

Recommendation #15: Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Workgroup threw out solutions to a problem that doesn't exist. Real problem is lack of access... many solutions here... Department should be open to and support corner-crossings as an alternative access strategy

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Just resolve the corner crossing issue and you'll resolve the trespassing problem 10-fold.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I support stricter penalties

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Sounds good.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

It is not so much the degree of punishment that deters crime, it is the degree of likelihood of being caught that deters. Law enforcement resources are already overstressed.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Add to this recommendation.

Trespassing with today's technology and the many apps:
add a \$10,000 fine, loss of hunting privileges for 3 years not 2, and include 30 days in jail and/or 160 hours community service.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

FWP presently spends far too much of our limited resources protecting property owners while public land is abused. I would suggest that more enforcement of egregious public land violations would create a better environment for all. Let the landowners hire security guards instead of FWP handling that role. And let MHP and local authorities handle trespassing instead of making our great wardens condescend to nothing but lackeys to property owners.

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I'm all for this especially if it is clearly intentional. If it's an honest accident I feel differently.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I agree with part of this, but companies like onx need to be fined as well. Example they had a public trail wrong on one of their mapping application on my neighbors ranch who was fighting tons of trespassers, turned out it was onx so really the trespassers were somewhat misguided. The landowner had to spend his own money to sue onx to get it corrected.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Legalize corner hopping and you will get far less trespassing

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

The only recommendation in your list I agree with!! There definitely needs to be stiffer penalties for both side of the coin. A couple years ago my brother and I hiked 2 miles to the far corner of a BMA in hopes of catching a buck coming off of locked up "OUTFITTED" property. As the deer were starting to move so was the outfitter. The outfitter proceeded to drive back and forth, within a few feet of my brother and I (in hunters orange and very obvious) several times. He was driving on the BMA, which was not his property. It was quite obvious this was to prevent any of the deer from crossing his fence onto the BMA. This same rancher (GALT) will be the first to gripe about game damaging his property. I have watched Bill Galt hazing elk, with his little blue helicopter, away from public land and back to his pay hunters. Yet he always has some excuse and nothing is ever done, mainly because he is a GALT.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Am in complete support of this measure. The public needs to absolutely be held accountable for their actions in a meaningful way. It sickens me to pick up litter, or see 4- wheeler tracks on closed roads. Incentivizing reporting of violations is a good program.

Additionally, I have twice in the past few years encountered the lessee of public lands in Garfield County who was driving on BLM roads on his leased lands, well after his cattle were moved off. Each time he had a hunter in orange with him. The issue of him driving those roads is a gray area legally to me (considering I had walked 3 miles in to get to the same place he was). But what irks me more is that he has parts of over 20 sections of public land land-locked by his family's holdings - and he is out driving on BLM roads which I or anyone else cannot, and has cautioned me both times to make sure I know the boundaries. So this landowner's questionable ethics and behaviors are disappointing and don't help the greater issue get solved. No doubt the "Commission" comprised of ranchers would see nothing wrong with his actions - but his actions and the corner-crossing law are in part why herds are out of whack on large private parcels. I'd hate to see a landowner like this be incentivized with more public money, when he is already paying peanuts to run his livestock on the public's dime, and then actively pushing elk back onto his own acreage & the landlocked parcels. Enforcement is a two-way street, for sure.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I agree with this recommendation.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I am happy FWP is looking in to this. Stricter penalties for poachers is a must. Poachers don't follow the rules, so taking away hunting privileges does nothing. These fines need to exceed guided hunt price for the species involved. The trophy fines need an update too, a large increase

I would also like to see prosecution for hunter harassment from landowners, I have been harassed multiple times in eastern Montana.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

There needs to be severe penalties where public roads are gated and public ground is illegally posted by nearby landowners. They should lose the ability to bid on any range leases or any other use of govt. property, with huge fines for stealing our land.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Is trespassing really why there are too many elk in some areas? I doubt it. The penalties are ok. I am a landowner and have had problems with trespassers shooting deer at night which I reported. FWP responded and ticketed the people doing it which turned out to be kids drinking. While they made a mistake, I think they were punished adequately for what they did.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I support tough penalties for trespassing. When crafting this legislation make it mandatory penalties, as different courts throughout the state are not consistent in the application of the current trespassing statutes. The current statutes if used appropriately are already graduated by the number of offenses.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Absolutely!

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I think this is long overdue. On addition that would make this even better is to include a substantial penalty to an outfitter or guide if the offending party is working with the guiding business.

