP Commissioner Region 4 <commissionerregion4@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 9:17 AM
To: Rhoten, Jason
Subject: Re: Supplemental GD Hunt
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Thanks for the explanation, and please let me know if you need anything from me.

On Wed, Jan 17, 2024, 1:00 PM Rhoten, Jason <jrhoten@mt.gov> wrote:

Hi Commissioner Walsh,

Four different landowners are experiencing game damage and we have approved a supplemental game damage hunt for antlerless elk in the Otter Creek drainage (HD 413). As a reminder, the Commission recently passed a season setting proposal for an elk shoulder season in this HD. This supplemental game damage hunt will allow for a maximum harvest of 12 elk with the intent to redistribute the large herd of elk causing damage to stored hay and pasture across the 4 different properties, all of which have agreed to participate in this hunt. This supplemental game damage model has been utilized since 2016 with good success. A smaller number of hunters with more direction tends to work well in this area and is the preference of the landowners. The supplemental game damage hunters will be 4 hunters from the HD 413 roster and 8 hunters from a list provided by the landowners. Hunters may harvest a maximum of 1 antlerless elk. We will start the hunt by the last week of January and run it through February 15th.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Jason

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