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Recommendation #1: Access Plus Program

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I like the idea of a 'Type 3' Block Management Area with stricter criteria for hunters. I think this could help with a number of problems that Montana hunters are facing. First, this could open up large amounts of inaccessible land for hunters that might help to push elk off of private lands, which has been a big problem. Second, this would help dilute the number of hunters on public land, relieving some of the overcrowding that has been a problem addressed in other recommendations. Third, this program would provide hunters with higher quality land to hunt than they might otherwise be on, leading to higher harvest rates and higher hunter satisfaction.

I do, however have some serious concerns about parts of this recommendation.

The inclusion of options for hunters paying for hunting access is a death sentence for this program. The whole point of the BMA program is to provide hunters with access to private land without a cost. With the option for landowners to charge for access, this will become nothing more than a state-run guiding business. Those who would pay for hunting access will already do so through private means to hunt exclusive pieces of land. The incentive for landowners to open up their property in this should be the same as it is for Type 1 and Type 2 BMAs - monetary rewards from the state and the management of wildlife on their land - this time with the knowledge that only hunters of the highest quality are being allowed on.

I think FWP and the recommenders of this program need to be careful about what they consider a "quality hunter". Many hunters who exhibit high harvest rates and are efficient in their hunting are not ethical hunters - they do not consider Fair Chase in their endeavors. On the flipside, many hunters who these criteria may not consider highly successful are the most ethical hunters out there because they respect the land and the animals.

Relying on an app for this seems like a bad idea. Phones die, cell signal is spotty at best in much of Montana, and it is not accessible by the whole hunting public. Much of the ideas revolving around an app could just as easily be accomplished via communication between the hunters and landowners.

While I think the idea of a Type 3 BMA is a phenomenal idea, FWP needs to be extremely careful that they are not just setting up a new easy-money scheme for large landowners. As written, this recommendation could be easily perverted by landowners and result in wasted money on the part of hunters and the state.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I think the whole thing stinks. If I want/need additional training in hunting, marksmanship, etc. I will go get it. I will NOT subject myself to certification by state trainers - too many of whom know way too many things that aren't so - and are passing this on to upcoming generations of hunters.

Were any serious landowners in on this discussion?

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

As a Montana resident hunter I do not agree with the proposed Access Plus Program. The costs seem way to high and the benefit minimal. This proposal encourages landowners to charge a fee to access their property which there is enough of already. Having people pay via an app does not seem viable because of technical issues and not allowing people who do not have a smart phone to use this platform.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Hunter selection: I am generally in favor of any program that:

- a. Produces a skilled, ethical hunter.
- b. Works to establish/improve good relationships between hunters and landowners.
- c. Relieves landowners of "hunter fatigue" problems.

Concerns:

- a. Concerned that over emphasis on hunter "training" makes that training/certification out of reach of the average hunter. Ie, establishes an "elite" pool of hunters, rather than "good" hunters. In general though, more training is a good thing and could be noted on the hunter ALS.
- b. I support the notion of penalties for those found guilty of intentionally "breaking the rules" or otherwise damaging property, unethical shooting, vehicle access abuse, etc.
- c. The notion of an FWP supported landowner/hunter coordinator is a good idea.

I am opposed to the access "fee" proposal. Such a scheme will surely turn into hunting lease programs similar to that in many Southern states, and it reduces hunting to the sale of wildlife.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Isn't it illegal for landowners to "harbor elk" as mentioned in #1 Access Plus Program-Recommendation? Landowners do not own the elk that move onto private land from public land. Some landowners only allow hunting that keeps the elk on their property!

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Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Seems overly complicated with major cost for FWP implementation.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I think this is a great idea and a viable solution to address elk on private lands

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I agree with the concept, and would gladly participate as a hunter with the advanced training and responsibility. I don't agree with the landowner charging individual hunters fees for access. Understanding landowners deserve compensation, maybe provide reimbursement on a per hunter basis at the same rate as the other block management programs. Overall good recommendation.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I could leave a well thought out comment, but I know full well it would fall on deaf ears and the commission is going to do what it wants regardless of public comment. These recommendations are laughable. limit hunter opportunity yet attempt to increase harvest? How does that make sense? Fish Wildlife & landowner has a nice new ring to it, perhaps a name change should be one of the recommendations as well since we simple Montanan's need to go to a class to learn how to act to appease landowners and shoot the kings deer. If over harvest isnt an issue leave us the fuck alone. Less is more

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Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Wow! Another tidal wave of text I don't really have time to read fully. But what I have gathered this will be a useless failure. How do you you guys justify this continued management failure and keep charging us more and more money to pay your salaries?

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Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Add these types of programs to this recommendation:

Start a Ranching for Wildlife Program similar to Colorado or Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) program similar to Utah. Opens doors for hunters to have access on premium private lands

Start a Landowner sellable and transferable elk, deer voucher program similar to CO, NM, NV, and UT. Gives incentive to work with game managers, hunters, and for financial reimbursement and tax money.