It seems that the guided hunters often have the financial means to influence the guide to trespass.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Good idea but needs refinement. Unintentional trespass is one thing blatant intentional is another. There need to be different levels of penalties. I see this as more against the hunter than the landowner. Most wealth landowners don't give a shit for monetary penalties and they have to much money, power and influence that charging a land owner is a joke. Unless you can come up with a way to make it painful enough for a wealth landowner they are not going to care and will continue to do as they want.

Like i said it appears good but is one sided.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I have had a trespassing problem for over 40 years and continues to this day. I highly recommend much stricter penalties to align more with neighboring states.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Landowners illegally blocking access to public land is an issue that needs to be enforced to the level of the massive offense that it is. Penalties and enforcement also need to be focused on illegal road use and illegal offroad use as these are giving hunters a real bad name and also taking opportunity away from legal hunters.

Please focus on illegal blocking of public land and illegal road/off road use by hunters on public land.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

In order for this to take place corner crossing would 100% have to be determined illegal or legal in the state of Montana and all property would have to be 100% resurveyed and marked. All public roads and easement must be marked. At this moment this is only a way to scare the public away from corner crossing/not well marked but still accessible areas without the landowner having to illegally scare the public away. This creates more of a crowding issue at that point.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

No. There aren't enough officers and so this is still a 'if they get caught' situation. Landowners need to stop trying to have their cake and eat it too.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Yes just do it. People need to not trespass so those of us that work on relationships with landowners so we can legally hunt their land are not seen in a bad light.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Completely agree. At the same time let's enforce stricter penalties for landowners that violate public access and wildlife laws, i.e. illegal gates and hazing animals so they stay on their land. Hunters aren't the only ones breaking the law.

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Needs to be give/take. Use the opportunity to increase penalties ONLY if they allow corner crossing. Quit keeping the public off public land!

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I was a resident of MT for 4 years and recently moved back to ID. I fully intend to continue hunting in MT as often as possible. I fully support these recommendations. I have access to 600 acres of private land and hunt public land as often as possible. I have had hunt after hunt ruined by others trespassing on my friends property. I caught up with two of them this year and very politely asked them to leave. I pay for an OnX subscription and go to great lengths to ensure I know the ground I stand on. These people know this is private land and they don't care.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I agree there needs to be stricter penalties for landowners that are illegally blocking public lands (which is a huge issue and the ranchers are almost never prosecuted). I also feel people trespassing really need to have stricter penalties. Those are the hunters that ruin it for everyone else. The big question you should be asking yourself before you make this change is what about corner crossing? With the mapping technology like onX (which the wardens all use to investigate trespassing). What is going to happen when some on takes it to court like the recent case on Wyoming? Do landowners on the airspace above their land? Robert

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Yes, they should enforce sticker penalties to them.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

This maybe a little harsh to the hunter but what is hunter harassment?

If the land owner does something wrong maybe you take there grassing lease away forest, blm or state land!

You know to a rich lander owner a fine is just a slap on the hand maybe this should be harsher

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

There is 0 oversight for the people who lease government property in this state. I have listen to them tell me how much money they make off people trespassing and hunting on government property. And they can hang any signs they want. A hunter is always wrong even when its leased government land. There are plenty of officers driving past the signs and are aware of their activities and ethics but spend their time enforcing the law with the hunters while the the land barons do what they please. It would be nice if the state government would take a little interest in the hunters who pay for all of this.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

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

If laws worked 100% then there would be no crime. Montana Department of Corrections is a prime example. No organization has more rules than DOC and yet DOC themselves and their clients are found in violation every day.

Montana did not have a trespassing problem until 2001. 2001 is when the Montana legislature surrendered the old tradition of property owners marking their property with Orange paint for the NEW rule: "it is the public's responsibility to know where are property lines." Hunters use to be able to tell immediately if they were welcomed to hunt or not, orange paint. Now sportsmen are expected to hunt down property owners who, many times, do not live within 60 miles of the property, just to discover that they need to talk to the lessee. The orange paint system worked well, it was simple and allowed the hunters to quickly pursue wildlife. Remember, we need to hunt where the wildlife is standing.

If knowing where your property line was so easy then we would not need surveyors. Did you know that a section is NOT always 1 square mile? I have been chased off of public land, many times, for no reason at all other than the lessee wanted to be a bully.

Montana Department of Natural Resources' leases require lessee's to remove all cattle by October 1. Yet, in January I find cattle on DNRC property. I reported this to DNRC and they did not seem to care. This DNRC property was in the middle of an "over objective" elk herd and the cattle were shielding my shot.

