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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Tourism is the lifeblood of the communities surrounding Yellowstone National Park. The economies of gateway communities like Gardiner have been hit hard by recent flooding and the closure of Yellowstone. Gateway Communities are facing another blow to livelihoods: the decimation of the Yellowstone wolf population.

This season, 20% of the park's wolf population was killed (the park typically loses only 2% to 3% of wolves annually to hunting) because of a change in hunting rules surrounding the Yellowstone. Visitors from all over the world come to the park to view Yellowstone wolves. It is past time to reinstate hunting quotas to one wolf each in the two hunting units that border the park (units 313 and 316).

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not support trapping.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a person with a Masters Degree in Zoology and person who has worked in habitat reclamation and wildlife biology and a hunter, I object to the Wolf Trapping and Hunting Regulations. I am not opposed to hunting wolves but I do believe in fair chase. Eliminate the baiting, trapping, night hunts with lights and night vision, and make the hunters use skill and knowledge to hunt. Predators will only adapt to unfair hunting practices and you will have unintended consequences to these hunting methods. I have never been a fan of trapping because of all the other species that are trapped and the inexperience of many trappers. Hunting should be an educated sport and skill, not a macho game. Skilled hunters can reduce the wolf population without all the baiting, trapping, and night hunting. You are going to get a lot of bad press and ruin tourist in Montana by making hunting too easy. And, you will have wild swings in population numbers by trying to control predators with hunting seasons. Hunting regulations have long been known to be a lousy way to control populations and preserve habitat. Why don't you try to follow the science and bring back some respect for the agency.

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hello, I just want to chime in and say that I see no reason to decrease the bobcat quota in region 5. I spend a ton of time (over 60 days) during the winter season in many parts of this region and it seems to me that there is ample bobcats.
Thanks!

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Yes to all regulations permitting MORE trapping and shooting of wolves. Lower the licenses cost for residents and up the limits. Wolves are spreading and becoming increasing threat to hunters who use dogs. More wolf hunting, please.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

More wolf hunting please.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

NO baiting traps! Baited traps are an invitation to dogs.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

NO baiting traps! Baited traps are an invitation to dogs.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose reinstating the requirement that trappers are required to personally present the pelts of marten for tagging to a designated FWP employee within 10 days after the close of the season. Please do not do this and keep the law as it currently reads.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am more and more amazed at how wildlife management is specifically geared to the tiny minority of people who kill wildlife, and not the millions who spend billions watching them. While I know you won't listen to non-hunters, I recommend minimizing seasons and methods of take and establishing bag limits on furbearers since they are ecologically and aesthetically important.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am more and more amazed at how wildlife management is specifically geared to the tiny minority of people who kill wildlife, and not the millions who spend billions watching them. While I live in MA, I am regularly spending my money in the communities around Yellowstone National Park. I have produced a Yellowstone book series: <http://www.myyellowstoneexperience.org/yellowstonebookseries/> and this book series is predicated on being able to observe wolves and other animals. Hereby, I recommend a recommittal to a quota of 1 wolf in zone 313. The vast majority of people that visit that area do so to observe live animals. The small number of people that get their jollies off of killing family oriented and ecologically important gray wolves can do so in the rest of the state. In the rest of the state, I highly recommend that old seasons be established, shortening the amount of time that these important and nationally beloved animals are needlessly killed. Livestock predation is minimal and ungulates are over objectives statewide so there should be incentive to keep wolves alive and allow them to fulfill their ecological jobs. Let wolves live!

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose the increase in quotas for furbearing seasons.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I strongly oppose the increase in quotas being planned for in units 313 and 316. Combining these two units will hurt the tourist dollars for the Gardiner area, plus be harmful to years of professional and costly wolf research. Increasing and combining the quotas will have a detrimental impact on tourism. Please consider this change very carefully.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Kindly give due consideration to LIMITED wolf harvest promulgated by this last legislative session. I have owned a VRBO cabin on the North Fork of the Flathead for the past 17 years and can affirm that every one of our visitors comes to that area to see BEARS and WOLVES and they provide my family with a strong supplementary retirement income. Since tourism is our state's second largest industry, this must have some bearing on the flawed ideology of killing wolves that live among us. Please LIMIT quotas! Thanks.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is inhumane and unsustainable. We need a new set of regulations for dealing with animal populations that do not include destroying a publically-owned resource for the joy and benefit of a few depraved people.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

This draconian set of regulations for killing wolves is not based on any scientific data, and instead is a politically-based blueprint for the extermination of the species. The inhumane, and unsportsmanlike changes for dealing with wolves is an affront to all decency and is a black eye on the state of Montana. This is a shameful thing. I am appalled and embarrassed by these guidelines and the free-for-all killing they promote.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

You stated that these proposals were done with the collaboration of advocates like wolves of the Rockies. This was a total lie. These proposals once again ignore the majority. These wolves are national wolves on public lands and we want them protected. You don't have accurate numbers of the wolves that are left, you put the quota to 10 wolves around Yellowstone, you

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

You stated these proposals were done with the collaboration of advocates like wolves of the Rockies. This was a total lie. These proposals once again ignore the majority. Yellowstone wolves are national wolves on public lands and we want them protected. They were decimated during your last killing. You don't have accurate numbers of the wolf population, you put the quota to 10 wolves around Yellowstone, you combine management units to kill more wolves and get rid of other units. Legal murder leads to more illegal killing. There is nothing science based about these proposals. It is wiping out a keystone species.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would like to comment on the R5 bobcat quota proposal. I do not agree with lowering the quota to 100. If you look at the percentage of females and the percentage of juveniles trapped it is on par with the percentage trapped within the last decade. Bobcats taken were down statewide last year and that had more to do with trapper participation than bobcat numbers. Prey base and quality habitat have a much larger impact on regional cat populations than trapper activity. R5 has a plethora of private land and inaccessible public land that will continue to disperse bobcats into the habitat. Take numbers will increase if pelt prices increase. Please do not make a hasty decision based off of a down couple years of pelt prices and some grumbling of trappers that can't work hard enough or don't have the skill to consistently take bobcats

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping, including using bait or dogs to track and corner wild animals, is an inhumane method method of killing and has no place in modern enlightened society. I fear that FWP is catering to the hunting population rather than wildlife management practices.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I strongly object to the high numbers of the quota system of wolf killings. I do not believe this is based on sound science rather an extremely antiquated fear and dislike of wolves in general. In addition, trapping, including using bait or dogs to track and corner wild animals, is an inhumane method method of killing and has no place in modern enlightened society.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support combining wmu 313 and 316. This is a very import area for our local economy and we should not overhunt wolves in that area.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Personally I would like to see the wolf quota lower in wmu 313, but I realize compromises must be made. Lowering the number to 10 would be a great change.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the murder —

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

This is not science. Nobody knows the exact number of murdered wolves from last season alone, but the partial number is devastating. These are not one state's wolves. These are the Public's wildlife and wildlands. I had to move from Colorado because of the worry that my malamute dog would be accidentally shot while we hiked. Or accidentally caught in a leghold trap. I don't want to spend one dime in any state that kills wolves.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a sixth generation Montanan I hate trapping in general and I also despise having politicians being involved in wildlife management.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

This commission has failed to follow the science once again. You're choosing in these new changes to once again do NOT follow the science, to NOT listen to the majority of business owners near Yellowstone, and they don't reflect what many of us including me as a sixth generation Montanan have been asking for. In February 2022 I attempted to comment at your commission hearing about the wolf hunt in region 3 and you all did NOT give me permission to comment. So being a sixth generation Montanan, I'm going to comment what should've happened from the very start. Living in the Greater Yellowstone, including part time up Mill Creek Montana I along with Yellowstone National Parks superintendent, Yellowstone National Park biologists, and many business owners in the gateway communities of Yellowstone asked for a quota of 1 in units 313 and 316 both. You did NOT listen to the science in this case AGAIN by instead proposing a quota of 10 which is what the majority and what scientists were NOT advising you do.

And making most of Montana with the exception of units 313 and 316 (although you're combining unit 316 with unit 313 in these new regulations), ONE management zone is absolutely disgusting. First off, to manage Region 1 where there are known wolves but manage it the same way as Region 7 where there aren't known wolves is disgraceful. Wanting to kill 450 wolves in Montana this season will most likely just increase the chances of Montana getting federal protections again for wolves. Do any of you have a scientific degree and have actually taken a time to talk to a wolf biologist? If you have you would know that it's extremely difficult to trap a wolf much less snare one so what are we DOING implementing something with a very little effective rate of actually trapping wolf when it instead only endangers other animals more such as federally endangered species and even peoples pets. And how is getting paid to kill wolves a management strategy that follows the science which is legal under Senate Bill 267 that government Gianforte passed? It is nothing but a economic strategy to profit for trappers and outfitters which are the only kinds of people Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Commission will ONLY listen to when it comes to wolf management, versus listening to ALL Montanans. Politics should have nothing to do with wildlife management but this agenda of yours clearly reflects otherwise considering you're all just pawns any to a poacher who's the governor of Montana. That's who you're really there to represent at the end of the day and I couldn't be more sick of it as a Montanan who's family has lived in this state for 6 generations.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am outraged that wolves in Montana are still allowed to be slaughtered. I used to spend my vacation dollars in Montana but will not again while this inhumane practice against these animals continues to exist.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There should be NO quotas and NO hunting season for wolves at any time, ever.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with the changes.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm in favor if the intended changes still allow sustainable wolf population management. Removing WMU's and basically making everything regions does make sense since wolves travel extensive distances and having a quota around Yellowstone also makes sense, so hunters and trappers don't just target wolves traveling out of the park in the winter.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Lack of talent and low trapping participation does not constitute or justify lower quotas

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hunt as many wolves at any time

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hunt them all the time. We have enough problems with bears, mounts lions, and coyotes. You can't protect the public from those predators, why do you want to introduce another. What is a human life worth to you game and fish people.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

i am not knowledgeable enough on these programs to comment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Yellowstone wolf populations pose little threat to Montana domesticated livestock populations, and this fact questions the entire basis for wolf hunting and trapping in the Southwestern corner of the state. There are many neighboring states that would welcome relocated individual wolves should FWP feel it necessary to "trim" their wolf populations in the future, and it is this course that FWP should incorporate into their plans for future population management programs. Respectfully yours, Leland Montgomery

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The trapping of Yellowstone wolves is incorrigible, and needs to be stopped. Please establish a trap free zone for several miles outside the Yellowstone border.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please establish a hunt and trap free zone around Yellowstone National Park. We travel to Gardiner several times a year to watch Wolves, Grizzlies, and Moose. My tax dollars have been spent on wolf and grizzly research for many, many years, and it is a shame that wolf groups are fractured and decimated due to a hunt that could be better managed for the people who gain monetarily from the wolves of Yellowstone, and for the people who enjoy seeing these animals in the wild. I am a hunter, but I travel to Yellowstone to see animals I can't see in my state. There is surely a middle ground that can be established that would satisfy hunters and visitors.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Ten is ridiculous! Why don't you listen to the science?! It's obvious you are only Interested in killing but that attitude wrecks havock on the whole eco system.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The proposal is ridiculous! You are catering to hunters without looking at the total impact or listening to the scientists!