Start a landowner trade of hunter access for paid FWP fencing of crop storage areas and hay yards

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I apologize because I know my comment is in the wrong recommendation because I don't know where best it would fit. I have a few small ideas that combined may be helpful. 1) Landowner tags very similar to New Mexico's program. The landowner receives tags for them to sell to hunters at their discretion. Often the landowner opts to sell the tags to an outfitter who turns around and sells the whole hunt. However, when the landowner elects to receive "ranch only" tags, ONLY their deeded land is huntable with their tag. Conversely, a ranch that is comprised of land locked BLM, FS, DNR, and deeded land, that landowner may choose to elect to have unit wide tags given to them to sell, except when they elect unit wide tags be given to them (to compensate for elk and hunter damages), they agree to all lawful elk hunting elk access. This plan would keep outfitters in check as far as how many hunts they can sell- which I think are making elk hunting a rich man's game; but doesn't by any means put them out of business. It gives the landowner financial compensation for the damages elk and hunters cause and could lead to access for hunters.

The \$4million question is how can anyone learn to gain access to the millions of acres of land locked public land elk have refuge, and hunters have no access - which they absolutely should. Could FWP lease rights of way during the hunting season using a system similar to block management?

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I like the fact that you are putting in systems to improve access to private land. Please keep doing this.

My concern would be as a father of a special needs child. My adult son is a very good and safe hunter, but he will struggle with any testing. In these cases would it be possible to have an exception where the testing can be helped so they understand the written question or have the condition that the child/adult always hunt with another certified adult. In our case we always hunt together anyway.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Oppose this program

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

The concept is interesting but a couple elements are concerning to me.

Landowners should not be able to charge an unlimited fee for hunters to access. If this is a public program there should be no potential for private interests to profit. A reasonable fee to cover basic maintenance needs would be acceptable, but should be low enough to allow for an average Montanan to afford.

Landowners can already let their buddies hunt their land. This public program should not need to include a landowner preference on who can access their land. The training program provides the qualifier that should eliminate the need for landowner preference.

Thank you

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Q2
Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

First I can tell you from being a landowner, and having a public trail head on our land there is no such thing as net-zero impact to landowners. There will always be weeds, garbage, dogs, toilet paper and all the other garbage that the public brings with it. All it takes is that person who probably got a A in your required hunter training (that cost the landowner taxes to pay for) to forget to wash the undercarriage of their vehicle and bam that landowner is fighting weed for the rest of their life. I know Govt agencies have good intentions to spray weeds but it doesn't get done. Then you restrict the opportunities from proposal 2 and you have a really upset landowner. I don't believe there is any training that will produce a pool of hunters that have elevated skills to make this proposal work . People do what they can to pass the class, gain the opportunity and then carry on as they always have. Those that care about landowner operations already have the skill set and the relationship with the landowners. I believe between this proposal #1 and #2 you are simply going to increase taxes increase elk numbers and upset landowners and hunters.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

This is just another way to appease the landowners and close more land that is currently open. It time to purge the MT Government/FWP ranks of all Galt and Galt influence.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

elk are being controlled as a live stock with Private interests over Montanan's

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I love the idea of further hunter education.

I am concerned about any potential loss of current BMA's

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

You will not change bad behavior of people. Good behavior is just being pushed aside and being asked to jump through more hoops. The bad actors will still be bad actors.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

This looks like a nightmare to complex administer and could be ripe with favoritism. A solution looking that looks at the public to solve when the problem is private landowners hoarding elk. How does this solve the horading issue? I do not support this.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

It sounds like a program that would have interested me a few decades ago. Now that I am reaching into my 70's not so much, but a program that would address physically challenged older folks would.

It seems the App end of this idea would cost a lot of \$\$ and take awhile to implement.

But it would be great for landowners to know they are allowing vetted hunters onto their properties.

So I guess I would be for this recommendation if the \$\$ end and technology end could be figured out.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Excellent idea

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I agree with the recommendation for Access Plus. The recommendations put forth are judicious and designed to address the interests of both hunters and landowners. Based on the implementation strategy, the program would create accountability and responsibility from hunters, while also incentivizing landowner participation and reducing administrative burden.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Giving farmers and ranchers OUR bull elk tags will surely eliminate any access by local hunters, so those out of state goobs can buy a tag from an outfitter to shoot a bull (how does that help over objective areas where COWS need reduction not BULLS!) Gianforte and the director need to be impeached and fired for the blatant misuse of extremely expensive tags, and for putting money in farmers pockets, while eliminating 95% of local taxpayers from any opportunity. That 95% will mean the end of this stupid and unfair giveaway, Gianforte and the director came up to give their outfitter friends a huge monetary gift while you shit on us! Time for outfitters to be reduced by 90% in Montana. They are far above the carrying capacity in all areas of Montana. They fill fishing parking lots, and lease the good hunting with OUR money, only to lock US out. This is a SPORT not an opportunity to make money off of OUR fish and game. They NEVER had the right to dominate OUR resources to OUR EXCLUSION! Why are they allowed to sell public resources for their own personal gain.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I have instructed for the Master Hunter Program and the Next Level Camp. I think these programs are great and approaching this access program in a pilot program I support. There has to be a mechanism to prevent all the Type 1 and Type 2 cooperators to becoming Type 3's.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I believe you need to change objective levels in certain over objective areas, before we worry about anything else!

