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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I do not agree that only those who have not filled their tags during the general season should be allowed to shoot an antlered elk / deer when available. This would be a great opportunity for someone like myself who shoots antlerless animals (or the first legal animal to provide an opportunity) to provide meat for my family but would still love to have the opportunity to shoot something with antlers if given the chance.

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**Q1**

Contact info (optional)

Name **Dave Toelke**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I support focused damaged hunts

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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State/Province	<b>MT</b>

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

it doesn't sound like a bad idea until you get to the part about the app or print through email. I do not and will not have a smart phone. I will not be required to have a printer, and I have a problem being told I have to have an email address and give it to FWP. There is NO requirement for such in the American Constitution.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Have been involved in during past damage hunts. Seemed to work alright for me. Did it work overall? I would prefer this over our 6 month elk seasons.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Other ways to manage damage, and problem areas to add into this recommendation for game damage effectiveness and game management tool options.

Have August 1-31 Elk and Deer Depredation hunt with any weapon within 1 mile of cropland like Idaho does for high game damage problem areas or units with game populations that are over objectives.

Start a Ranching for Wildlife (RWP) Program like the one currently in Colorado, or the Utah Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) program. These opens the doors for hunters to have access on premium private lands. It gets landowners corporation, better management of game populations, way to make money for game damages and profit, gives them more hunting control of their private land.

Start a Landowner sellable and transferable elk, deer voucher program like CO, NM, NV, and UT. Gives incentive to work with game managers, hunters, and for financial gain for game damage reimbursement and taxes.

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**Q2**  
Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I agree provide the locals more opportunity, and help the landowners.

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Excellent idea, I miss the damage hunts of the past.

I think every idea in the PDF regarding damage hunts should be implemented immediately, these opportunities would be a huge benefit to the landowners and hunters.

This may be the best idea of the working group

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

This looks reasonable to look into more.

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## #9

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Focused damage hunts would be helpful to many hunters. I am sure the majority of hunters would not be able to participate tho. I know that it would be difficult for anyone in my family. I have 5 adult children that hunt and their spouses also. Jobs keep them tethered. 24 hour notice would not be practice unless on the weekends.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

This is a great idea. Have people sign up for a list and allow the landowner to contact FWP when there is an issue. Could help with so many problems in this state and could lead to more opportunity for the public and help the land owners.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I support these changes to the Game Damage program. Achieving trust and effectiveness will benefit sportsmen and landowners.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Change the proposal to eliminate the 150 mile requirement. As written that eliminates large numbers of hunters living outside areas where elk numbers are greater than harvest objectives, and subjugates many Montana residents to the same class as nonresidents, eliminated. I understand the immediacy component, however when packed for elk season, I can be anywhere in the state in about 12 hours, hence elimination of the mileage restriction. 24 hours is a bit tight, 48 seems more reasonable, and most hunters should recognize, it is hunting, and the animals may bbe gone when you get there, but at least we ALL would have a chance, not just those in under objective proximity.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Only the land owners who allow hunting during the general season, should be allowed to have damage hunts. And they need to allow some better method of retrieval of animal and just back packing. To many of us are getting to old to back pack a quarter elk miles!

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# #14

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

This is a great idea if implemented appropriately.

Hunters don't like to bother or beg land owners.

This is a great non-invasive method to allow hunters the opportunity to be on a list of successful tag holders whom the land owners can contact for elk management on their private property. My concern, it that it will turn in to the "good ol'Boys" program where land-owners only call the individuals they have always limited their lands to. In this case, nothing has changes.

Another option is give the hunters who successfully draw the tag a list of land-owners WILLING to allow hunters to help manage elk so the hunters can call after successfully drawing a tag and set up a hunt opportunity.

Either way, hunters who successfully draw and land owners needing help need to be put into contact with one another.

Perhaps Fish and Game can send a landowner list to all successful draw tag holders to facilitate the communications.

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name	<b>Paul</b>
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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Allow any hunter who has a valid A9 tag hunt on the private land with the land owners permission during a damage hunt. Help drive the herds away from the ranches where they are doing damage.