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm strongly against trapping as it has no place in the 21st Century and beyond!!
This is 2022, not 1872!!
(among other things, I hate the 19th Century as the era itself is barbaric)

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Leave our four-legged relatives alone or else Montana's products and tourism will be BOYCOTTED, resulting in job losses and communities turning into ghost towns!!

I hate trophy hunters and trappers with a passion, and despise smug corrupt officials who pander to them!!!

If you refuse to leave our wolves alone, I will personally raise an angry fuss that would make Armageddon look like a chess game!!

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Make them predators that can be shot year around. The original Wyoming model.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Make them predators that can be trapped year around. The original Wyoming model.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping these animals is cruel.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please listen to what scientists and wolf recovery experts recommend as a priority over what lawmakers "want." Take the politics out of this equation. Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I have very deep concerns about policies being developed without input from professional biologists. The efforts that Montana and surrounding states have put forward regarding wolf hunting are obviously designed to eradicate or significantly destroy existing populations. Wolf populations do not even need to be reduced as natural balance occurs over time. I strongly support no hunting of wolves. They should be relisted as an Endangered Species.

#28

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is inhumane.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves should be relisted on the Endangered Species List. No scientific studies have been conducted to determine the effect on last year's devastating killing of wolves. No more wolves should be hunted until a study has been evaluated.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves brought back life to Yellowstone with helping the ecosystem get back to what it should be. They are why we visit and many others visit

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Not only the above, but wolves rarely go after farms who try to live with wolves. Farmers should try harder because wolves are essential to our ecosystem. They get tourist which raise money for your state too.

#30

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

My family and friends NEVER wear fur. Trapping is cruel and not needed. Shame

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Because MT now kills wolves my friends, family and I do not spend vacations in MT. We go abroad or to Canada. No tourist \$\$ for MT

#31

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The quotas should be severely limited.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quota of no ore than two wolves should be reinstated. Too many Yellowstone wolves were killed needlessly during the last hunting season. Animal viewing, especially wolves and bears, bring tourist and a lot of money to the surrounding communities. Allowing this unprecedented killing is ridiculous.

#32

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please consider protecting our national park boundaries with buffer zones to alleviate pressures on wildlife, allow safe corridor passage and healthy proliferation in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Current trapping and hunting of wolves is overkill. There is no reason hunters should be enabled to take more than one animal, unless it is threatening their livestock, family members or self.

#33

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

let's follow the science and stop the killing of wolves!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Ditto.Stop killing wolves!

#34

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe the quotas should be reduced.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolf quota's must be reduced to reflect the economic needs of gateway communities to Yellowstone Park. We cannot ethically choose one business interest over another and this area demands a show of support for tourism and the wolf population that creates it.

#35

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As stated below, keep the total quota for wolves at two (2) for the combined areas of 313 and 316. See below.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe that that the quota for the combined regions of 313 and 316 should be two (2) rather than ten (10). These two regions directly border Yellowstone Park and the wolves actually live within the Park boundaries. For both the local businesses in Gardiner and the millions of people visiting Yellowstone, often for the main purpose of viewing wolves, a reduction of 10 to 2 will serve the business community and tourists better with more wolves remaining alive than shot by a few hunters who have many other places to hunt. The Park has only this area with wolves and the Gardiner businesses and tourists cannot go anywhere else, unlike the hunters. Keep the quota for these combined regions at two total please!! I believe my proposal is a reasonable compromise and should be considered. Thank you.

#36

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment now

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Absolutely MIRACULOUS rebound of elk in some areas after the increased wolf quota around the Park. 10 times as many, which can only be explained by them migrating long distances back into the area like I've never seen. The herd was getting small. Based on that, I say change nothing from last year. Some other areas U'm not observing such a dramatic effect, if any. Although within Yellowstone I'm seeing more Elk. Tourists like to see elk. Elk aren't supposed to be at moose levels, and moose should not be as rare as they have been in the Park. Large, healthy herds are a good thing. More later, I just had to be sure to comment so I don't miss it. More nuance is better, not less. Keep 2 units. There aren't ANY wolf watchers I'm aware of in Northwesternmost Yellowstone for instance, and elk are struggling right on the boundary there moreso than years and decades ago. Alberta, by tge way around Banff could use some of their wolves back I was told years ago, too many fatalities on the TransCanadian Highway or something. One Canadians opinion, dwindled to a few they said, just passing it along. I'm more comfortable with the nearer wolf migration in Glacier than long distance. Enough for today.

#37

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Q1

Contact information:

City/Town: **West Yellowstone**

State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Don't agree with a return to the mandatory inspection of pine marten.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Agree with the changes! Combining 313/316 and a quota of 10 animals IS a good compromise given that there is absolutely no scientific or biological reason to limit take in 313/316 to 1 or 2 wolves. The previous quotas were nothing more than a political attempt to appease the wolf watchers. Individuals whose only concern is making money off of our state resources with no regard for the livelihood of any others, ranchers, outfitters or regular Joe citizen.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There is no debate Russian him and kill him anyway stop the killing I don't understand the purpose of a national Park is to protect the species it should be against the law The shoe of species that's been almost a in the past their benefit to the parks keeping diseased animals in check maddening to me.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Same input. There is no debate Russian him and kill him anyway stop the killing I don't understand the purpose of a national Park is to protect the species it should be against the law The shoe of species that's been almost a in the past their benefit to the parks keeping diseased animals in check maddening to me.

#39

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

no comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am a visitor from Illinois. I have made 31 trips to Montana over the past 15 years to enjoy your beautiful landscape, but mostly to enjoy the apex predators that reside in your state. The legislation Montana's state government has enacted to hunt and kill wolves has caused me to write this letter. I understand the pressure from ranchers and outfitters to remove wolves from the landscape, however, there are many reasons to allow wolves to prosper. Primarily, among these reasons, is the ability of wolves (and other apex predators) to bring tourism to Montana. Visitors from other parts of the U.S. (and around the world) visit Montana to view these animals in the wild. Wild wolves are not easily viewed anywhere else. Tourists spend many dollars (I know I have) in the gateway towns that border Yellowstone, and in the towns they visit to and from their journeys to the park. Yellowstone National Park wolves are protected while inside the park's borders, however, they evolved (through no fault of their own) to seek new territory and establish new packs, much the same as our own children who grow up to establish their own families. Sometimes these wolves end up outside the protected boundaries of the park and they pay the ultimate price. Drastically reducing their numbers removes possible mates for those wolves residing inside Yellowstone, eventually shrinking the gene pool and causing inbreeding and disease. In fact, having healthy wolves in Montana keep the elk and deer population healthy for outfitters to hunt by removing the old and sick animals from the population. In light of the above, please consider the following:

-Please set a quota of 1 wolf in WMU313 and 1 wolf in unit 316 near Yellowstone, and the current quotas near Glacier NP. Elk populations are over objective in Montana, wolf populations are kept artificially low already.

- Trapping, baiting, use of snares, and night hunting are inhumane, please don't allow these methods of torture. If wolves have to be killed, at least make it a quick, clean shot.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The trapping regulations & seasons needed to be reformed, bobcats numbers were down in region 1.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolf trapping regulations need to go back to where there is no floating date. Worry less about thinking we going to be sued by the anti trapping groups and worry more about using the legislation that was passed to help with the wolf trapping. The grizzlies are fully recovered and there has no been a incidental Catch of a lynx.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop bending your rules for those in power. You're not fooling anyone. We all know your bending to the will of a governor who poaches wolves. STOP. These aren't your wolves. Do your job.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

#42

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Re: Your proposed regulations, are nothing more than a bloodbath, especially for the wolves!! Expanding your quotas, with no oversight, from the public, etc., is outrageous. Tourists travel to your State, to view live animals. These people generate over 82 million tourist \$\$, per year. Killing off the alpha female and male, is not in the best interest of science! Wolves are an integral part of the eco system! They don't deserve your callous; cruel, proposals. Limit one wolf per region: that is in itself, too much damage. Close down region 3 period. Create a buffer zone around Yellowstone !! Your Board is nothing more than stooges for Gianforte. The lands and the animals, belong to the public.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See my comments under question 3. My main comment is that wolf hunting quotas should be reduced to 2 wolves in WMUs 313 and 316

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quotas for hunting wolves in WMUs 313 and 316 should be reverted back to 2. These Park wolves are held in awe by viewers. They are used to human presence and certainly don't know Park boundaries so are easy targets. We chose Montana as home years ago. A big reason was Montana values...pride in the fact we are part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem where all the wildlife species are still in tact is a huge gift. When wolves were in danger of being hunted out of existence we proudly reintroduced the wolves and the balance of species was restored. We also admired Montana for game management and rules for "fair chase". Montana wolves as well as other species have since become a commodity. Wolf hunting rules are nothing close to "fair chase". Elk and deer herds are in danger of disease as numbers are not kept in check. The least we can do protect the Park wolves who are such easy targets for hunters.

#44

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No wolf hunting. Period

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop the slaughter of wolves.

#45

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop wolf hunting now!!!' Stop bending to the minority group of hunters!!!! What animal will be next if you continue .

#46

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See below.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are an important part of the ecosystem. We need better balance and the richness of Yellowstone won't be complete without wolves. Reinstate wolf quotas in units 313 and 316 to one wolf each!

#47

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Disagree with mandatory pelt tagging for marten. Creates an unnecessary burden on trappers, especially those far from an FWP office. Mandatory online/phone reporting should be adequate. If tagging necessary, tags should be MAILED to trapper after online/phone reporting is completed.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Strongly agree with new wolf management units and quotas, especially 313, to protect wolves near Yellowstone National Park and mitigate early closure in remainder of Region 3 due to high harvest in one area. This should have been done from the beginning during changes made last year.

#48

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping licenses for the next season should be available for purchase when annual hunting/fishing license changeover occurs. This would allow trappers to purchase their trapping license for the next year at the same time they are purchasing their new hunting/fishing licenses, streamlining their experience and preventing forgotten licenses when the season starts.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

#49

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is cruel and unethical and should be banned. Killing of wildlife by people for any other reason than food or defense is immoral.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

1. WMU 313 on the northern boundary of Yellowstone National Park with a harvest quota of 0 should be retained.

The FWP justification states that "[t]he level of harvest within these two former WMUs is already consistent with reducing the statewide population." Further, "[d]uring the wolf trapping and hunting season in 2021–2022, a disproportionate number of wolves were harvested in former WMU 313 (18 of 85 taken within TD 3) with another 3 taken within former WMU 316." Therefore, no more wolves should be harvested along the Park boundary. Regulations need to recognize the unique status of wolves that live in the Park and travel along its boundaries. "[V]ocal public sentiment has favored some limitation on future harvest within this southern portion of Region 3." These wolves do not interact with livestock and are accustomed to people acting as tourists, not hunters.

2. Another WMU along the western boundary of Yellowstone National Park with a harvest quota of 0 should be created for the same reasons expressed in #1 above.