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Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

This seems like it would very easily turn into a hunt for lease and just further the problem of gaining access to the public's elk. I agree with increasing the education requirements, but private property owners should not be able to assess a trespass fee. There needs to be other ways to implement access.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I agree with the Access Plus Program. If elk overpopulation is a legitimate problem for private land owners then they should be more than willing to participate in allow more public access to elk that hunters managed and paid for. Open more opportunity for public hunting. The demand is overwhelming. Don't forget the non resident opportunity also. Remember we pay the bulk of the license fees annually.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

These changes are silly. They do not seem to follow the science. From my understanding elk are above target population. Why would we change things to reduce pressure???

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Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

This is a ridiculous idea. It's that simple. Stop.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I strongly oppose this recommendation, and any other that incentivizes land owners to profit off of a public resource. Landowners complaining about excess elk should not simultaneously need large cash incentives to allow harvest.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Where you hunt is not smyones business !!

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

The elk do not belong to the land owner but I believe they should be paid if they are in block management.
No extra charge should be required.
Block mAnagement payment should be raised.

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Recommendation #1: Access Plus Program

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Access Plus Program: First we must realize that logically an elk herd's current size represents the True "natural objective." All other measures of "objective" are defective because they have ignored 1 or more variables which establish an objective and Therefore are just wishful thinking. Elk herds located on property without unlimited hunter access are NOT part of an "over objective" formula.

Objective formula: habitat + hunter access + land owner tolerance + bull objective = True Natural Objective.

Property owners should collect the contact information of every hunter who harvests animals and invite them back each year. Private property owners need "killers," not hunters if they want a herd size reduced.

I hunt private property and I have harvested up to 6 deer in one day for a rancher who wanted deer removed, I have harvested 2-elk, 2-deer, and 2-antelope in one year; all on private property, ONLY because the property owners wanted them removed. I am a killer not a hunter. We do not eat wild meat, we pay for the processing and donate ALL meat to a food cupboard.

It was obvious to Private Property owners, when they purchased property, that there is wildlife. It was known that the wildlife belongs to the citizens of Montana AND there is no constitutional requirement that the wildlife MUST be managed to maximize private property income; there was full disclosure, there are no secrets and therefore no surprises.

The statistics show that the more bulls desired requires a larger herd of cows. 100 Cow Elk only create 5-30 calves per year. If 60 bulls are harvested then it requires 185 replacement calves (40% will die in the first year) or 615 cow elk. In this perfect world we are assuming that hunters can harvest 100% of the 5-7 year old bulls. Since hunter success is only about 20% we need 300 bulls to stalk. This requires 1000 calves for replacement or 3000 cows for production. If 100% of cow elk produced a calf then we could manage for smaller herd size. However, as long as we want 30 bulls per 100 cow ratios we have to accept 3000 herd sizes. The only way to reduce herd size is to reduce the number of bulls. All of the data reveals that those herds who lay on or below the objective curve only have 5-15 bulls per 100 cows AND also contain the most public access.

THE Access Plus Program would turn Montana into a European style of hunting. How much government does Montana need to micro manage the Public's Wildlife? There is a discussion regarding humane harvest. I realize that a wounded animal, running across a field, tugs at our heart strings; BUT, it will die, it will provide food for other wildlife, and it is removed from the troublesome herd, therefore it helps to meet the "objective." Even I have lost an animal.

Throughout this entire scoping process, we have not compared the "objective" setting system for mule deer to the "objective" setting system for elk. It appears that mule deer are creating very little anguish. Therefore, we study the possibility of adopting the mule deer system for elk.

Conclusion: private property owners need to collect contact information of successful hunters and invite them back.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

It's been a right of Montana hunters to hunt with both a bow or a firearm every year, if you are want to manage the hunts ,manage the out of staters and outfitters that are getting rich on Montanans game animals not the States nor the landowners

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I support this program.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

As a landowner as well as a hunter this proposal is interesting to me on two completely different levels. As a landowner I do not allow hunting primarily because I have found very few hunters that are willing to do the communication and relationship building that I would require to feel comfortable granting access to hunt. I don't like the current block management system because I have no idea who the hunters are and if they are good people following the rules. As a hunter this proposal is very interesting because it would possibly allow me acces to property that would not be allowed any other way. I would be more than happy to take courses to qualify as well as paying the landowner directly for the access. Paying the landowner directly makes the most sense because the money goes to the landowner and not bureaucracy. This proposed program could be a very good way to open up access and at the same time allow the landowner some control and monetary benefit. This I feel is far better than landowners leasing properties to outfitters which essentially eliminates access to common hard working people.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

While I am not opposed to the additional training and certification process, I do believe that the loss of funding for the Block Management would have a very negative affect. In the current economy many ranchers already are financially stressed. Keep the fund in place with the additional training available.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name	Andy
City/Town	Helena
State/Province	MT