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

State/Province **MT**

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

As a resident Montana hunter I consider the recommendation to promote focused damage hunts to be too confusing--therefore as it is I do not support it. I think having a fee to sign up for damage hunts could be effective at limiting how many people sign up. I do not think having 2 sign up periods is a good idea, there are enough dates/deadlines as it is--we don't need more.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

The additional B tag is key to this proposal. I signed up for the damage hunt a few years ago and was contacted on the Thursday before Labor Day Weekend. I declined to use my A tag on a cow standing in a field and forgo an entire season of hunting as a consequence. If I was still able to chase bulls during the regular season, I would have been glad to help a landowner get elk off their land and fill my freezer.

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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State/Province	<b>MT</b>

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I think the game damage hunts are the only opportunity for the land owners bordering the properties that covet large numbers of elk. The adjacent land owners should be able to hunt/ move elk back to the "preserves" with these hunts at any time the elk move or are moved from their sanctuary's.

I am not sure this proposal makes for a greater opportunity for the smaller surrounding land owner to protect their hay stacks and forage. To me. If the large landowner covets and tolerates large numbers of elk especially during the season they should Harbor those elk year round. Make flexible damage hunts readily available and make them either sex as often only the bulls come off the preserves.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I did the Master Hunter program in WA. It was a total joke and the 'benefits' never emerged. Terrible idea for MT.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

If elk are causing damage on private property the damage hunts are the reasonable solution. Shoulder season just creates an opportunity to "sell" access. There are local landowners charging \$500 trespass fees during shoulder season. That tells me it's more about the money than solving an over objective problem.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

1000000% disagree with this shit. This is the beginning of the good ole' boy system. This program will become so tainted in no time it won't be funny. Give equal opportunity to everyone. This will be a joke in no time. Sorry but that's just how shit goes when you tie in anyone local to a state program.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Opposed. Seems like having landowners being able to pick off a list creates bad incentives.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I agree with this as landowners are more willing to allow damage hunts to take place if they know or trust the hunters. They way the list are set up know I would guess less than 50% of hunters called up for a damage hunt even go. If you need elk removed allow the ranchers the tools to get it done. Robert Hanneman

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

The so called damage hunts are a joke at best. You are not collecting any data oh how many elk are harvested via these hunts how can you call that management? You should be required to report your harvest on damage hunts as well as any extended season hunts

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Promote Focused Damage Hunts

Let me sign up for the areas I want to hunt. I met a hunter from California, during a damage hunt north of Stanford, he harvested 2 deer and 1 antelope. He flew to Montana, rented a car, was staying in Lewistown, and was having the time of his life. You want “killers” for damage hunts. The prerequisite for a damage hunt is: how many animals have you harvested during the current season. Those who have harvested animals are serious hunters. On the other hand, land owners who are whining about wildlife CANNOT restrict where hunters go. Hunters must be able to go where the wildlife is standing. Hunters need to be able to use snowmobiles and 4X4s if those are the tools needed to get the job done.

The only restriction might be: 10 hunters for 3 days [or something similar] so hunters are not tripping over each other and Let the Hunter pick the 3 days. Hunters are NOT standing around waiting for a phone call. There are electronic scheduling apps that make this easy.

Perhaps the Private property owner needs to make a bunkhouse available or other form of temporary shelter, depending on the area. I hunt Nevada Creek and the closest motel is Lincoln or Helena. You want hunters in the field hunting – not commuting. The economics is: what is cheaper housing or the wildlife eating forage.

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Call it what you want, but game damage hunts only work if the private landowner is willing to participate (I don't mean let their buddies hunt their land). Go ahead and move forward with this and that will make it even more obvious that the overarching goal here is to privatize the game.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

This could work if it's a random draw and not my buddy can come hunt and only on land open to the public during the general season.

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I am not sure there is an existing problem here. The current damage hunt roster, signup and notification is at best a clumsy process. As a hunter I am not sure how it works and as a landowner I am not sure how it works. So maybe the solution here is to make the process much less complicated.

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Contact info (optional)

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**Q2**  
Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I am in support..

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

not to cool to charge additional fee to help solve landowner caused problems most hunter would be glad to have opportunity on short notice hunt rosters and better contact info would be all that should be needed

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# #31

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Strongly Disagree - a 150 mile radius does not speak well to 2022 transportation flexibility. I suggest that if you want people to plan to hunt til February 15th, you know which units you habitually do this in. Instead, offer a "B" tag hunters can apply for, draw, and plan to go hut. I have personally put in for this on 360 elk for 5-8 years straight and would happily go if I was ever called. Instead, I keep getting a poor number and never get to go.