3. The total harvest quota of 450 should be lowered. MCA 87-1-901, upon which these hunting regulations are based, requires a wolf population "not less than the number of wolves necessary to support at least 15 breeding pairs". There is no discussion in these documents of what that number is. With hunting and trapping, it is surely higher than without these activities. Some scientific studies show that eliminating more than 29% of the wolf population would threaten its existence. Since the wolf population in Montana at this point in time is unknown, conservative targets are needed.

4. Allowing baiting, trapping, night hunting, and snaring of wolves is unsportsmanlike and gives Montana and Montana hunters a bad reputation. As proven by the results of the 2021-2022 hunting season, it is no more effective than more sportsmanlike practices.

5. Finally, the whole idea of reducing the wolf population to the lowest level possible regardless of means and with no honest justification harks back to the Dark Ages and medieval ideas of predators. What happened to adherence to the FWP Mission which says, "Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, through its employees and citizen commission and board, provides for the stewardship of the fish, wildlife, parks, and recreational resources of Montana, while contributing to the quality of life for present and future generations?" None of the 8 core values of the mission mentions decimating wildlife populations at the behest of a ignorant legislators. Stewardship implies the responsible planning and management of resources for all citizens, not just politicians.

#50

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I wish more of the science would be applied to protecting Montana wildlife. there are not good enough reasons anymore to allow trophy hunting, and trapping is a torturous way to kill anything and should not be allowed at all. if any of this was put to the voters, I think the majority of Montanans would prefer less, or no, trapping, and less trophy hunting.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves were being managed well before the new laws put into place for 2021. it was a huge loss especially for the Yellowstone wolf population. There are alternatives to killing wolves as a way to manage them. we definitely prefer the alternatives and hope the quotas will be reduced.

#51

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The wolf season needs to be shortened to the previous season dates.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We have learned many lessons from the 2021/2022 Wolf hunting and trapping season.

- 1) First and foremost we have learned that there must be a control mechanism in place for the region that borders Yellowstone National Park. I commend the FWP for reinstating the quota system for WMU 313 and 316.
 - 2) I do not agree that WMU 313 and 316 should be combined in to one unit. Two separate units would provide more precise control and prevent a runaway killing event in 2022/2023.
 - 3) Last season the data was perfectly clear, the wolves killed in WMU 313 and 316 spent nearly all of their life inside of YNP. The Montana wolf hunting and trapping season had an enormous negative impact on the world-renown scientific research program for wolves in YNP. I believe the FWP has an ethical, moral and economic responsibility to minimize the damage to the YNP Wolf Project.
 - 4) With the previous statement in mind I believe a quota of 10 for WMU 313 is excessively high for four reasons. A) We have already tested a similar number as the one you propose for the 2022/23 season. In 2012 eleven wolves were killed in this region and it had a devastating impact on the Yellowstone wolf packs and on the ecotourism industry. B) We do not know how many wolves and wolf puppies were killed in the monster flood a few weeks ago. The epicenter of the highest flood in Yellowstone history was in the Lamar valley and the Yellowstone valley. The prudent and proper thing to do would be to suspend wolf hunting in WMU 313 and 316 until park biologists and FWP biologists have determined accurate wolf population and accurate wolf recruitment numbers. C) I am also concerned that another 12-13 percent reduction on the northern range wolf packs is disproportionately high for that region, on top of the 20 percent population reduction last season. MTFWP is ignoring its own science based cap of killing no more than 29 percent of the wolf population. These kills are targeted on a tiny sliver of the park and not proportionately spread over the entire park. D) There is no legislative mandate to reduce the wolf population in Yellowstone National Park ! Therefore the commission should set a quota of one (1) for each wolf management unit north of YNP.
 - 5) I am opposed to the 450 statewide wolf quota for the hunting season. The IPOM is deeply flawed and inaccurate. The wolf population is very likely already in a decline. Basic principles of population biology specify that population dynamics are driven by a per capita rate of mortality, not the number of individuals killed. If the population numbers are wrong then this high quota of 450 may result in a devastating mortality.
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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See comments below. I do not support the proposed season and quotas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I absolutely oppose the hunting of wolves near Yellowstone (in the GYE). These wolves have been established and protected in a unique science-backed program. They travel in and out of Park boundaries with full protection on one side of the boundary and a trap/hunt season on the other side of the boundary. It's absolutely unacceptable to allow these wolves to be baited/trapped/killed. In addition, given the social dynamics of the pack it is wreaking havoc on the packs to have primary wolves hunted and removed from the pack. Young wolves are now missing critical modeling behavior provided by the adults and are showing up at houses and in Gardiner looking for food. The hunt has taken too high of a number of wolves for these packs to absorb the losses to their social structure. This hunt has politically-motivated underpinnings and should be addressed immediately. Yellowstone wolves bring so much to the ecosystem and that should matter. If you need monetary motivation then just look at the tourism dollars brought in from wolf ecotourism. The wolves that visitors are here to see are suffering major setbacks. This is a black eye to anyone in wildlife management who is giving in to the idea that the numbers should be reduced. Wolf numbers have found (prior to the hunt) their own balance. Now, thanks to some bad recommendations, the future is uncertain...in terms of quantity and quality of life for these wolves. Please reconsider the quotas and the hunting area, AND the baiting and trapping of naive animals. This is wrong on so many levels.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There does not seem to be a dire problem with Furbearers but those species should continue to be managed and not over-killed.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

20% of the Yellowstone National Parks Wolf population was killed in 2021. Wolves are very important in their ecosystem. They should not be killed at such a high rate when their rates are normally 2%-3% per season. The quotas need to be reduced. Those who go to Yellowstone National Park also go to see the wolves, which helps the economy of the surrounding areas immensely. We cannot risk further damage to the wellbeing of those areas, especially after the devastating floods. Please decrease the quota of wolves per person for the 2022 hunting season.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The Quotas are too high and premised upon inaccurate data.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Science-based wolf management is non-existent in FWP proposed Wolf Trapping and Hunting Regulations. Current wolf population numbers are generated without regard to poaching and other factors, resulting in FWP reliance on the legislative mandate to kill more wolves. This reliance has resulted in liberalized, inhuman and unethical kill methods. Obviously, little consideration has been given to the economic loss that would be incurred if these methods are employed. (tourist revenue)

Montanas Legislative Mandate to kill more wolves in order to address predation concerns is also misplaced. Other sources of predation like poaching, or issues regarding habitat loss and the lack of meaningful scientific data make the legislatures concerns seem truly disingenuous. Additionally, neither the Montana State Legislature or FWP have addressed the beneficial impacts of Wolves on Big-Game populations. (aside from positive economic benefits). This is particularly relevant today with the threat of disease (CWD) spreading through Montanas Big-Game populations. Wolves along with other predators are essential to stabilize, minimize or reduce the spread of disease.

Your current and proposed Wolf Trapping and Hunting regulations will negatively impact tourist revenue, reduce healthy big-game populations and diminish ethical hunting.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose the new wolf regulations as former ecologists and park specialists have worked for years to restore them to what they were. We do not need more extinct species, especially ones who are vital to the ecosystem and life of Yellowstone itself. I recommend those attempting to change these laws watch some documentaries that are shown in Yellowstone on the importance of wolves.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No Limit, not a daily or season limit on Bobcats in a unit with designated wilderness or wilderness study in it.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves:

No Limit, not a daily or season limit on wolves. No person may take more wolves than the number of legal tags they possess. Either sex may be taken.

Electronic Calls: E-calls may be used to attract wolves.

Resident and Nonresident Deer or Elk tags: Hunters may use an unfilled nonresident deer or elk tag to take a gray wolf during the open season corresponding to the deer or elk tag hunt area or unit when gray wolf season is also open.

Allow baiting for wolf hunting on private lands with landowner permission. It is not legal to use edible meat portions of any game bird or animal, except legally salvaged roadkill. Wolves may be taken incidentally to bear baiting.

Allow extended hours for hunting wolves. The hunter may take wolves outside of hunting hours, only if: On private land, the hunter is the landowner or has written permission from the landowner to hunt outside of hunting hours.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

no comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Given the overall ecological and economic benefits to Montana have having a sustainable and sizable wolf population, I believe the wolf harvest quota of 10 for new WMU 313 is too high. It is easier to increase this quota later if necessary, but I believe it should now be set in the range of 2-4.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Tourism is the lifeblood of the communities surrounding Yellowstone National Park, and the rest of our state. The gateway economies have been overly affected this year with the flooding in June. They rely of tourism, and wolves in Montana means more tourists. The decimation of the wolf population will just be a further blow to these communities. A majority of Montanans don't believe that trapping is a form of ethical hunting. Visitors from all over the world look to Montana as a haven for wildlife; it is our responsibility to our wilderness areas and animals in this state to put a good foot forward and use science based decisions for setting hunting and trapping quotas. The first step to show the world, media, and tourists that Montana is a good place that cares about our natural resources, is to reinstate hunting quotas to one wolf in the two hunting units that border the park. These would be units 313 and 316. I think this first step would be so beneficial to the park, and therefore the Montana residents who live in the area.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please limit (or stop) killing the Yellowstone Wolves. They are integral to the ecosystem and tourism. I come often to see them and spend lots of money in Montana while there. I am not alone. I meet hundreds of new friends while watching the wolves. They are also spending quite a bit of money in Montana. This can be a win win for all of us. Local (and not so local since I enjoy most of Montana while there) restaurants, hotels shops, fly fishing guides all benefit. Also tourist taxes from us helps your state economy.

When we wolf watchers leave we share our great experiences about Montana with others, leading them to want to visit. Please help preserve part of our countries history and help stop killing our National Parks treasure - our wolves. Thanks so much for your attention to this matter.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please sale bak the bobcat trapping. I have only seen one bobcat in Montana and would love to see more. These animals do not deserve to die in agony in traps for someone's sport or money.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I urge you to reduce the wolf trapping and hunting season in District 313 to 2 animals. As a Yellowstone tour guide I have watched the park wolves since 1997 and depend on their presence and visibility as part of my income. Many other guides are similarly reliant on these animals. Last season was a slaughter in 313 and 316 as naive wolves encountered hostile humans with many ways to kill them. Doug Smith of the NPS noted that this slaughter of wolves means we no longer have a relatively natural population to study. Given what has happened to Gardiner and Cooke City from the devastation floods in June maybe you could see fit to give the wolves a break and ease up on the killing. Lot and lots of people myself included are out of work due to destroyed park roads. Having a thriving wolf population when we get bak to work would be a big help. Plus, Yellowstone should not serve as a breeding ground for wolves to shoot, trap, snare, bait and spotlight on the park border. Montana an do way better - let's restore the old quota of 2 wolves on the park border as proposed by Wild Livelihoods Coalition.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

With the population growth in Montana it is time to stop trapping on public lands near urban areas. A good way to start this would be a zero quota for bobcats, fishers, marten, mink, otters and swift fox.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Thank you for reinstating the quota system for WMU 313 and 316. I hope this will curtail the slaughter of Yellowstone National Park wolves. I believe a quota of 10 is much too high. I remember in 2012 when Montana killed eleven wolves and it destroyed the Lamar Canyon Pack in YNP. Visitors that year did not see wolves and it was very bad for the Yellowstone guide business. Roughly 80 million a year from tourism is linked to visitors coming to see wolves in YNP. Please return the quota in the new WMU 313 to one wolf.