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I think this program would be great. Builds trust between landowners and hunters while increasing access

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

This seems like a good idea, but with the complexity with which it involves, I don't think there is the right infrastructure in place to have become a reality. Also, what happens when the number of hunters who become a part of the expanded group becomes too large where there are too many hunters for the amount of access that is being allowed. Just another way to limit people who don't have access already.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I am adamantly opposed to allowing landowners to charge whatever daily access fee they want. There is no doubt landowners participating in type 1 or 2 areas would pull out and start directly charging access fees thereby eliminating free access. In my opinion this is nothing more than a first step toward 100% pay to play.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I believe a type 3 block management could be a really big thing, I believe it can bring in some of those land owners who had concerns about how people treat the place, I like the one strike and you're out rule because it will remove the people who ruin the opportunity for other hunters.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

to complex and costly for averagehunter

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

STRONGLY OPPOSE. This follows the model of New Mexico and favors hunters with deep pockets. If this model is preferred, people are welcome save up and hunt New Mexico.

Montana residents are largely blue collar and choose to live in a state with less financial opportunity in exchange for cold winters and an outdoor recreation lifestyle to include hunting. Montana residents are the ones that advocate for balanced management of wildlife and are largely responsible for the healthy elk herds and habitat this state offers. I welcome non-residents to join us in our outdoor endeavors, but their access to Montana resources should NOT be based on highest bidder.

The Access Plus Program is not equitable or inclusive. Please NO!

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I do not agree with this proposal. The overwhelming majority of hunters are not only deeply respectful to private land owners but take very seriously following rules/regulations & proficiency in their craft to ensure clean, ethical & legal harvests. This proposal seeks to punish the average hunter & require them to jump through additional bureaucratic hoops to placate landowners (who don't even open their land to hunters) fears of the "problem hunter". Those who already have decided to have a negative perception of the hunting community will not be swayed by these additional regulations, but it will create an additional barrier for law abiding, respectful hunters. This proposal puts the assumption of guilt on the entire hunting community, it sends a message that lack of access is the due to the disrespectful and reckless nature of hunters, when this is simply not true. We should provide greater incentive to landowners to open their lands to the public instead of punishing the hunting community.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Please do not take more hunting rights from us. Lot of the land I have hunted lost to outstater byong up land. We have more hunting land than other states And it's all gated. Or checkerboard corp. .. Open up the gates let us like we did forty years ago. Let us live like people from Montana. Not like other states.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Please do take our right to hunt with gun or bow. Open up the gates . That will give us more room . Also make it law that you want to go out the woods walk your dog camping hiking , you should have to buy recreational permit like you when you hunt or fish. Please don't take away our rights

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

This is great in theory, but incredibly challenging to implement. I disagree with moving forward. This would further limit hunting for only hunters who have time to do this program. There are plenty of us who are ethical, respectful hunters who have families, jobs and no time to do such a program. Funds and resources should instead be directed to pay the current block management type 1 and 2 landowners more. I would even agree to paying more for hunting licenses to expand and properly reimburse the current program. Right now, one of my favorite block management programs, the Frost Ranch outside of Calf Creek in the Bitterroot has left block management because they are paid more to lease to an outfitter. Public resources have to pay more than an outfitter to have this benefit your DIY and non-outfitted hunters.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I am adamantly opposed to Choosing between hunting just rifle or just bow hunting. It's stated reason is to relieve the pressure and number of people in the woods but it really won't work because most hunters like myself dedicate so many days to hunting. So instead of spreading the hunting between Bow and rifle it will all be in one or the other. So there will be just as many Hunter days. I'm 67 and Been Hunting for almost 51 years now. Yes there are places with more hunters in the woods. However that's not really the problem. It's the ethics of the hunters that are hunting. It's the hunters That break the rules. That's the problem. It's also the problem that the elk get on ranches that don't allow hunting. Fish and Game could pay more for block management encouraging those people to open up and work with them on various levels. And the ranchers that complain about the elk that don't allow hunting simply must be told that they got to allow hunting or at least allowed damage hunts. We can't just give them a handful of permits. Then we are rewarding them for doing what they're doing. We certainly can't have them shooting "extra" trophy bulls If they don't allow people on the ranch to hunt. I adamantly opposed the privatization of Elk herds on these private ranches which is what's happening with giving them several extra permits to give to their family and friends. Or to sell to outfitters for trophy bulls. Elk belong to all of us not just to the private ranchers.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I read the whole topic. Very complex issues but I see this as a win for the landowners and not so for the hunter. If the landowner is allowed to do some or most of what I read we probably will be paying for state wildlife and probably living with alot of new reg,s so dictated by the land owners. I don't ever plan on owning a smart phone so the interactive dashboard is discriminating against us for taking that stand. Some landowners would really love this, a new revenue source for them and I would be afraid many would move away from the current programs. This program only sounds good if you have alot of rich folks around but what about the rest of us.

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Recommendation #1: Access Plus Program

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Dear FWP and the Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group -

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your 'Access Plus Program' proposal.

