

ELK MANAGEMENT CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS
FWP STAFF ASSESSMENT
AUGUST 31, 2022

Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing & Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners

Division/Unit/Bureau	Staff Assessment
Accounting Bureau	No comment.
Comm Ed	Some of the communication around this proposal would be outlining what is FWP's role. If the proposal moves forward, keeping in mind our role as we communicate the "why" behind the changes will be important when we engage the public.
Enforcement Division	No comment.
Legal Unit	As noted, would require statutory amendments to 87-6-415, MCA.
Licensing Bureau	No comment.
Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division	Depending on details of an implemented proposal, if holistically banning individuals from the block management or other access programs (versus property by property as currently administered based on circumstances) were included this could require additional recordkeeping and administrative workload. Outcomes could improve quality of hunters on enrolled lands and improve hunter accountability.
Technology Services Division	If there would be any expectations to increase/enhance the reporting to TipMont, this could result in additional development work.
Wildlife Division	Increased penalties for trespassing and bad behavior has been an ongoing recommendation of PL/PW. It requires legislative approval. Enforcement of illegally blocking public roads/ROWs is usually difficult because of unclear legalities and typically is at the discretion of the county. Not likely to have a biological effect on elk numbers.