MTFWP must fulfill its Wolf Management Measurable Objective #3 to maintain relationships with hunters and livestock producers and OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. The FWP has a public trust responsibility to manage wildlife of ALL Montana citizens and must maintain an opportunity for the non-hunting public to experience wolves. Wildlife conservationists and wildlife watchers are stakeholders. Please keep this in mind in high tourism areas like Gardiner MT.

The current wolf management proposal was obviously drafted before the catastrophic flood occurred in June 2022. This was the highest flood in Yellowstone history and was devastating to wildlife and to businesses in Gardiner MT. At this point in time we have no idea what wolf mortality is. We also have no idea how many of this year's puppies will survive. We in addition do not know how prey species like bison and elk did during this flood. Adding a wolf hunting season after a disaster of this magnitude is biologically indefensible, irresponsible and unethical. PLEASE CANCEL THE WOLF HUNTING AND TRAPPING SEASON FOR WMU 313.

Thank You

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose trapping of any animals in Montana. These animals are not eaten for human food, so it is totally a murder season of native wildlife to make money. It is not HUNTING! Your rules are too weak for trappers also, 24 and 48 hours of pain and injury and death due to humans being disrespectful of wildlife and this is totally a money-making event that is contrary to wildlife respect! Stop this insanity!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I have lived in Gallatin County for 44 years, have been a hunter, fisher, hiker, skier, wildlife and mountain lover; been to YNP numerous times loving to see native wildlife like grizzly, wolves, coyotes, etc.. I'm very upset at the kill rate of wolves last year and I don't think you are improving this year. You are still proposing too many wolves especially in districts 310, 313, 316. People like me from around the world love to view and photo wolves and other wildlife which generates millions of dollars of tourism for Montana. You are wrong about wolves hurting agriculture and elk herds. We need all the native predators all over Montana as part of nature. There should not be any trapping any time of the day and severe limits on hunting kills. As you admit, the dead wolves are not standard food for humans so it is not HUNTING. I don't see how you can protect Lynx in those designated zones in 310, 313, 316 with wild trapping, hunting, too many kill licenses per person, treating them like "pests" and just out to murder animals.

Restrict wolf hunting to 1 animal per each 310, 313, 316, so we can get wolf packs back up to sustainable measures. Educate the public about the value of predators in Montana and how we humans should respect all wildlife. The entire State of Montana should welcome all predators and the environment naturally managing levels including hunting. Your current max of 450 is over 29% kill rate and totally unacceptable!

Landowner trapping license for \$1 is outrageous! and unfair to Montanans - allows a free-for-all killing of wolves. As mentioned above, I don't approved trapping by anyone of any wildlife in this day and age, especially by non-residents. Those landowners need to use natural, provable methods to protect their stock like electric fences, flaging, range rider, guard dogs.

Thank you for listening and making changes.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The fewer the better. Under 5.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am against all trapping. The quota should be no more than 5 outside the Park. Do not use the word "harvest". Wolves are live beings trying to live like you and me.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There should be no hunting or trapping of our imperiled native carnivores like wolverine, fisher or pine martin.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please support the community of Gardiner by disallowing wolf hunting or trapping around Yellowstone. Only 1 wolf at most should be allowed to be killed there. People of Gardiner depend on visitors. These folks want to see wolves and bears. Stop kowtowing to trophy hunters and trappers at our expense. Preserve our native carnivores.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

shortening of the season

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I propose the two designated units (313 and 316) and that the quota be reduced to one wolf per unit. Thanks for all the hard work!

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trophy hunting should be banned at all costs

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves need to be protected at all costs. Trophy hunting of any sort should be banned.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am commenting on the proposed wolf quota and management options.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I think wolves shouldn't be on a quota. On quotas some years they will be filled and some will not just like current regulations. I understand the nonresident dollars for wolf viewing but the tourists have the whole park to see the wolves. Once the elk leave the wolves will follow being free game. I once got to hunt the elk herds out of Gardner and that was taken away from the sportsmen. Seems like the tourism and big money shape FWP decisions now on wolves. Quotas will not be effective with the park so close. One big winter all the wolves will be out of the park following the game one year with a mid winter there will be no wolves shot. Just like the amount of wolves harvested last year was higher in previous years combined. I know that sportsmens dollars don't compare to tourism but the sportsmen purchase licenses to manage wildlife and tourists dont.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am not in favor of the proposed wolf quotas and district change

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I don't believe there should be any quotas for wolf. Ok, so 21 wolves were killed outside of the park last year, but those wolves are getting educated and it will become harder and harder to reach the numbers desired. I know this because I see it first hand on the Rocky Mountain Front. Hunters can't keep up with how many need to be killed and US fish and wildlife have to turn helicopters to shoot them from. Plain and simple, it's going to be hard to kill wolves once they are educated. As far as wolves bringing in tourism dollars, they can see all the wolves they want in the park. As soon as the wolves leave the park they are fair game, just like the Buffalo and elk. The ranchers down around the park need a break from predation, hopefully this will educate wolves to stay in the park. Please don't give in to the Squeaky wheel of the antis that don't even live here. They can have all the wolves they want in the park.

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Contact information:

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

You can talk about how biologists and the superintendents in both Glacier and Yellowstone along with the business owners in those gateway communities have stated they called for restrictive quotas of 1-2 wolves in units 313 and 316 which border Yellowstone and unit 110 which borders Glacier. Instead, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks has proposed combining unit 316 with unit 313 and the commission has stated that 10 wolves from Yellowstone must be killed because Yellowstone in their owns has improperly managed wolves cause they keep coming into Montana and they're still no restrictive quotas in Glacier. So you can talk about how there why you opposed Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks proposed wolf management changes because they go against the science and what the majority of businesses in these gateway communities have been asking for.

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Q1

Contact information:

City/Town: **West Yellowstone**
State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with the reduction of quotas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with the proposed 313/316 combination and quota reduction. I think management of wildlife populations should be based on science instead of politics/public influence. I think harvesting half of Montana's wolf population each season is a little much. I believe a wolf is worth more alive than dead to the economy of Montana as a whole, not just the few folks next to the Park.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We're only commenting on the Wolf Quotas in 313 & 316.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm a lifelong Montana resident hunter. Our home is in the rural area south of Butte. A wolf pack is active in our area, and I'm fine with that. It is unfortunate that a neighbor's llama herd lost 8 due to that wolf pack within sight of our home.

We also visit Yellowstone Park regularly to view the wildlife. We believe that the proposed limit of 10 wolves harvested in the former 313 & 316 hunting units is heading in the correct direction, but should be 5 or less (zero?).

I am also a former Butte - Silver Bow commissioner and former chair of the B-SB economic development committee. Consider the impact that the past year's harvest had on the Wolves of Yellowstone that are a serious economic driver for that area. How many head of livestock that were killed by wolves in 313 & 316 were uncompensated by the various funds? Consider the imbalance and the actual livestock population in 313 & 316.

Wolves are an important piece of the natural environment to maintain healthy levels of game within their ranges. The improvements to Yellowstone's environmental balance since the wolf introduction is measureable.

Also note that I'm not against managing wolves with hunting where needed. I've had several wolf harvesting licenses over the years. I've also encountered wolves while hunting elk. I don't mind sharing "my elk" with our wolves.

Thank you. Dan & Barb Olsen

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

no comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I urge FWP to reinstate the quota of one wolf per management unit. Aside from my personal belief that FWP should protect wildlife, not exterminate it, the objective fact is that wolves are far more valuable to the state alive than dead, particularly in the region surrounding Yellowstone National Park. A recent study found that wolves (watching, not hunting) bring \$82 million directly into local businesses in a region that desperately needs it after this year's flooding. The proposed quota numbers make no sense. With only 98 wolves left in Yellowstone, the new proposed quotas will - not "could" but WILL - dramatically reduce this population further, causing loss of tourism income as well as the decline of the ecosystem. Elk populations are healthy now, but without wolves they will cease to be and riverbank ecosystems will follow. This is also supported by objective fact. There is also no reason to issue this high quota to reduce livestock conflict. The Montana Dept. of Agriculture statistics show that less than one cow per year is killed by wolves in the area around Yellowstone. This does not justify the proposed quotas. Hunting wolves does nothing to better Montana's economy or the health of its ecosystem or community. The currently proposed quotas are not reflective of the science nor of concern for the greater community. They are reflective only of partisan special interests and the people of the state can see that. I urge FWP to course correct, restore its reputation as an unbiased agency dedicated to its mission, and enact a quota of one wolf per management unit. Thank you.

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Q2

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No comment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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I only wish to speak directly to the proposed Wolf seasons.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

While this most recent proposal acknowledges previous wolf mismanagement in the areas surrounding the YNP. Rather than calling for a random number of potential kills for 2022 why not give the region a break and prohibit all killing for the time being. With all of the happenings in and around Yellowstone this year the wolves will have even less of a sense of boundaries this year after being encountered by significantly less people during the regular tourist season. Wolves are one of the things that ultimately attracted me to this area nearly 30 years. Don't take away this wonderful once-in-a-lifetime restoration of an entire ecosystem just to placate some local ranchers and politicians. Your job is to properly manage and protect our State's critical fisheries and wildlife. Please do the right thing now and delay any wolf hunting for 2022-20233.

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please read the part I wrote about the wolves, it applies to all the living things in Montana, including the Furbearers. Do you really believe that we have too many animals in Montana? You can tank our reputation as civilized human beings who care for the earth and its creatures even further, by allowing the slaughter to go on...

Q3

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My husband, Tom Murphy. and I have run a business for 35 years called Wilderness Photography Expeditions, mainly in Yellowstone Park. We were in Yellowstone the year the wolves were rightfully reintroduced into Yellowstone, (I fed the haulers some monster cookies). There was tremendous excitement then, and there still is now, for people to see these beautiful animals in the wild. To me that our now governor gleefully killed what amounted to an entire pack, by his actions was the most abominable (loathsome, hateful, odious, offensive) thing I have ever seen a public official do. When I write this to you it is with a plea that no Yellowstone wolves are seen as fodder for these nincompoops, including our governor, whether they are trapping them, poisoning them or shooting them. Please use your power to see that it is stopped. Thank you.
Bonnie Hyatt-Murphy (406 222-2302)

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it is unacceptable to keep killing more wolves in this state just for the sake of "management." killing any more wolves from the section north of the park is cruel, unusual, and endangers the packs supposedly protected there. killing other forbearing animals for their fur should be limited to smaller quotas, not larger ones. so many of them are trapped "accidentally" as non targeted animals.

Q3

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same as the above. the unnecessary violence to wildlife in Montana needs to stop. We would rather have Montana be a place where wildlife is protected so they can thrive. there are alternatives to violence as management.

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No comment

Q3

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Register now!

There is a public comment period open until July 21. You can comment at this website. Unsure of what to say? Here are some important things to know.