The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers supports the general idea of Access Plus and recognizes the overlap between parallel conversations happening around the idea of a similar, Type 3 Block Management Program, which is mentioned in this description. In theory, expanding access and creating new opportunities in premier areas or private lands seems like a reasonable trade off in exchange for higher levels of required hunter/landowner education and standards of ethics and proficiency.

If this expands access and opportunity, it could be a valuable tool to manage current inaccessible elk on private lands. These property owners could relax a bit knowing the caliber of hunters that are allowed to participate. This sounds like a viable strategy to us.

That said, there are few guarantees that this program would be successful or that it wouldn't result in existing block management participants simply changing from Type I or II to III rather than attracting new landowners to the program.

The time commitment required for a course of this magnitude – especially with an in-person marksmanship component - would likely deter the masses from completing the training, leaving a smaller but qualified pool of potential sportsmen and women to participate in the early phases of the Access Plus Program. As noted by FWP, we too see this being very similar to the existing Master Hunter program.

Because of this, however, we are concerned that this will be tough to expand to reach the number of participants needed to make a real impact here, especially considering how unreasonable it may be to expect non-residents (a significant part of our current problem in regard to hunter behavior) to travel long distances for this required training.

We encourage the department to consider revamping existing, digital hunter/landowner relations education curriculum to use as the required course/training to qualify for not just this program, but any private lands enrolled in any public access programs administered by FWP (so existing Type I and II BMAs, hunt rosters, 454s, upland game bird enchantment areas, etc). That way we could improve hunter behavior and landowner relations across the board while allowing existing private programs like the Montana Master Hunter Program to continue to operate in this exclusive, small-scale way.

And yes, we agree that for this program proposal and many others, that mandatory harvest reporting would be helpful. We encourage FWP to implement this change.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on your 'Access Plus Program' proposal, and we appreciate your careful consideration.

-The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I would be in favor of this program if its integrity can be held to the same high standard of hunter ethics. I do disagree with the pay to hunt system which would be dictated by the landowner. Many landowners already make large profits by charging hunters and or hunters with guides to hunt and harvest our public resources such as elk and deer... This system would work well if it placed a cap on the revenue generated for the landowner set up similarly to the current block management program. I do think this could create a more hospitable atmosphere for landowners and hunters who would like to access all sizes of private properties.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

We do not need to change rules that makes you pick between bowhunting and rifle. There is no overcrowding on our public lands . Make an comparison between the total acres of public lands available to hunt and number of hunters. Most complaints are from people that don't want to spend the time or effort to find public lands to hunt. Reduce all the bowhunters and you will not make that much more land available for rifle hunters. I'm 75 years old and it will taxes my intelligent to take a 6 weeks course. I've hunted for over 50 years, taken the bowhunters test which should be enough testing. Also in most areas of Montana we have more elk then the land can handle. Leave well enough alone.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

This will not stop hunters bad action remember this was already done with every hunter it was hunter safety. No program will cure bad choices

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

The idea of getting more hunters onto private land is spot on. The elk know where they are safe and pile up on private while hunters hit public access. The complex situation shouldn't boil down to money. The public own the elk. The landowners who are open to selecting hunters should be the only ones who can compensated for wildlife damages ect (public funds), and the state needs to facilitate this. I like the dashboard idea and the do chores ideas. It would make it really easy to sort out who can hunt based on actually meeting people. The exchange of money for public elk has been a serious problem lately as many ranchers who have let people hunt in the past have closed down public hunting due to rich people paying ridiculous amounts for hunting rights. That should be illegal.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

In general, I support this proposal, with a caveat. I think the 1-strike rule should be amended to be a 3-5 year freeze window; remedial training, service, and education, and requalification. For context, I am a certified master hunter through OneMontana and think this has potential.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

This seems like a very cumbersome and costly method of extending access to a limited number of individuals on private land. It is perhaps something that could be tried on a limited basis, but doesn't seem like it will be possible on a state wide basis.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

This is a good idea, but I'm skeptical if it will actually get new landowners into the Block Management Program. See Backcountry Hunters & Anglers comment on this matter for more critiques that align with my views.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

This could have merit if enough land owners agreed

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I support Montana BHA's opinion on the matter: We encourage the department to consider revamping existing, digital hunter/landowner relations education curriculum to use as the required course/training to qualify for not just this program, but any private lands enrolled in any public access programs administered by FWP (so existing Type I and II BMAs, hunt rosters, 454s, upland game bird enchantment areas, etc). That way we could improve hunter behavior and landowner relations across the board while allowing existing private programs like the Montana Master Hunter Program to continue to operate in this exclusive, small-scale way.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Other states have tried this and have mixed results because the many rules and hoops to jump through, and those often elusive courses and instructors, can overwhelm most hunters. I saw the wording on testing this concept and believe a trial test run would be best. Who in FWP would decide if the private lands would hold game and qualify for the program? Is FWP going to create ranges for the marksmanship tests? I vote try it.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

All you are doing is overcomplicating the problem, why doesn't Mt FWP quit changing policies, because they are ruining hunting in Mt.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Yet another terrible idea. Another program that makes hunting more expensive ,days off for training, course fees etc. if you have plenty of free time off and money to burn great- you can buy access with it to these "public" hunts. Never mind adding more burdens to landowners and fwp staff both in office and field. This type of program is always sold as a reason for landowners to have a better quality hunter on their land, in reality they mostly just end up with wealthier ones. Thank you for your time.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I am opposed to this proposal.