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# #32

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I am opposed to limiting to so called local areas. The animals are public owned and I am opposed to this proposal. I can get hundreds of miles in a couple hours. To assume that fwp or landowners would call up a Hunter and say be here in an hour or two is ludicrous. How about focused damage hunts for kids 18 and under. Try that one. No way in focused hunts based on geography.

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# #33

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I agree with doing more with damage hunts. I always sign up for hunt rosters for deer and elk. Occasionally myself or a family member are ranked highly, but it seems they are no longer used. We should be strategic in their use, but do use them to redistribute elk, especially at the end of general rifle season. I would love for shoulder seasons to be gone and use damage hunts more again.

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# #34

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

GOOD IDEA

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**Q1**

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## Recommendation #8: Promote Focused Damage Hunts

### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Dear FWP and the Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group -

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your 'Promote Focused Damage Hunts' proposal.

We agree that game damage hunts can be an effective tool, and we'd love to see this program 'reinvigorated.' When done properly, this is exactly the kind of tool landowners and hunters should support - a targeted and equitable opportunity to both address problem elk and fill Montanan's freezers.

Now, let's make it better.

It's no secret that participation in the hunt roster has been dwindling. Hunters are partially to blame for this as folks aren't showing up, aren't being effective killers and/or aren't respecting private property (leaving gut piles, driving where they shouldn't be, etc). However, the alternative programs FWP has recently offered are also to blame for this drop in participation: thanks to liberal B tags, 454s, shoulder seasons, etc, landowners can now simply ask friends/family/neighbors to come shoot cows from August through February often only needing readily available OTC B tags for \$20. In other words, landowners don't have to go through the hassle of including FWP and allowing random members of the public on their land. In some ways, we don't blame them.

However, we can help make this work once again giving landowners the tools they need (reliable hunters) and keeping these opportunities to harvest a public resource equitable and available to the public.

1) We fully agree with the proposal to split the hunt roster and the application for the hunt roster in two. Hunt 1 should be from August 15th-December 1st and registration for that June 15-July 15; Hunt 2 should be from Dec 15th - Feb 15th and registration for that can be Dec 1 - 10. This will allow hunters to re-evaluate their freezers and ask themselves after the regular season if they really want to drive X miles to shoot a cow off a hay bale in the cold when they already have plenty of meat. In turn, landowners and FWP should be left with a better list of willing and able hunters when called upon.

2) We fully agree with the proposal to charge a small fee to apply for the hunt roster(s). \$10 seems fine, but if successful applicants are given free B tag, we encourage FWP to consider charging the full price for this B tag at the time of the application, and refund all but \$10 of that if the applicant is not selected in the hunt roster hunt. We feel that charging a small fee up front will force hunters to think twice about this and ask themselves if they're serious enough to pay a few bucks for this opportunity. We don't want this to be cost prohibitive, but just enough to weed some folks out. As mentioned, this fee could be returned if folks aren't called or - preferably - this fee could be put towards block management, habitat Montana, or other game damage efforts like fence repairs, payments for crop damages, etc - this could be an optional refund like some license fees are now. But the main goal isn't to raise a bunch of money it's to flash a sign saying 'serious hunters only please.'

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4) We support the idea to expand the hunt roster eligibility to all landowners who enroll in any of FWP's private land/public access programs. However, if 87- 1-225 needs to be revisited by the legislature, we hope FWP and hunting groups like BHA are included in that process so the language leads to more participation but does not lead to abuse and/or further blocking public hunting opportunity during the regular seasons.

5) We agree that this needs to remain a public hunting opportunity and that "FWP should reevaluate the random draw by giving the

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landowner and biologist the ability to select the hunters who signed up for roster to participate. Biologist and landowners can select a portion of people who sign up and a portion will remain randomized." We recommend that portion remain 25% selected by the landowner with the remaining 75% being randomly selected by FWP.