2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Quotas talking points

Background

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CORE Message

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Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q2

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N/A

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Regards,

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf quotas are too high. There is scientific data that supports the need for wolves. Please reconsider the allowed number to be killed. Live wolves make ecological and economical sense. Also could you please reconsider all forms of baiting, trapping and snaring for all animals. I fail to see the skill required in these methods. Thank you for your time.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hi, Please reconsider the number of wolf killings allowed. Ten, in area 313, is a pack and is too many. We've been visiting Yellowstone for over 10 years now to hike and see wildlife, wolves are the most exciting to see. We can't in good conscience visit where so many wolves are being killed. Please look at the science, the ecology and the economic benefits of live wolves. In the interim we are hiking MN this year. Thanks you for your time.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Montana needs to protect wolves in order to preserve the natural world and harmony in the outdoors. Additionally, wolves are at risk for extinction and need to be protected in order to maintain a population.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves need to be protected by stopping trapping and hunting wolves. Wolves should not be targeted for game by any person.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am writing to request that you reduce the number of wolves being harvested by any means (hunting and / or trapping) in districts 313 and 316, those north of Yellowstone park, to 0 (zero) wolves. If that is not possible at this time, please reduce to 10 total. My family went to Yellowstone for many years to view wolves in their natural habitat, and spent a lot of money in Gardiner, Mt. By increasing the wolf take and decreasing the number of wolves, you are reducing the educational opportunities for montana youngsters, but also decreasing revenue for tax paying businesses in Gardiner and other montana communities bordering the park. The reason given for reducing the wolf population repeatedly seems to be complaints about the lack of elk for hunter harvest. However, this is, at best disingenuous, and at worst, an outright lie, as the news I am reading reports that ranchers in Montana are now complaining that There is a surplus of elk damaging their fields and they are asking for more hunter harvests. How can it be that the wolves are killing too many elk if the ranchers say they need more elk harvested? - someone is not making sense here,

In summary, I am requesting that you reduce the wolf harvest for the areas north of Yellowstone park to 0, or , if not to zero, at least to the 10 recommended.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am writing to request that you reduce the total number of wolves being harvested by any means (trapping and/ or hunting) to zero (0) wolves in districts 316 and 313, those north of Yellowstone national park. If that is not possible at this time, please reduce the total harvest to 10 wolves. My family has gone to Yellowstone for years to view the wolves in their natural habitat and we spent a lot of money at hotels, gas stations, campgrounds, and restaurants in Gardiner, mt. By increasing the wolf take and decreasing the number of wolves available for viewing, you are reducing the educational opportunities for Montana youngsters, but also decreasing revenue for tax-paying businesses in Gardiner and other montana communities bordering the park.

The reason given for reducing the wolf population seems to be complaints about the lack of elk hunter harvest due to wolf predation. However, this is, at best, disingenuous, and at worst, an outright lie, as the news I am reading reports that ranchers in montana are now complaining that there is a surplus of elk damaging their fields and they are asking for more hunter harvests of elk. How can it be that wolves are killing too many elk, if the ranchers want more elk harvested? someone is not making sense here.

I summary, I am writing to request that you reduce the total wolf harvest in districts 313 and 316 to 0 (zero j wolves, or, if that is not possible, to 10 wolves

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I have no comment on this area.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quota of 10 wolves to be harvested adjacent to the northern border of Yellowstone Park is excessive. Harvesting should not be allowed next to an area where wolves are so critical to tourism, a healthy Park and the devastated Gardiner community. I seriously question whether wolf impact on cattle is even an issue in this area and, if so, is certainly of far less value than wolves as an attraction.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

My answer to question 3 suffices.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I speak here as a psychoanalyst who has deeply studied humanity's relationship to wildlife, especially wolf hunting and trapping. To engage in these practices at all is a crude and juvenile misinterpretation of masculinity. Since it is going to happen anyway, I urge you to at least return the quotas around YNP to their previous, relatively low numbers, thereby not endangering the Park's population viability even though it continues to brutalize a sentient being for the vicious pleasures of a few humans.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Outlaw all trapping.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I would prefer that wolf hunting and trapping be banned completely in Montana.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

None

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My preference would be NO hunting of wolves except for animals which can't be relocated successfully.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Reduce the quotas on wolves. This is insanity. The ecosystem needs predators.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Reduce the quotas. in in regions near Yellowstone. Leave Yellowstone wolf packs alone.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am mainly concerned with the wolf harvest being done outside of YNP.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I strongly believe there should be no wolf harvests outside of YNP. I do realize, however, there will be legal harvesting therefore I am in favor of severely limiting the number of wolves harvested. Last year's numbers were too high. Thank you for considering my comments.

#90

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a resident of Park County I've made numerous trips to Yellowstone. Numerous visitors from all over the world come to view the wolves. They can identify the wolves and spend weeks watching them. Montana is known for its wildlife and wolves. Montana's recent laws regarding hunting wolves are unethical and tarnishes our state's reputation. I suggest establishing a 20 to 30 miles no wolf hunting zone/barrier around the perimeter of Yellowstone so no one can bait wolves out of the park. Also ban baiting, night hunting and trapping. Hunting at night is not safe and is unethical. Dogs and other animals can also be caught in traps. The most pressing issue is to eliminate wolf hunting anywhere near Yellowstone Park.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I will only comment to say that I am not as familiar with this issue as the one below. My honest opinion would be that I don't believe any animal should be taken only for its fur. If it is necessary to do, I hope that it is done so ethically and responsibly.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commission,

First of all, even though I am from Oregon, I have visited Montana a few times over the last several years, especially the Gardiner/Yellowstone area and Glacier National Park.

I am also no stranger to the Northern Rockies as I lived and worked in Wyoming for 20 years.

I believe that only one wolf should be taken in the areas (316 now combined with 313) by Yellowstone National Park as was done a couple of years ago. Most of these wolves are Yellowstone wolves. When they do venture out of the park they do so onto Federal Public Land. This land belongs to all Americans. Moreover many of these wolves are baited out of the park. If a person baits a dog out of a person's yard and steals or kills it this is considered criminal behavior. Taking 10 wolves in such a relatively small area hurts the packs in Yellowstone and the ongoing study of wolves for the last 25 years. The more we can learn about wolves, the better we can coexist with them. Moreover these wolves are not killing livestock in this area and are certainly not decimating elk herds as you need shoulder seasons to help keep elk numbers in check. There is no science to back the killing of these wolves, they are being killed just to be killed.

Soon after the flooding in the Yellowstone area, Gov. Gianforte did a news piece by the bridge over the Yellowstone River on US 89 saying that Gardiner and the area was open for business. Does he not realize that many people that come to Gardiner and the area do so to see wild wolves? They alone bring in over \$82 million every year to the economy.

I also believe that the 12 hour closure should be kept in place. Extending it to 24 would more than likely stretch it to 48 hours because of the remote areas in which animals are taken and the time it takes to record the information and thus announce the closure. This would in turn lead to more wolves being taken in that time frame.

Getting rid of the Wolf Management Units would take away some of the accountability as to the number of wolves overall. Using the IPOM method to estimate wolf numbers is only a model at best. There is no on the ground reporting of the actual number of wolves that exist.

The way in which wolves are allowed to be taken is unconscionable. Predators seem to be the only animal that can be killed in any matter or by any means. Other animals hunted in this way would be considered unethical. Wolves and other predators are part of what it is to be wild. They are not killing a large amount of livestock and game herds. There are many places in Montana where they coexist on the landscape with ranchers and hunters. To live in wild country is to accept it as so and act responsibly.

It appears that the only voices that are being taken into consideration for wolf hunting are those of trappers and outfitters. This small minority of people seems to want to rid the landscape of all predators so that they can be the only predator on the landscape and make money doing so. The voices of hikers, campers, hunters hunting to put food on the table, and all who come to these wild places because they are wild and to partake of their beauty are not included at the table. These public lands and the wildlife there in belong to all, especially when on public land. Your listing of having had conversations with Yellowstone National Park and Wolves of the Rockies was misleading, making it sound like they have been part of the decision making process.

Thank you for taking my viewpoints into consideration. Please keep our wildlands wild for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Gail Brewer

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see my comments to number 3.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolves of Yellowstone deserve protection from excessive hunting and trapping in adjacent areas such as WMU 313 and 316, which is allowed by Montana's recent legislation for several reasons. Wolves are sentient and fascinating creatures valued by people worldwide and are therefore also important to the tourist industry that supports gateway communities such as Gardiner and Livingston and also Montana's economy. The approximately \$18,000 in livestock loss caused by wolves is negligible in comparison to the \$80 million in tourist dollars attributed to the allure of wolves. Wolves contribute to our understanding of nature and wildlife, and are an important part of the unique Montana culture, as well as essential in keeping our elk, bison, and moose populations healthy. Having recently read *The Redemption of Wolf 302*, I am aware of the extensive and decades-long research that shows wolves harvest the oldest and least healthy large prey, and also help cull populations of smaller non-game animals. Please return wolf trapping and hunting quotas to previous levels and end the cruel and excessive tactics allowed last season. Please also change back to a 12-hour reporting time (not 24 hrs.) so as not to exceed quotas at the close of the unit or season. Thank you!

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please reduce the numbers of wolves allowed to be harvested i the two units north of Yellowstone Park.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please reduce or eliminate the harvest of wolves in the two units north of Yellowstone Park AND taken across the state as a whole. Wolf populations do not appear to be excessive nor are the numbers of wolves present damaging elk or livestock populations beyond what livestock reparations can mitigate. Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support these regulations...

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

there shouldn't be a 24 hour waiting period if a wolf license is bought after aug.31. There should be more than 1 wolf trapper in the fish creek drainage and Tarkio area.I support the hunting of 10 wolves and trapping of 10 wolves for the total of 20. I would like to see a longer hunting season on wolvesit should run till the end of April

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I have no comment on the other recommendations.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Combining WMU 313 and 316 into WMU 313 but increasing the quota to 10 is still going to adversely impact wolf research in Yellowstone. As you know, the Park is a huge income generator for the state and should not be ignored. A quota this size also adversely impacts wolf research in the Park. Also, it seems that once the quota has been reached, the wolf take has not stopped at that number. Additional wolves are taken before the word circulates to hunters and trappers that the quota has been reached. You are exceeding to the "take" by setting a number which is then surpassed. Set the quota to account for that extra take. I am absolutely opposed to the management approach the State of Montana has taken on the WMUs around the Park, especially last year.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping as a tool of predator management.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping in Montana. I think the quota reduction in 313 to 10 is too drastic and feel that 15 would be the lowest quota. If there is a biological reason to reduce the quota ok, but if it is just to pacify the anti-wolf trappers I feel that is in adequate justification. I support the doing away of the WMU's and using Trapping Districts as reporting areas, I also feel that when reporting a wolf take that the only description of where the wolf was taken should be the trapping district. Anti-Trappers are posting our trap locations on a website to encourage activists to disturb wolf traps.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Reduce wolf quota in 324

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I think the quota of 10wolves in the area north of YNP, while a improvement, is still too high. A return to the limit of 2 wolves is more appropriate. With the recent flooding damage in and around the Park a lower limit will help in the recovery of the local economy by encouraging the wildlife watching community to return to the northern part of YNP.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe the FWP must put quotas in place to drastically reduce damage to the economies of gateway communities near Yellowstone Park and the shockingly high numbers of wolves killed in those regions 313 and 316. We must protect and preserve our wild lands and the greater ecosystems we now value.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe the FWP must put quotas in place to drastically reduce damage to the economies of gateway communities near Yellowstone Park and the shockingly high numbers of wolves killed in those regions 313 and 316. We must protect and preserve our wild lands and the greater ecosystems we now value.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I prefer a quota of zero in proposed new unit 313. While a quota of zero is not allowed under Montana administrative rules, a quota of one is allowed and makes sense.