#67

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I support the Access Plus Program

#68

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

we don't need another specialized access program that benefits a small group. Adults should not need special education to know to close gates, not litter, and not shoot near the cows.

#69

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Contact info (optional)

City/Town	Clancy
State/Province	MT

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Additional training requirements should be wrapped into one package. Having inconsistent requirements from one piece of land to the next can make it difficult for hunters to make sure they are following each specific requirement. Having a larger training with more requirements/components is preferable to cover all properties under this Type 3 Block Management program.

Hunters should be given a chance to provide meaningful/impactful reviews of landowner performance under this program. Landowners performance should be reviewed at the end of each season and eligibility for the next season be determined based on seasons performance.

Landowners should be allowed to charge whatever fee they deem appropriate but that should be established at the beginning of the season and should be locked in for the season. They should not be able to change the fee each day based on favorable or unfavorable conditions.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I don't support a program of this design and definitely not using such a large amount of taxpayer money to implement it.

#71

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name	Hunter Price
City/Town	Helena
State/Province	MT

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

The Access Plus Program, I think, would be a great opportunity to open more land to the public, and allow more opportunity to educate hunters. The only thing I would hope gets looked at is in the implementation portion, where it's stated that the landowners can block out dates for hunters they have built a relationship with over the years. I believe this is a good idea, as long as it doesn't get abused to the point where landowner friends and family get full use of the property while the landowner gets funded for being in the program.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

sounds way too complicated to administer.

#73

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

As a person who has hunted most of his young kid to young adult life I have noticed drastic changes not only in the NW part of the the state but across the whole state. Population of hunters, wolves, grizzlies and land being bought or turning into some type of non public land.

The problem I believe we have in the NW part of the state heading from Troy MT all the way to billings is the amount of out of state hunters, people who have just moved in and are hunting and haven't been in the state more than 6 months. They don't know the ways or the respect of the game or hunters. I've noticed more poached elk and deer in the last 3 years and animals wounded than all my years of hunting. People who haven't hunted or out of state blindly shooting when other hunters are near. They don't take care of the land and don't respect the land.

One way to change this is limit out of state tags and for new montana residents they need to take a montana hunting course and be here longer than 1 year. We have noticed a fluctuation of people coming and going and ruining parts of montana and making it hard for the the people who have been here there whole lives. Public land is a gift to us hunters and we want to keep this gift. It's hard seeing the game and land not being respected.

As for the wolves and over populated bears we should be able to hunt wolves from August-April and bears from April-july then August-decemeber. All bears that are in city limits should either be handled by someone with a bear tag to help prevent ot from happening again or relocated deep in the Bob Marshall.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I oppose the Access Plus program. Any program that thinks they will elevate a group of hunters to some elite status by more government requirements and training is silly. Decent people know how to treat landowners and will be welcomed back time after time without being "trained" to some "elite" status by the government.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

This is an interesting concept and could prove to be beneficial in gaining more hunter access but does seem to encourage landowners to charge a fee for allowing access. If implemented a year or two of data would probably show if the program was successful or not.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

This proposal seems like a good idea, but maybe too complicated and require too much time for the beginning hunter. To manage elk populations hunter numbers need to be maintained not reduced. Recommend improving the existing hunter/land owner educational program on-line. It could be required for any public access program. I have no problem requiring mandatory harvest reporting.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I am writing today to ask that FWP approve the "Access Plus Program" proposal. As a hunter, I believe it is important to build bridges with private landowners to ensure the continuation of our hunting tradition. As a conservationist, I believe doing so is also absolutely essential to responsibly conserve many of our big game species - Elk, in particular. This proposal, though rough, has the right idea and if it will help build those bridges I'm all for it.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

When completing the Master Hunter Program we discussed this topic. I really like the idea of a system that allows the land owner to be more confident that the hunter they are allowing on their property. There may also be more landowners willing to participate in the program. I'm not excited about the portion of the proposal that allows landowners to charge for access. As someone that doesn't have much disposable income I can see this as a hinderance in my participation, even though I have completed the education and field requirements.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I like the idea of having a group of hunters with extra training and certificates that landowners can choose to allow access (especially since in recent years many hunters don't seem to pay attention to the ethics portion of Hunter and Bowhunter Education classes.) However, the portion that allows landowners to directly charge hunters for access will just encourage farming for wildlife and will only reduce hunter access to those who can "pay to play", closing the door on many families that hunt because it helps them keep food on their plate. If landowners want monetary compensation for access then working in something more akin to how Block Management works makes more sense. Furthermore I think the added costs to FWP for a lot of the tech updates is unnecessary to make the program successful and while some of those proposals sound convenient I feel like many "convenient" apps and websites they will cause more headaches and confusion than they are worth. Perhaps those could be worked toward in the future, but there are bigger issues to tackle with limited funding and manpower right now.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Being a hunter that has already taken bow hunter education and hunters education I am against taking a six week course to decide what certificate I get for archery or rifle hunting. I have and most people hunting have taken the required hunters education course to go afield. I also believe changing seasons to either bow or rifle is wrong. Reduce hunter population by limiting the amount of out of state hunters

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Couldn't agree more with the intent, but see concerning issues with the complexity. I agree fully with FWP comments and concerns. Likely, excessive technology required by all participants (landowners & hunters).