6) We fully support the other recommendations to allow landowners and biologists the ability to give participants a strike and they are removed from participation in the damage hunt roster in the future for bad behavior," along with removing participants from applying during the following year if they're a no-show.

That said, we think that excluding participants who must decline the opportunity for some reason is too rigid of a requirement. With the steps taken above, we'll be left with a better list of willing participants leading to fewer 'declines,' but it will never be perfect. Life can still get in the way of participation, and we'd be wise to offer some flexibility to account for that.

7) The requirement that 'all game taken is mandatory to report to biologists within 24 hours' seems reasonable as well.

8) And finally, while it's not a driving force behind our support of this proposal, it's also worth noting that FWP's fiscal analysis suggest a net increase in revenue of \$54,910 from this change. This revenue could (and should) be used to further improve the hunt roster program by improving the management/implementation of this program (dedicated FTE?) and/or providing additional fencing assistance or other incentives to participating landowners.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on your 'Promote Focused Damage Hunts' proposal. We appreciate your careful consideration.

-The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

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# #36

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I live in the Deer Lodge valley and would like to bring your attention to the huge elk population which exists on the west side of the valley. I have counted 600 + elk in one herd in the flats east of Powell Cr on Montana State Prison property. And there are herds of similar or greater numbers south towards Racetrack Creek and north towards Gold Creek.

The issue is access. From Lost Creek north of Anaconda to Gold Creek north of Garrison there is in the neighborhood of 18,000 acres that are restricted or excluded from hunting. And, of course, that is where the elk go during hunting season. Starting near Lost Creek there is the Letica property. North of that is the MT. State Prison, the Rock Creek Cattle Co and the old Wallace Ranch (don't know the current owner) by Gold Creek.

I do not believe there is much opportunity to develop hunting access on the above-mentioned private property. However, I do believe there should be an opportunity for hunting access on State owned MSP property. MSP currently allows hunting west (or above) the power line. But it is a long hike in there and after the first shot the elk move to the grazing grounds east (or below) the power lines. There is a permit hunt in this area but the quantity is very limited and does little to impact the growth of the herd. I would like to ask FWP to explore opportunities with MSP for hunting access on MSP property. You may need a referee. At the very least, the included hunting districts encompassing the overall area should be either sex.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

# #37

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I support this proposal. We need to get away from the kill them all strategy and focus on breaking up and redistributing the "problem" elk causing excessive crop damage. This sounds like a reasonable tool to help with this.

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# #38

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I have only applied for a damage hunt a couple of times. I once got a call that my number was up but that was the last time I heard from anyone. Very disappointed about that and felt they should not have called if I wasn't getting in on a hunt. A good system would need to be setup so people don't get ticked off on how it's run.

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#39

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

While I largely support this recommendation, the biology demonstrates that the best way to reduce a population is targeting female animals. Targeted game damage should therefore be limited to antlerless harvest.

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# #40

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Restricting who is eligible by where they live in the state is an unnecessary restriction. I do not have a problem with a fee to sign up for the program that is not refundable if you don't show up for the hunt to weed out hunters that are not going to commit to showing up. Damage hunts should not be available to any land owner that is charging a access or trespass fee during the regular season. Landowners should have to sign a sworn affidavit stating that they have not had trespass/access fee as part of application. I understand that damage to hay stack and impact occur, but it is frustrating when landowners request payment for access and then are on the damage hunt list at the end of the season.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Why can't the land onwer be required to fence their property if they want the elk out. Thats what I have to do.

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# #42

**COMPLETE**

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Damage hunts have had mixed results, 215 elk population on national forest has not recovered from the last damage hunts. Please take more consideration and decimate the big game populations. Blocked Management works!

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#43

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Contact info (optional)

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I support Montana BHA's comments on this issue:

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Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on your 'Promote Focused Damage Hunts' proposal. We appreciate your careful consideration.

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# #44

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

The damage hunts would b ok with me as long as they are legitimate I have been on a damage hunt list for 30 years in 332 and have never been called as they use it for their friends I also know for fact that one damage hunt in the big hole is absurd as the elk have done 0 damage to the landowner. The landowner harvests no hay, geta block management,grazes all his cattle on public land behind his ranch, closes roads that have been open to the public for 100 years and winters all his cattle in Dillon. Now the commission lets him shoot all cow elk on his land during the general season. What a great deal for the sportsman.