With a quota of one in place, hunters and trappers who didn't kill Yellowstone wolves that stepped out of the park would still have wolves to target elsewhere, as they have for years. Based on FWP's data, 98% of all Montana wolves live outside units 313 and 316.

This conflict between watching or hunting wolves, occurs not only in Yellowstone but also in Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska, according to Bridget Borg, in her 2015 published Ph.D. dissertation.

Borg analyzed how the loss of a breeding wolf in Denali changes the stability and growth of that breeder's pack. She studied packs that had dissolved in Denali over a 26-year period. She found that packs were more likely to dissolve if a female or both breeders were lost and the pack size was small. She found that breeder loss preceded the break up of three-quarters of the dissolved packs.

In other words, shooting or trapping a breeder can destroy an entire pack.

In a second study, this one in 2016 and peer-reviewed, Borg, then working as a Denali wildlife biologist, and other authors including Yellowstone's Doug Smith, Rick McIntyre, and Kira Cassidy analyzed how the hunting of wolves along the boundaries of Denali and Yellowstone altered wolf-viewing opportunities within the parks. Adjacent to Denali, wolves are primarily trapped. Adjacent to Yellowstone, wolves are trapped and shot.

One conclusion of the 2016 study: Even when only a small number of wolves are taken by hunters and trappers outside the park, wolf sightings still decline within the park.

Another finding: "Sightings in Yellowstone increased by 45% following years with no harvest of a wolf from a pack." In other words, if no wolves were killed in a pack outside the park, Yellowstone visitors would have more wolf sightings after hunting season ended.

FWP writes in their PDF that supports the rule changes "based on wolf population data from 2011–2015, the period when most recent data are available, the average number of wolves in the proximity of proposed WMU 313 is 29 (range 18–40)."

Last season hunters and trappers killed 21 of those 29 wolves. That's outrageous because wolves that step into that unit are worth more alive than dead to Yellowstone and the businesses in the communities near the park's five entrances.

Wildlife watching is a significant part of economic backbone of these gateway towns. A 2022 update to a 2005 study estimated that wolf watchers in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (includes Yellowstone National Park) spend at least \$82 million dollars each year.

FWP proposes that the statewide threshold for the Fish and Wildlife Commission to review whether to stop wolf killing in the upcoming season should again be 450 wolves.

Last year, when the statewide quota for wolves to be killed during the wolf hunting season was 450, hunters and trappers took 273.

The 2020 Montana Annual Wolf Report is the most recent. On page vi, the report indicates that the state's wolf population appears to have stabilized at around 1,150 wolves.

FWP notes in its PDF that "research has shown that harvest must exceed 29 to 48 percent of a wolf population before a decline is observed (Adams et al. 2008, Gude et al. 2012)."

I want to see FWP use the 29 percent limit. Here's how the math works:

If Montana's wolf population is 1,150, then 29% of that is 333 wolves.

In the previous wolf hunting season, 273 wolves were taken by hunters and trappers. FWP also reports that 52 other wolves were taken by Wildlife Services and private citizens in response to wolf depredation. This means that at least 325 wolves were killed last year. If we knew how many wolves were poached, the number would be even higher.

If Montana's 1,150 wolves can theoretically recover from the killing of 333 wolves and at least 325 wolves were actually taken, then Montana has reached an upper limit on wolf killing.

But the Fish and Wildlife Commission is still setting the killing of 450 wolves as a possible limit for the upcoming season.

The Commission should set the upper limit at 29% of the most recent wolf population. The quota should include ALL wolves killed regardless of the reason including those taken in response to depredation and by poaching.

On page vii of the 2020 Montana Annual Wolf Report is a graph that shows the minimum wolf population according to the state wolf plan is 150. While that is the legislature's goal, I can find no reputable science-based reason to reduce Montana's wolf population to 150.

Legislators who pushed for reducing the wolf population say that wolves kill too many elk. That statement is not true. In fact, the opposite is true: Montana has no shortage of elk.

FWP sets an objective for elk across the state and in specific districts and counts elk. FWP reports that statewide in Montana the elk count is above objective. Two Montana elk hunting units, Region 3 and Region 5, are adjacent to Yellowstone National Park. In both regions FWP reports that the elk count is over objective. Killing wolves in Montana is not required to protect elk.

Legislators also say that wolves take too many livestock. This is also not true. FWP's most recent Wolf Report shows that in 2020 wolves took 99 livestock. FWP said this is similar to the number of livestock taken by wolves each year from 2011 to 2019. Is that a lot of livestock? The USDA reports that Montana ranchers have about 2,500,000 head of livestock each year. The loss of 99 out of 2,500,000 livestock is way less than one percent. And certainly doesn't rationalize killing more wolves.

Furthermore, ranchers who lose livestock to wolves are compensated for their losses. FWP reports that during 2020 the Montana Livestock Loss Board paid ranchers \$75,818 for livestock taken by wolves. The Livestock Loss Board states on its website that it pays "fair market value" for livestock taken.

In summary, the loss of livestock to wolves in Montana is miniscule and ranchers are compensated for those losses.

Reducing Montana's wolf population toward a goal of 150 is not required to protect elk, ranchers, or livestock.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

n/a

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Like many, I dream of coming to Yellowstone to see the wolves. I have enjoyed wildlife tourism and safaris in many countries, and hope to see the wildlife in Montana again in the near future. The wolves are a crucial element in my choice. My last visit to Yellowstone resulted in spending that neared \$3000 for a 5 day trip. No wolves were seen, so I'm coming back to try again. The brutal harvesting that (I believe) includes helicopters, poison and snowmobiles is simply unethical and unsportsmanlike. It taints the tourist appeal of your gorgeous state.

I understand that hunting has its place, especially in a big, wide open state like Montana, but it's hard for a person who is hoping to see wildlife in its natural glory know that the very animals we are hoping to glimpse could and would be imperiled by a hunter doing the same thing.

Additionally, there's the disruptive nature of random killing of pack members and their complex social system.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support a quota of zero fur bearers in regions that border Yellowstone National Park. These animals bring in huge numbers of tourists, that support the local region, with hopes of sighting many of these animals. Any quota above zero will eliminate years of scientific research on these animals. Any loss of these animals will have more of a negative consequence than positive.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support a quota of zero wolves in regions that border Yellowstone National Park. These animals bring in huge numbers of tourists (many of whom support the local region by spending their tourism dollars in local communities) with hopes of sighting many of these animals. Any quota above zero will eliminate years of scientific research on these animals. Loss of ANY of these animals will have more of a negative consequence than positive.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Due to the overly large wolf harvest in region 3 in the 2021/2022 hunting and trapping season, the threatened wolf populations surrounding Yellowstone National park should be protected with a lower quota. A healthy and sustainable wolf population is critical to the economic health of the greater Yellowstone area. Residents of the greater Yellowstone ecosystem need and want a larger wolf population. Please consider lowering the take quota from 10 to 4 individuals.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Too many wolves.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My family stays 1-2 weeks every year in Silver Gate and visit YNP to observe wildlife including wolves. We have been visiting for 20 years and are introducing our granddaughter to ynp and the area in October. Since the flooding we have made donations to businesses in Silver Gate and Gardiner to show our support. Please consider reducing the wolf quota around the park below 10. Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping as you know is not hunting and with all the dogs that are being caught in them, its also not a good look for your state and real hunting.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

You really need to stop killing the wolves around those management zones around the park. It makes your state look like a backwards ass shithole place, to put it nicely. You are also hurting lots of local businesses and increases the public demand to put them back under ESA protections

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Yes some one from Florida is concerned with the decisions you are making. My family cares for all wildlife, especially the wolves. Science needs to be considered when determining the need for a hunt. Economics must also be considered. Watching wolves brings millions of dollars to the economy of towns from Bozeman, to Gardiner, Cooke City, and others. You have an obligation to keep the dollars flowing into the area so the businesses can thrive. Hotels, Guide Services, Restaurants, and others rely on your consideration. The more wolves in the Yellowstone ecosystem, the more likely tourists will see them and keep coming back. Your legacy needs to serve the vast majority of people who want wolves in the area, not the uniformed few who don't. Thank you.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the recommended changes to the fur bearer seasons and quotas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the proposed changes to wolf seasons and quotas.

#107

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Steven H. Clevidence**
City/Town: **Stevensville**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a member of a pioneer Montana ranching family in the Bitterroot valley, as well as a former Citizen Advisory member for Region 2. I am totally opposed to the use of snares on public lands. I am also opposed to the length of the trapping season

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am totally in disagreement with the recommendations set forth by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks in the number of wolves set to be harvested as well and the length of the hunting season. No hunting or trapping of Wolves should be allowed in the areas surrounding the Montana/ Yellowstone National Park. I fully believe the assumed number of wolves in our state is far less than what the department claims. At best, their number is complete guess work and not based on any factual data.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see comments below.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are far more valuable to the local economy and ecology in Montana than this wolf trapping plan and quota reflects - there is absolutely no reason for it. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs. Can the same be said for hunting tags? Wolf hunting in the proposed WMU 313 is not a legislative requirement for managing the statewide wolf population. This area has not been identified as an area of concern in recent legislation related to wolves. There is no legal mandate for a high quota here. There is also no scientific rationale for aggressive wolf harvest in the proposed WMU 313. Livestock depredations attributable to wolves have not been documented in the area and are typically solely attributable to ranching interests. Additionally, the elk herd that uses WMU 313 has been at or above population objectives set by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks since wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone - such ecological benefits are significant and well-documented. A low harvest quota of two wolves worked in this area for a decade. Returning to a low wolf quota in WMU 313 will prevent Yellowstone wolves from bearing a disproportionate share of the wolf harvest pressure in Montana and represents a return to a balanced management strategy that will protect Yellowstone wolves and the local economies that depend on them.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Gray wolf management should be cautious and science-based, not political.

The quota for wolf kills in the proposed WMU 313, if adopted, should be zero or the minimum number of wolves—not 10.

The model used to estimate the statewide wolf population is full of compounding errors, meaning the actual size of the state's wolf population is unknown.

Increased wolf trapping imperils federally threatened grizzly bears and Canada lynx, as well as family pets and outdoor recreationists.