#82

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I am opposed to this program for a few reasons. As a bow hunter ed instructor I know that we are already taxed on volunteer help so it could be hard to get more help for this. I also thought Montana took pride in not charging for land access and it seems this may be the opposite of that. I would be worried other block management would be lost to this program instead so would it even open up new lands?
Thank you

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Good, but difficult to implement

#84

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name	Montana Citizens Elk Management Coalition
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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

The Coalition is supportive of increasing the efficacy and the harvest rates/ quality of hunts on block management and we are supportive of improving hunter behavior , but we are concerned about the transfer of funds relative to having access being granted upon that transaction. While we are encouraged by the out-of-the-box thinking relative to this proposal, we would ask that the agency continue to work on this proposal with a broader group of interests to ensure that other concurrent and complementary efforts are taken into consideration for the 2023/2024 Block Management Agreements. We further have reservations relative to allowing FWP staff to act as agents in helping set up situations that could lead to the further privatization of wildlife by allowing them to be the go-between from hunters and landowners. While we are excited about the level of thought being poured into this proposal, we strongly recommend analyzing the unintended impacts that this may cause.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I fear this would be viewed by regular hunters as a way around general public access so that landowners could allow only their friends to hunt. I hope we do not spend block management funds on this .

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Waste of time and money

#87

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Contact info (optional)

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

The access plus program seems a little exclusive as the only people that can participate are those that have the time to attend these classes outside of a busy work schedule. I would agree with this program if it is made equitable and accessible. A potential consequence to think about is this new program could pull landowners away from type 1 and type 2 BMAs, therefore actually resulting in less access. Type 1 BMAs arguably result in some of the most access and it would be a shame to lose them to a program that results in less access. The one strike policy seems a little harsh if the hunter isn't even responsible for the accused behavior. I disagree with landowners charging a fee because this is a slippery slope. Landowners may shut down their property to these access programs to just keep charging access fees. This could also result in transferable landowner tags down the road. While I disagree with a fee, if there is one, there needs to be a cap. It is unfair to put money into a program that is only accessible by those that have the money to be able to pay higher fees for access. Instructors for hunter education are already difficult to obtain and I am concerned this new program would also have an instructor shortage. If this program is implemented, I agree that it should have to go through a test run and also involve extensive public input. I would much rather money for BMAs go towards type 1 BMAs and to creating more BMAs in the future, not this new program that is essentially excluding a portion of hunters that are contributing money towards it. Perhaps it could be funded more voluntarily such as money donated by hunters through giving their unsuccessful permit draw dollars to the program. Making the training available online if it is put together would help to make it more available for all hunters.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Absolutely do not incentivize landowners charging hunters for access. Making access to land for ethical, compliant, responsible hunters who only happen to have the financial means is not the solution here.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I think that this is a bad idea to have FWP manage special hunter privileges to private lands. It competes with existing BMA program and will likely reduce opportunities for hunters not enrolled in Access Plus. The application and approval process could promote hunter favoritism between land owner and FWP. And FWP would be forced into an increased policing role to evaluate disputes under a one strike rule.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

The access plus program will not incentivize most land owners in my experience. A lot of landowners are from out of state and have no interest in allowing people to hunt on their land.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Isn't this what the Master Hunter program is? I have tried for years to get into that and have not been accepted. Will this program be as hard to get into? And will this make private landowners get rid of Block management? Not in favor of this.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's (RMEF) mission is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife, their habitat and our hunting heritage. We represent more than 225,000 members nationwide and over 14,000 members in Montana. Since its inception in 1984, RMEF has permanently conserved or enhanced more than 8.5 million acres of North America's most vital habitat for elk and other wildlife, including over 900,000 acres in Montana. As such, RMEF has a vested interest in ensuring the sustained productivity of elk and other wildlife in Montana.

RMEF encourages FWP to explore this recommendation further – An alternative to current Type 1 or 2 Block Management Area (BMA) options is needed to address specific landowner concerns. An assessment would be needed to understand how a new BMA option would affect current BMA enrollment and overall program goals. The Advisory Group recommendation includes the possibility for landowners to charge an outright access fee. RMEF recommends extensive public engagement to understand social tolerance for this approach and incorporation of hunter perspectives.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I believe it would be a very poor decision to go down the path of utilizing an access plus program. Please leave the hunting season/access as is.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name	Michael Kelly
City/Town	Miles City
State/Province	MT

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I disagree with this proposal. Allowing land owners to charge ANY fee to the public for access to a public resource is egregious. It is one short step away from the sale of wildlife.