There are always going to be bad apples and we just have to deal with them 1 at a time. A new law does not change bad apples into good apples.

Do YOU understand the frustration of a hunter who has driven for hours to an area where there are reported "over objective" elk; just to discover that those elk stand just 100 yards from the road, but, are unavailable for harvest because of some unnecessary rule. If there is no access then that herd is NOT "over objective!"

Public exposure is the best cure for bad apples.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Although I believe there should be stiffer penalties, I do not believe the 1st offense should be the loss of all hunting privileges. Mistakes are made. The 1st offense could have a hefty fine, with the 2nd losing privileges, etc.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Scrap this idea all together please. FWP can barely patrol and enforce game laws across this state as is. Law breaking individuals are going to trespass no matter the consequences because most of them will never get caught.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Illegal locking of public roads by landowners needs to be addressed. It should come with a \$10,000. fine, in-eligible to lease or use ANY public land anywhere. (GRAZING LEASES)

#37

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Stricter penalties for trespassing is ok when the trespass is intentional. Sometimes the trespass is initiated because of illegal blocking of access by land owners. This also should have stricter penalty and enforcement. There should be an established procedure for the public/hunters to report these potential illegal closures.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I am in support but this should be expanded to all violations; not just trespassing. Violations which include off-road vehicle use are one of the highest frequency infractions that hunters witness in the field and this needs to be addressed. Many of these recommendations discuss dwindling elk densities on public land. Off-Road vehicle use and the expansion of vehicle use on public lands is the #1 contributor to this dwindling population.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I'm in favor of this. If you follow the rules you have nothing to fear of harsher penalties.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Yes for stricter penalties .

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

As a Montana resident hunter I agree with the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners. Many people get off easy and it should not be that way.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I am opposed to stricter penalties for trespassing or other so called bad behaviors by hunters. Until you and the state allow corner crossing, I will always oppose this. You have too many gray areas in land ownership to have excessive fines. Start by having strict penalties for outfitters and land owners who post legal right of way and public land. Have strict penalties when a land owner lays claim to public land or land locks public land and doesn't allow access. Tackle this before you try and lay blame for Hunter trespass.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I absolutely agree that stricter penalties be enforced. It's ridiculous how relatively easy people get off for unethical behavior. For example, I believe any poaching should be a lifetime ban of hunting and fishing privileges, regardless what the animal is (trophy or not).

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I strongly support this measure. Right now a minority of hunters who exhibit poor behavior negatively impact all of us but often receive to no punishment or just a slap on the wrist which is not much of a deterrent.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Make landowners clearly mark their land and provide access to state land that is land locked would go a long way to solving this problem. There is so much state land that we can't get to. This would also help with overcrowding of hunting lands .

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Dear FWP and the Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group -

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your 'Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners' proposal.

While we are firm advocates of private property rights, and anti-trespassing, we're also pro-public access and think equal or greater efforts should be put into making sure the public can access public lands. In other words, we support efforts to impose stricter penalties for trespassing, but we ask that they are commensurate to penalties levied to those who are illegally blocking public access.

Additionally, we suggest that stiffer fines be levied specifically for rule-breakers on publicly accessible private lands (Block Management, 454s, hunt rosters, PAL Act, UGBEP, etc). So for example, poaching, illegal motorized use, vandalism, littering, etc - let's double all those fines on private lands enrolled in any of FWP's public access agreements. As noted by FWP, these changes "would require statutory amendments to 87-6-415" ie legislative involvement.

That said, we encourage the department to consider one change that would not require legislative involvement:

It's our understanding that hunters who do not abide by the rules outlined in individual block management properties could be cited for 'failure to obtain landowner permission to hunt.' We encourage FWP to make this possibility known loud and clear via digital communications, inclusion on each block management rule/map document as well as posting this at each BMA sign-in box.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on your 'Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners' proposal. 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 to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

This recommendation has potential, but the language needs much more clarification. What would the different degrees of trespassing or other offenses mean for consequences? Any proposal to the commission or legislature clearly needs development and public comment.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I don't know that greater penalties are needed, but greater enforcement of both issues noted is need. Greater restriction of access to damage programs for landowners who charge for access/trespass is also needed. Just as hunters can't cause problems on private land and complain about lack of access. Landowners can't complain about to many elk while profiting from the sale of hunting permission and for bulls and then complain about to many cow elk.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Dear FWP,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

While I don't disagree about bumping up enforcement I think more officers need to be hired. Please put FWP money towards more enforcement officers, biologists, and technicians. In states such as Idaho each region has at least 2-3 officers, a biologist, assistant biologist, permanent technicians, and temporary technicians. Our WMA's could use more staff to increase habitat efforts for wildlife.