Snares are cruel and inherently indiscriminate.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Snares are cruel and inherently indiscriminate.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

All trapping and snaring needs to be banned.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We need a 1-2 restrictive quota restored in units 310 and 316 which borders Yellowstone and unit 110 which borders Glacier. Scientists and the majority of the business owners in these gateway communities near the parks want restored a restrictive quotas on limitations on the number of wolves to be killed in these areas. We can NOT afford to get rid of wolf management units and we just keep these units because 1.) it's our only way keeping track of the wolves in Montana and 2.) your proposition to manage wolves in region 1 where there are wolves the same as region 7 where there aren't wolves is again not following the science because you can't be managing the predators the same in every part of Montana.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I have no comment on this issue

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please consider moving the quota for harvested wolves back to 2 in combined areas 313+316. Having responded to Hunter/trappers in the recent past, it's time to realize that the presence of wolves is more fiscally impactful than what the hunters' bring to the Greater Yellowstone area . And the wolf project's research is invaluable. This past year's hunting season had a devastating impact on their research. A quota of 10 in that area can eliminate a whole pack of wolves. A quota of 2 instead of 10 makes ask the sense as you work towards a balance of interests!

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There should not be a fur bearer season at all. Killing the predators is bad for the ecosystem.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop killing the predators. You are upsetting the predator:prey balance. I won't visit your state while that has happening.

#113

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See comments below

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I urge the commission to reduce the wolf quota in WMU 313 to a maximum of two wolves. This is commensurate to the low livestock depredations in the area, and recognizes the wolves' importance to the Yellowstone ecosystem.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment - particularly from out-of-state where tourism tends to come from, as we seek to enjoy your beautiful state and spend money there. Beyond necessary analyses of predation, I encourage the Commissioners and other policy makers (not private tour/animal slaughtering for profit companies) to avoid myopathy when setting devastating "harvest" limits. While intentions might be worthy, for example, to balance wolf populations with estimates of available prey, there are other factors impacting policy, regulations, and the trajectory represented by choices you make. Among them, natural threats from colder and warmer climates, contamination of food and water sources, illegal hunting/trapping/slaughter for narcissistic pleasure, and other factors affect populations. I am wondering if Commissioners have received those data as a viable means to inform decision making.. Kansas does not border your beautiful state. Thus, we must make an intentional choice to travel there and to other states where wolf habitat and populations are being decimated - in large part via error when drawing data from either suspect sources or accepting it on its face without exploring substantial implications in real-time and at varying intervals into the future. The good news - error can be detected and resolved before it becomes a mistake. In my case, as President of a school with reach to more than 16,000 families (that includes alums and benefactors), I will be watching and anticipating choices by the Commissioners (who must temper political pressure from those seeking reelection, not exercising integrity grounded ethos that protect wildlife that in part, make your state an attractive destination). If I see further detrimental choices that eviscerate wolf and other species populations and deference to private hunting/trapping companies when developing policy that is supposed to achieve predation balance (necessary for the entire State ecosystem) and specifically when evidence of mistreatment of wildlife either by intentional acts or malice braided into State policy, I will communicate to our constituent families - strongly encouraging travel to states other than your beautiful location. That lose-lose situation is not desirable. Please make decisions that defend the moral high ground. Have the courage to make choices on principles. Be the phronimos, as Aristotle stated, that does what is best for the polis (society).

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe the quotas are too high I believe wolves are valuable. I believe that hunting is wrong. Wolves are national treasure.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No trapping or snaring of any Yellowstone wildlife. Trapping small mammals like marten is unnecessary and causes harm to the environment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please reestablish the quota of one wolf (or better yet, no wolves) in WMUs 313, 316 and 110.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See comments below

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are valuable to local economies in Montana. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the culling and trapping of wolves affecting Yellowstone population and biodiversity

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please cease and assist on all wolf trapping and culling we will loose Yellowstone biodiversity and 84 m in revenue. Mike Phillips scientific studies only show .005% of livestock loss my God stop

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see comments on Wolf Hunting.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

In setting Montana's wolf hunting regulations for 2022, it is worth considering the side effects. Albert Einstein defined insanity as doing the same thing over and over, and expecting a different result. That is exactly what I see states doing in their "management" of chronic wasting disease (CWD). Wisconsin is a shining example, spending \$27 million to pay sharpshooters to kill white-tailed deer, to no effect.

AFWA Best Management Practices for Prevention, Surveillance, and Management of Chronic Wasting Disease Approved September 12, 2018, by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies stated: "Managing CWD prevalence should include utilizing harvest sharpshooters..." -An exercise in futility.

Top wolf biologists L. David Mech (USGS & U. Minn.), Rolf O. Peterson (Mich. Tech U.), Douglas W. Smith (Yellowstone NP), Barry Noon (CSU), Joanna E. Lambert (UC Boulder), and Kevin R. Crooks (CSU) agree on the following statement: "While predation may not eliminate CWD from an ungulate population, predators like the gray wolf that select for disease-compromised cervids should prove useful to that end."

The most recent peer-reviewed paper on the role of wolves in CWD reduction offers this conclusion: "Predators may create healthier prey populations by selectively removing diseased individuals. *** Model results suggest that under moderate, yet realistic, predation pressure from cougars and wolves independently, predators may decrease CWD out-break size substantially and delay the accumulation of symptomatic deer and elk."

Brandell, E. E., Cross, P. C., Smith, D. W., Rogers, W., Galloway, N. L., MacNulty, D. R., Stahler, D. R., Treanor, J. & Hudson, P. J. (2022). Examination of the interaction between age-specific predation and chronic disease in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. *Journal of Animal Ecology*, 00, 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2656.13661>

Dr. Brandell told me that her paper is specifically in the context of the GYE where CWD is newly invading and there is a high density of wolves and other predators. That simply emphasizes to me the need to allow wolves to grow in population to a level at which they can carry out their essential role as sanitarians, using their exquisite olfactory capacity, 10,000 times as efficient as ours, to select and remove prion-infected deer, elk, and moose. Killing wolves is counterproductive to the health of any ecosystem in which there are large herbivores - deer, elk, and moose.

SB 314 demands reducing wolves. This is a misguided, unsupportable law. The commission is bound to obey it, but I suggest that they do so in the least destructive way.

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Q1 **Respondent skipped this question**

Contact information:

Q2
Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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Q3 **Respondent skipped this question**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am opposed to all wolf hunting

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am strongly opposed to any trapping, and therefore opposed to the trapping expansion in HB224 and 225.

I agree with all of Montana's traditional hunting, fishing, public access and stream access laws, but trapping is too indiscriminate, inhumane, and the collateral damage is not justified.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

A sustainable wolf population is CRITICAL to local businesses that rely on such for livelihood. The quota continues to inflate without appropriate and confidence on counts with existing population. People travel here for wild life viewing, lets try to keep that focus as so many of us in Paradise Valley/Park County rely on this opportunity.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

This Abusive wildlife must stop.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Disgusting, inhumane, are we still living in the dark ages time to evolve, this is necessary.

#124

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

no comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am not opposed to wolf hunting in Montana.

But I am a proponent of fair chase in all hunting. I also deplore the short sightedness of allowing the massacre of wolves as they leave Yellowstone N.P.

Wolves are a huge economic draw for communities bordering the park. Please reinstitute very low quotas for areas next to the park.

Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There's no reason whatsoever to hunt or trap wolves, wolves keep herds healthy & prevent the spread of CWD, they also prevent natural disasters and deforestation. Wolf hunts should not be at all. They are unscientific and political based. The quota should be 0 or the lowest 1 if 0 isn't allowed. The method used to estimate statewide population is flawed and can't be relied upon. Wolves are essential keystone apex predators that we need, they balance the ecosystems and environment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Snares and other traps are inhumane, and barbaric, they endanger not just wolves, but grizzly bears, the Canadian lynx, as well as family pets and even people hiking and enjoying the outdoors. The only way forward is coexisting, there are plenty of non-lethal methods to keep wolves at bay, that work, they are the only methods that should be used. Again the only quota for hunting or trapping wolves should be ZERO, or if that's not allowed 1, that's it no more. We are losing tourism due to the continued eradication of our wolves, Yellowstone wolves are being slaughtered. Our state is suffering from the radical anti-science, anti-wolf, anti-wildlife, anti-predator views, ZooSadism is running rampant and we need to stop it. Our State is being boycotted because of it. Let's start evolving and stop devolving.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please reconsider the current wolf quotas. Wolves are a bit economic driver in MT - folks dropped \$82m here to see wolves. It also provides about 3700 jobs. In a state where folks struggle to make a living, why would we decimate a population that brings in money?

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Diane Apere
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State/Province: NY
Email Address: dapere@frontiernet.net

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I implore the State of Montana to consider completely abolishing the wolf hunt season and fur-trapping season altogether. I respectfully am not a resident of Montana; however, I have traveled to your beautiful state and the Yellowstone area in past years. To me, what makes your area wonderful is not only the beauty and bountiful forests, but most of all the amazing animals that live there. Wolves are non-consumptive, beautiful animals and are not a threat to humans. I have requested through petitions that the Federal Government re-list wolves on the endangered species list. Wolves should have never been removed from the list. The most outstanding beauty of your various regions are all of the amazing flora and fauna that you have to offer. Why would anyone want to destroy a non-consumptive animal for its fur, just as I am sure that no one would want to destroy beautiful forests and plants. I understand hunting as a necessity to put food on the table. Wolves and other fur-bearing animals are not food for human consumption. There is no purpose to killing wolves and other wildlife just to satisfy a selfish, somewhat angry, murderous need within certain individuals to do so. I am a true nature lover who appreciates the gift of wildlife and beautiful scenery that has been bestowed upon the earth. Please consider eliminating the hunting and trapping of our beautiful creatures. There is no purpose to their demise and their existence is essential to our planet. I respectfully offer these comments out of concern for our county and the world. Our children and grandchildren require all that we can do to save their future through conservation and caring for our wildlife and planet. Thank you for considering this.

Sincerely, Diane E. Apere

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Again, I implore the State of Montana to consider completely abolishing the wolf hunt season and fur-trapping season altogether. I respectfully am not a resident of Montana; however, I have traveled to your beautiful state and the Yellowstone area in past years. To me, what makes your area wonderful is not only the beauty and bountiful forests, but most of all the amazing animals that live there. Wolves are non-consumptive, beautiful animals and are not a threat to humans. I have requested through petitions that the Federal Government re-list wolves on the endangered species list. Wolves should have never been removed from the list. The most outstanding beauty of your various regions are all of the amazing flora and fauna that you have to offer. Why would anyone want to destroy a non-consumptive animal for its fur, just as I am sure that no one would want to destroy beautiful forests and plants. I understand hunting as a necessity to put food on the table. Wolves and other fur-bearing animals are not food for human consumption. There is no purpose to killing wolves and other wildlife just to satisfy a selfish, somewhat angry, murderous need within certain individuals to do so. I am a true nature lover who appreciates the gift of wildlife and beautiful scenery that has been bestowed upon the earth. Please consider eliminating the hunting and trapping of our beautiful creatures. There is no purpose to their demise and their existence is essential to our planet. I respectfully offer these comments out of concern for our county and the world. Our children and grandchildren require all that we can do to save their future through conservation and caring for our wildlife and planet. Thank you for considering this. Sincerely, Diane E. Apere

#128

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

What need for the killing at all?

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The gray wolf in America is clearly endangered. Without protection, they are slaughtered by a number of cruel and terrible methods, including painful traps, poison, hunting by vehicles, land and air.