It's a shame, because without the compensation portion of this proposal, I could see some merit to this idea. I very much like that applicants are picked through a random draw, and I am open to a hunting course that would certify interested hunters to a 3rd BMA type.

BUT in the strictest sense possible, I can not overstate how disagreeable I find the direct or indirect payment of fees from public hunters to private landowners. There are already enough outfitters, guides, and cabin-renters who are making too much money off the sale of access to public resources, we do NOT need a state-run website/app that further streamlines that process, drawing more and more BMA participants along with it.

I have heard and understand some BMA participants complaints that hunters are not respecting their property, and am open to addressing that with new ideas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

The idea that public access to private lands is a mystery is a false one. The Block Management program has been wildly successful, and folks take it for granted. Instead of new programs, we need to lean into BM with greater funding, focus, and perhaps new types of BM. I'm not too enthused about this Access Plus Program.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I support an access plus program such as a T3 Block Management. I think if done appropriately it could be a benefit to landowners and sportsmen. I think the devil is in the details and oversight must be transparent and done by the department. I believe there are landowners out there that may look for loopholes to manipulate the system and the Department should be cautious.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Support concept of educating hunters to produce a higher level of comfort. Major concern with landowners opting out of current Block Management resulting in bottlenecks. Also concern about landowner established fee's . Really like the exchange of services option

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

My first concern is that this would cost more than the average low income hunter would be able to justify while trying to support a family in this crazy world.

I also wonder about the percentage of people who would put in for the opportunity and then not bother to use it if selected. I was researching a list of the hunters who were selected to hunt on property that a landowner had received a permit for allowing the access. Out of the 3 hunters selected, there was an average of 1 that actually hunted there and most had hunted on other land they were familiar with. More justification for requiring more people to be selected to begin with and maybe monitoring during the season to make sure someone is hunting there.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

I do not support this program as it tries to solve a problem that either 1 doesn't exist or 2 already has a solution (BMA).

#100

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

In concept I like this idea. I recently graduated from the Master Hunter Program, which is hugely comprehensive. However, it is quite expensive (they do have scholarships tho) and very time intensive-- not all people would be able to participate based on time or \$ so would be excluded. The state said it doesn't have the capacity with the current hunter ed staff to take this on without an expansion. Further, the current state stewardship online certification is a bit of a joke compared w Master Hunter. -- I'd suggest the best solution would be to work with the MH program to secure state funding to provide expanded scholarship opportunities and perhaps have a short course that doesn't involve the time MH does but still covers what you need. Lastly-- and importantly-- I do see this proposal would entertain some sort of a fee established by the landowner. I'm much opposed to this idea as it gets into the 'pay to play' notion we are trying to avoid. I do support volunteer services in lieu of cash-- giving a day or two to do whatever the landowner needs in terms of projects, etc.-- that's great but not cash as it will get us into the rut of whomever has the money can participate and it's the public's resource.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Although I agree it would be great to have better access to private land, but more and better education/certification for hunters seems a lofty goal. It seems the cost of the program for FWP and hunters could be too high to make it successful and a hard sell for a lot of the hunters without a great campaign. It also seems that it would take quite awhile to make it happen - not a quick solution. There is no guarantee that land owners will buy into this and open up more hunting opportunities based on a hunter certification.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Access plus program, although it has it's merits due to management of public hunting, letting the landowner the option to charge for hunting, which could potentially be a large fee (elk), is a poor option at best. The average hunter cannot pay the high dollar fees for a mule deer and/or elk hunt and this program could potentially lead to leasing, more outitted lands and could cause existing block management lands to diminish. There is already plenty of commercialization of a public resource (wildlife) which this program encourages. How this ever became a proposal is questionable at best. Privatization of a public resource is what this proposal encourages. Please don't waste sportsmans' time in the future on proposals like this one.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

MWF offers conditional support but we are opposed to the transfer of funds. We believe this proposal is going in the right direction, but it needs more discussion and thought behind it to make it equitable for all. We support increased hunter education leading to stronger opportunities for quality hunts, but not at the expense of all other programs and funding sources.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

Although I support an additional type 3 BM I think it would be impossible to get enough hunters to take any training to qualify for the Type 3 BM. It would discriminate against Nonresident hunters. I feel the BMP needs to be totally changed to promote better hunting.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

We recommend establishing mandatory reporting requirements for all hunters in Montana, but especially for this program. Otherwise this appears to us a reasonable proposal that we may choose to engage in as a landowner. In addition, as one of the largest Block Management participants in Montana, American Prairie would be happy to contribute to content development re: "a group of landowners would be consulted, and proposed content would be reviewed for majority consent ensuring widespread support from the landowner community."

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation for the Access Plus Program.

They already have a program like this, Master Hunter although no one knows or understands it.

All block management types could change to this program, how many ranches would change status, thus reducing Block Management acreage to hunt?

Would this program be only for residents? How would out of stater hunter training work?