If you want to make the officers enforce more and harder please hire more staff. The officers on the ground are overworked and under paid. They are asked to bear management, regulate hunters, collect CWD samples, attend education meetings and so on. They need to focusing on regulating fishermen/women and hunters and educating them on those regulations.

Please consider adding more staff before overloading the officers with more work.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Inforcent the laws we have would help more than new laws. ie put more officers in the field. In 7 years of hunting in Montana I have only incountered 4 officers in the field. Other places I have hunted it was not uncommon to that many in a season. that alone helps keep people honest.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Land owners have gone through great extents to keep big game on their properties, from chasing to baiting, most popular is herding elk with pickups in a manner to keep them on their property. Stricter penalties need to be enforced on land owners.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Too much emphasis here on supporting private landowners -- there should be stricter fines on those who violate rules on public lands.

Greater efforts should be put into making sure the public can access public lands. This will take pressure off of hunters trying to access private land

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I support "Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners"

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I would like to see the issue addressed of guides/landowners hazing or herding elk from public land back onto private. This is a known problem in several areas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

The proposed penalties seem too draconian for trespass and will intimidate sportsman from exercising their access rights with regard to corner crossing, avulsed lands, and illegally posted lands. It's not balanced with proposed penalties for landowners or outfitters who attempt to intimidate or otherwise interfere with legal access by hunters.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I oppose this losing your hunting privileges for two years because you trespassed is way to harsh, what about the person who accidentally get 50 feet on a property on accident because there is no fence and there phone gps is only so good this would end up harshly punishing people who make simple mistakes and is not going to stop the people who are going to break the rules anyways make it tough on people who repeat bad behavior but not so hard on first time offenders.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I have had numerous times a couple of outfitters have stopped and harassed us while on public county roads for stopping and watching wildlife. This area typically harbors 400 to 500 head of elk with limited pressure that then come off damaging neighboring feed supplies after the season.

#58

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Great. Should start with Gianforte the Governor of montana for bad behavior by hunters/politicians. Next the department needs to work on cattle owners over grazing public lands (state, BLM, national forest). Wild game are on private land for food. Cattle/ sheep owner are over grazing public lands causing the wild game animals to rotate to private property for food. Private property WHICH IS NOT OVER GRAZED and has great opportunities for grazing and has been managed for that purpose. Miss managed leased land is a large part of the bad behaviors of cattle owners/landowners.

Start with that problem and the wild game will come back to public land.

#59

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I strongly support stricter penalties for trespassing and any other wildlife violations by both hunters and landowners. Of all of these proposals, this one makes sense. Get the wardens funded and busy enforcing the existing laws. Hold the violators accountable. This may require legislative action. It would make much more sense for legislators to do something like this than propose an additional season (muzzle loader) to add more stress time on our game animals without even consulting FWP biologists on the impact.

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I think this is already in place in the legal system. Enforcement manpower would be the open question. Budget and staffing?

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

This is the best idea yet, go for it!

#62

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Q1

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I am writing today to ask that FWP strongly consider and, if necessary, reject this proposal.

I am concerned that FWP will not be fair when it comes to levying penalties. As a hunter, I fully support deterring bad behavior by other hunters. However, it seems that the law is often quick to jump to a landowner's defense whilst simultaneously casting public claims of injury to the side. As such, I ask that FWP reject this proposal unless it is also willing to rigorously enforce bad conduct by landowners and outfitters. This includes gating and blocking of access to public lands and harassing wildlife. If it is willing to do so, then I see no problem with holding hunters to the same standard.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

This would be a step in the right direction, also include shed hunters.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I support this recommendation!

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

This seems like a good idea especially the part about people who block public access. It seems that those who do this will continue with the minimum fines they receive.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Enforce the laws already in place. Need more game wardens!

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

After discussing this issue with a variety of former wardens and justices, our recommendation is to add loss of privileges for hunting, fishing and trapping as part of the sentence for first offense violations, as well as make sure that all laws are posted on BMA sign-in boxes, so that hunters cannot claim ignorance of the law. While we are supportive of the effort to increase fines, we also want ensure that these are proportionate to the criminal code, that a hunter's fine does not exceed other forms of trespass penalties, and that, if applicable, the focus is on those who illegally block legal access to public lands are held to similar standards to those who intentionally trespass under title 87 code.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I am fully in favor of increasing penalties as well as increase funding for wardens for enforcement and more PSAs reminding both hunters and landowners the laws and punishments (and getting citizens to report violations they witness). Additionally, I think it's past time the state more clearly defined the legality (or illegality) of corner crossing so there would be less uncertainty in some situations if a violation had occurred. This would likely also require legislative action. I do think this would indirectly help elk management by possibly improving trust between hunters and landowners enough to increase access to elk populations.