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# #45

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I can see value with the list including people who can and will show up for a damage hunt. I like part of the old system that included access to the areas that had depredation hunts recently. The eliminated that because no one would put in for the areas that didn't have recent depredation. I would like to see a list for people who would be willing to travel or at least a regional list. I was selected for a depredation hunt last year but it was not a hunt. The only area that was open to "hunt" was the open fields around the hay stacks. The elk had been pushed back into the timber that was off limit and nothing was coming to the hay stacks to even try to intercept close to the timber. The biologists need to include access to the elks escape area.

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# #46

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Remove all property's from being able to host damage hunts who do not allow public hunting, they should not be able to close there land to the public all season and let it be a elk haven then complain about the elk living on there property after season and hunt them outside of season. We should not be hunting elk in late winter at all

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# #47

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

454s should not be included in this recommendation. Letting 2 people hunt during the regular season shouldn't be enough to be considered participation in 'unpaid access' programs.

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# #48

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

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# #49

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I feel the damage hunts can be beneficial but should still be limited to antlerless harvest, the reason being that it would seem to be very difficult to monitor so called trophy hunters even though one of the requirements is to harvest the first animal that presents a shot.

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# #50

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I am running out of time. Generally support this proposal. Look at what Backcountry Hunters and anglers say about. Their request seem logical to me.

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# #51

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## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Radom draw only, no more of this friends and family stuff

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#52

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I do support this recommendation.

The FWP comments are correct and will need to be addressed if the recommendation moves forward

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# #53

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I believe its good to have people who are close and/or can get there in a day. As well as the \$10 fee to sign up may help people who weren't likely to come anyway. I do worry about allowing damage hunts for land owners that limit public access. What type of limitations can they have and still be eligible could be a concern.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Do land owners that are allotted damage hunts allow public access? If not, damage hunts should be allowed in or around that property.

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#55

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Oppose.

Please stop adding workload and cost to FWP.

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#56

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Sounds positive.

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# #57

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

We are supportive of both this recommendation and the agency's comments relative to improving damage hunts and the damage roster, however we are concerned that the penalties for failure to show may be too high. We would suggest more thought on this before implementation.

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#58

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Excellent Idea. Who could be opposed to this.

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#59

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I don't think landowners and biologists should get to pick off the roster, especially if hunters are paying an extra fee (it isn't fair if one hunter's \$10 always gets them a hunt because the landowner knows them but someone else paying the same never gets picked). I also think that while a landowner shouldn't have to necessarily be 100% open public hunting with their land to qualify, coming up with some kind of stipulation that they are allowing hunting during the general season should be set (maybe they have to show they've granted at least 1 hunter per 20 acres of land they own).

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#60

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Yes, I am in favor of implementing focused damage hunts wherever deemed necessary.

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# #61

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Contact info (optional)

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Damage hunts should not go too late. February 15th is too late. This has been shown to be unpalatable to the public and has the potential to draw unwanted attention from the anti hunting crowd because late hunts are seen as cruel (even by hunters). It should be randomized. Its unfair for landowners to pick because of favoritism. There should be no antlered damage hunts. These have a huge potential for abuse. Also there is no way to enforce that the tag holder will shoot the first animal they see. Mandatory reporting is a great idea. I agree with removing participants for bad behavior and for not showing up. Removing people who dont show up may ensure that people who are serious about going on the hunt will sign up.

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# #62

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

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 supports targeted hunting as a means to reduce overpopulated herds and reduce conflict. RMEF supports the recommendation to revisit the existing damage hunt roster to address current challenges (notification time, distance to property, etc.). Under this program, RMEF supports a balanced hunter selection approach, using landowner selection as one of the methods for selecting hunters.

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# #63

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I support this option but lets make it better. We already have the hunt roster. I put in for it but never get called or I forget about it when the deadline isnt during hunting season. Make the deadline align with with seasons or during the application process in March.

I also support charging a fee if the fee is refunded if I am not drawn.

I would also support making this resident only.

I do not support striking people from the list if they refuse. Life happens and we all can't get away on short notice every time.

I do support a "strike" for bad behavior. We should be held accountable for our actions.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I am very supportive of this. Frankly, these should be leaned into, expanded, and made more effective and should replace shoulder season hunts.