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Q1

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State/Province

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I agree with stricter penalties for landowners that block gates and public access. I question the motive for increasing trespassing penalties as this could be a way to discourage hunters from access public lands. An example is cross fencing. Another example is landowners fencing off public land and then threatening hunters with these higher trespass penalties.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

stricter penalties are needed especially for shooting from roadway maybe the distance should be 50ft of any travelable roadway including atv ttrails

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

While I believe in private property rights, and anti-trespassing, I'm also pro-public access and think equal or greater efforts should be put into making sure the public can access public lands. In other words, support efforts to impose stricter penalties for trespassing, but also ask that they are commensurate to penalties levied to those who are illegally blocking public access.

Stiffer fines should be levied specifically for rule-breakers on publicly accessible private lands (Block Management, 454s, hunt rosters, PAL Act, UGBEP, etc). So for example, poaching, illegal motorized use, vandalism, littering, etc - let's double all those fines on private lands enrolled in any of FWP's public access agreements. As noted by FWP, these changes "would require statutory amendments to 87-6-415" ie legislative involvement.

There is one other change that would not require legislative involvement:
hunters who do not abide by the rules outlined in individual block management properties could be cited for 'failure to obtain landowner permission to hunt.' We encourage FWP to make this possibility known loud and clear via digital communications, inclusion on each block management rule/map document as well as posting this at each BMA sign-in box.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I support this, and in particular think the loss of privileges for hunting, fishing and trapping as part of the sentence for first offense violations is a good idea.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Support.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I agree. Bad actors give hunters a bad name. People who willfully break the law should incur harsher penalties. When it comes to landowners, how do you enforce penalties on the landowners that routinely patrol their fence lines under the guise of looking for trespassers when in reality the intent is to keep animals from leaving their property?

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I support this effort.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

This is a good idea and suggest a focus on loss of priveledges early on in the process-- that will get some attention. Also, suggest that there be equity in enforcing the law to make sure that those who block legal access to public lands are treated the same as those who trespass.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

MWF offers cautious support. Increasing fines needs to be equitable in regard to other aspects which could become problematic quickly. Currently, justices set the sentencing, and simply increasing the fine doesn't necessarily mean much if the judges won't enforce the fine. This needs a lot more work relative to ensuring that we don't end up in a situation where the fine and the jail time exceed statutory limits on misdemeanor crimes as well.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

This offers no concrete punishment for landowners and extreme punishment for hunters. This idea is half cocked and one sided, it will not accomplish it's intended goals and will deepen the divide between hunters and landowners.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I think that the landowners should be held more accountable for blocking off roads or access to public lands way more than what they already are currently it's a small slap on the wrist and every time it's been brought up in the legislature it gets folded down but yet the public Hunter they throw the book at its out of whack

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Trespassing & poaching is getting out of hand and stricter penalties is the only thing that might help curve these problems. I think that if someone actually kills any wildlife while trespassing should lose their hunting privilege's. Another problem is that local elected County Attorneys and judges refuse to prosecute trespassers. Possibly passing legislation for mandatory sentences.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

Increased hunter activity has increased the burden on landowners due to trespassing. The Montana Stockgrowers Association continues to work with FWP Block Management Program (BMP) to ensure landowners participating in the BMP are provided with signage, maps, and enforcement. We additionally support stricter penalties for trespassing to ensure continued protection to private property owners.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

American Prairie supports stricter penalties for illegal activities engaged in by hunters and landowners, but recognizes that it would require legislative approval.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I definitely support stricter penalties for people who trespass and people who block public access to public lands. Also for poaching. Make it hurt.

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Please provide comment on the recommendation to Enforce Stricter Penalties for Trespassing and Other Bad Behaviors by Hunters and Landowners.

I am okay with further fines for hunters that use BMA, forest service or federal land to illegally enter private land and give hunters a bad name, with todays technology one should be able to depict where they are.

I believe public lands off limits to the public should be off limits to all, you shouldn't get a benefit for being a landowner with property around public land.

I believe there should be fines for livestock not removed from public lands, or brought back to public lands after the season starts

I believe there should be fined more for locking or blocking the public out of public lands.