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#65

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Support

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#66

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I support this on a localized scale. There many salt of the earth landowners trying to make a living and competing with elk can be challenging. On the flip side, there are many adjacent hobby ranchers with enough money and simply don't care about their impacts to their neighbors. Sure they want to complain about too many elk but will not utilize the tools already in place. I believe FWP needs to take a harder stance with these landowners. Simply instituting 6 months of war on elk is only making things worse.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I do not support this. I think it is too likely to be corrupted for personal gain of the landowners.

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#68

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Damage hunts are much preferable to shoulder seasons. However, Selection of a hunter for a hunt MUST be random. this recommendation states Land owner and biologis have the ability to SELECT the hunter from among a random group of applicants. that's a no no.

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**Q1**

Contact info (optional)

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I like the idea of having more localized damage hunts in which landowners have a list at the ready. However, I worry that may result in an unfair system-- what's keeping them from just picking their friends off the list? If you can figure a way around that issue, I think this would help with late or early season harvest/elk dispersal. I'd also suggest better defining the '1-strike' policy for 'bad behavior' since that can be relative.

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# #70

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

MWF support as written.

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#71

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**Q2**  
Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Eliminate Shoulder Seasons and require landowners to allow free public access if there is an issue. Hunters should consist of randomly selected person NOT his buddies chosen by the landowner

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

Before Damage Hunts will ever work, 87-1-225 the public hunting requirement to qualify for a damage hunt has to be changed. The Department has used 87-1-225 to force access. The law requires any landowner who wishes to have a damage hunt must allow unrestricted free hunting for bulls and cows during the general season. This law is simply away to force landowners to allow free public hunting to unknown hunters during the general season. If you removed this requirement then focused damage hunts may work to help reduce elk numbers on private property where they are having elk problems.

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#73

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I would be in favor of a focused damage hunt.

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#74

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I support certain changes to the damage hunt system. I was shocked to find out when I was selected for a damage hunt that many other hunters who were selected either a) never replied and/or b) didn't report their harvest. My friends and I survey our position on the roster often. We want to fill our freezer!

I fully support an "early" season roster and a "late" season roster. I fully support being assessed a fee to get my name on a list. Go ahead and give me a radio button that says I don't even need the \$10 back if I don't get sent on a damage hunt. I'd click on that.

I'm a bit concerned with there being a mile-radius limit. If it's a "150 mile radius OR 24 hour notice" I'd be more accepting. If you have a population center with 50,000-100,000 people, surrounded by forest there's less agriculture and less damage hunt "opportunity." Not necessarily a bad thing...but then why would I pay \$10 for what I know is a slim chance of ever finding myself getting a phone call to go on a damage hunt?

I feel landowners should be allowed to choose 25% of participants and FWP should conduct random drawing for the remaining 75%.

Lastly, definitely provide FWP and landowners the opportunity or requirement that they strike hunters from future lists for failure to respect property or follow rules.

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

American Prairie supports this proposal insofar as it is used as a strategic and surgical tool to address specific and verifiable game damage complaints, with an aim to redistribute elk rather than significantly reduce populations. FWP does and should continue to balance the private property rights of a few against the public trust interests of every Montanan.

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# #76

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I support the use of Damage Hunts over the use of A9 or shoulder seasons

Am supportive of a split roster

Am supportive of a ban if hunter fails to show

Am open to a fee, but to offset the pay the roster coordinator

Residents only

75/25 for hunter numbers

would like to see neighboring hunting districts rosters used if roster is exhausted, or the roster recalled to get the elk taken

Would like to see a meat roster: Landowners that do not qualify for Damage Hunt allow biologists and game wardens in to remove elk, pay a fee for replacement of animal like the one used for poachers, and then let roster members purchase the meat. Money to be used to maintain or expand public lands

Am against the mileage and time restraint, a deer to a antelope, i won't travel for as not enough meat, but i will travel for a elk

i am against the taking of bull elk outside of the regular season

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Promote Focused Damage Hunts.

I agree the current system is broken and moving to a radius or zipcode system is better than single district registration. I do have concerns about the inequality that will be created by the level of landowner and biologist discretion being considered.

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