Wolves have highly social instincts and take great care of each other. Hunters kill without concern for the family makeup. Why? For a trophy? Because of livestock? A very small percentage of livestock are killed by wolves compared to other events, such as disease, weather, etc.

Wolves are part of America's heritage. They are our wolves, not just the property of a particular state. We, as tourists, contribute to the economies of those states by wanting to visit wolves' habitats. They are a boost to the local economies.

Wolves are part of nature's balance. They keep the herbivores healthy. Unlike hunters, who kill the largest and best, wolves kill what they can catch. Research has shown them to take the weak, young and old. They keep the environment healthy.

Bounties for predators and money for pelts are an out-of-date idea. Wolves rarely, if ever interact with people, they are shy and afraid of us.

Even our Yellowstone wolves are at peril if they step outside the park's boundary.

These wolves, on public land, belong to all of us.

It is not doing Montana any good. You are isolated in your thinking. So many scientists, senators, tribes have begged for these animal's lives. You have blood on your hands.

Please reconsider the barbaric slaughter that you have allowed

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Contact information:

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

see comments below

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

my comments:

Wolves are valuable to local economies in Montana. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

Wolf hunting in the proposed WMU 313 is not a legislative requirement for managing the statewide wolf population. This area has not been identified as an area of concern in recent legislation related to wolves. There is no legal mandate for a high quota here!!

There is no scientific rationale for aggressive wolf harvest in the proposed WMU 313. Livestock depredations attributable to wolves have NOT been documented in the area. Additionally, the elk herd that uses WMU 313 has been at or above population objectives set by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks since wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone.

A low harvest quota of two wolves worked in this area for a decade. Returning to a low wolf quota in WMU 313 will prevent Yellowstone wolves from bearing a disproportionate share of the wolf harvest pressure in Montana and represents a return to a balanced management strategy that will protect Yellowstone wolves and the local economies that depend on them.

Thank you.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **gbtelemark@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

no comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Area 313 (north of Yellowstone Park and in the A-B Wilderness) should be left off limits to hunting and trapping wolves. This is not a problem area for wolf predation (big game nor domestic livestock) and would provide good habitat for wolves associated with YNP.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Not only do I support trapping in Montana, but I understand the importance of trapping in Montana. I also appreciate the support FWP has given the MTA over the years even though it hasn't exactly been a smooth road due to trapping being a sensitive subject in general. It is our most effective form of wildlife management, though. I know this is a general statement, but I just wanted to show my support for trapping.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I 100% support doing away of the WMUs and using Trapping Districts instead. Also, when reporting a wolf harvest, the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **johnblaine53@yahoo.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please follow the Montana trappers Association proposed changes to the wolf trapping regs. thank you

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please follow the proposed Montana trappers changes to the 2023 regs Thank you

#133

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: David Birkoski
City/Town: Great Falls
State/Province: MT
Email Address: racnlucy@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe the current regulations are fine the way they are. I would like to see Bobcat open mid November.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolf season should open as it was when it set to open before the first of December. Reporting of a wolf taken should only need the hunting district it was taken in other than districts next to the parks.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Cole Herdman
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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Comment regarding newly consolidated 313 WMU.

Given 2011-15 population data indicating 29 wolves are in proximity to WMU 313, 2021's harvest of 18 wolves constitutes a 62% mortality rate in this WMU. This percentage is higher when 2021 harvest numbers for WMU 316 are included (72%), given that 316 and 313 are now consolidated. A 62% harvest rate exceeds the threshold of 29-48% harvest rate upon which a decline in wolf population is observed (Adams et al. 2008, Gude et al. 2012). Please consider reducing this years quota for WMU 313 to 8 wolves. This will constitute a 27% harvest rate - a statistically healthy management objective that also balances the disproportional impact that last years harvest had. This change in quota would serve as a localized management action which recognizes the unique role that wolves play in this corner of the state. The fact that quotas for 313 are not included in the statewide harvest # of 450 indicates the states recognition that this WMU is a unique management unit that requires management policies which recognize the localized carrying capacity and public acceptance of wolves. Thank you for your consideration.

Data & Sources from FWP's Justification Wolf WMU 313 PDF

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
Email Address: soliground406@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

1. I support trapping in Montana.
 2. I support the trapping of wolves in Montana.
 3. I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.
 4. I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.
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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: Missoula
State/Province: MT
Email Address: mperezwatkins@yahoo.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am opposed to the liberalized hunting and trapping regulations that the Commission is considering implementing for a second year. Increased wolf trapping imperils federally threatened grizzly bears and Canada lynx, as well as family pets and outdoor recreationists. It also puts politics ahead of science and is against the majority in favor of wildlife and coexistence, which negatively impacts tourism.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am opposed to the liberalized hunting and trapping regulations that the Commission is considering implementing for a second year. Increased wolf trapping imperils federally threatened grizzly bears and Canada lynx, as well as family pets and outdoor recreationists. It also puts politics ahead of science and is against the majority in favor of wildlife and coexistence, which negatively impacts tourism.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Kip Knapstad**
City/Town: **Lolo**
State/Province: **MT**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

District 2 to keep the same regs as last year.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

1 I support all trapping including Wolf trapping in Mt.

2. I support predator management to protect our ungulate populations

3. I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of trapping districts. When reporting a wolf taken, it should just be in the trapping district, except for the park district 313.

Thanks. Please do not allow the anti trapping to take away our rights and freedoms as trappers.

I'm a retired Fireman and love our country.

Thanks

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Karin Occhialini
City/Town: Gardiner
State/Province: MT
Email Address: pokokarin@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am opposed to any trapping..it is an archaic, inhumane practice and needs to end

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I strongly OBJECT to the wolf "Hunt" being considered. To allow trapping, snaring, poisoning, night hunting and in particular..Baiting.. (the only animal that is allowed to be baited) only shows that your objective is to eliminate this necessary animal from the Montana landscape. Instead of listening to the majority of the people that spend up to \$80 million in this state, you have become the Agency of the Outfitter and other hunting organizations that have the Rocky Mountain wolf in their scopes. No ethical hunter condones these killings and in fact, many have come out with strong objections to your policies. What is the reason to hunt a wolf? Certainly not to put food on the table, not to avenge cattle deaths...there are minimal encounters with cattle, not to help boost elk populations...elk have surpassed their accepted numbers and in fact we are seeing an increase in this population that could be managed if we had healthy predator numbers. The hunt last season, particularly in Units 313/316 was a slaughter with an entire Pack being wiped out and in total, 21 wolves removed from a population that is now unstable. These units border a town that is already reeling from a flood and the impact of the hunt last season directly affected businesses in this area. Bring the quota in these Regions to 1 wolf...and instead of giving hunters time to take more, close the Unit immediately. It's time for you to use science based data and to listen to the non hunting community when making your decisions. Have a Biologist on staff that is able to give informed and objective guidance in your decisions. You will be remembered for your votes and directives concerning these animals. These animals belong and they belong to all. Make the right decision... Thank you.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Andrew Eakins
City/Town: Bonner/Potomac
State/Province: MT
Email Address: dru323@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Drew Eakins**
City/Town: **Bonner**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **rmap406@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the trapping of wolves in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please consider some adjustments to the wolf trapping season. So trappers can have a better opportunity to harvest and help maintain the wolf population.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a lifelong montana resident I support trapping especially trapping wolves in montana. It is a key tool to help our ungulates and manage wolves. I would like to see the districts go back to a set trapping date instead of a floating start date. Just make it December 1st like it is with bobcats. I would also like to see the districts just turn into regions and get away from giving distinct locations of trapped wolves. Thanks for your time.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **John Wilson**
City/Town: **Bonner**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **trapperjohnwilson@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping, and especially the management of predators.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Should do away with quotas and the WMU's .The season should open no later than Dec 15th as we have in all the years past. If it can should open the first Monday after Thanksgiving.

#143

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Scott Vollmer**
City/Town: **Gallatin Gateway**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **vollmerscott@yahoo.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is a vital component of any game and non-game management institution. Recently, there have been detrimental impacts to ungulate populations partially due to predation, especially in Region 1. I support the use of liberal trapping seasons as a tool to control predator populations and provide a means to support depressed ungulate populations.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support the trapping of wolves in Montana and support the current wolf trapping regulations as written.

#144

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Q1

Contact information:

Name:	Sadie Johnson
City/Town:	Kalispell
State/Province:	MT
Email Address:	sjohnson@aol.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support the animals. Please seek further alternatives.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves need to continue to thrive and play their part wholly within the ecosystem. I fully support the wolves.

#145

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Herman Watson
City/Town: Bozeman
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Are you kidding? Torturing animals will stain your soul.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My spouse and I own a multi million dollar business that depends on tourism. Hunting wolves is inconsistent with any sensible society. Furthermore it's ruining our international reputation and our governor is an embarrassment, particularly to real people. No further hunting or trapping of wolves.

#146

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Gardiner**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **taylorlbland@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As someone whose livelihood comes from Yellowstone wolves, I think it is crucial to have an open mind and scientific background when trying to change the hunting and trapping regulations. Combining units 313 and 316 is fine, but making it a quota of 10 is not. Compromising and aiming for something a bit lower (5 wolves total) would be more realistic and appropriate given the amount of money these Yellowstone wolves bring into the economy. Having a quota of 10 can easily wipe out an entire northern range pack, much like it did last year. Yellowstone wolves have not had time to recover from their 25 wolf loss last hunting season, not to mention, Montana is continuously trying to manage WYOMING wolves. Wolves that live in Yellowstone are counted towards the Wyoming wolf population, so to allow wolves to be harvested at a high rate right outside the Yellowstone border is trying to manage wolves that do not belong to the state of Montana. The trapping regulations are inhumane, baiting should not continue to be legal, and I think it's crucial that people who continue to break the laws (ie. Not check their leg hold traps every 24 hours) should be held accountable and face consequences for breaking the law. I think unit 110 should have their quotas intact and help protect those wolves who going into that area outside of glacier national park. Again, it's extremely important to go off of science, rather than emotion. Taking an over abundance of wolves from these bordering national parks isn't appropriate— especially considering all of the people who depend on them and make a living on having these wolves alive.

#147

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Contact information:

Q2
Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with the furbearer quota changes

Q3
Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with a large majority of the changes to the wolf regulations, with the exception of the floating starting date. Last fall I spent an incredible amount of time in wolf management unit 390, a portion of which was inside of the floating start date. I have conversed with several others and literally none of us have seen sign of grizzly inside of that area after December 1. I would wager over 500 road miles were driven on a weekly basis by myself and 3 other individuals. The portion of WMU390 lying south of Helena between Hwy 12 and I15 need to open on December 1st for trapping. There is an excellent opportunity to harvest wolves in that portion during this time period but it is a very narrow window. By the time the season opened last year the two separate packs in that area had moved over 20 air miles away into elk wintering ground that is largely privately owned.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Plains**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **ztbutcher7@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana I support the trapping of wolves in Montana. I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Raymond J Toney**
City/Town: **Bayfield**
State/Province: **CO**
Email Address: **raymondjtoney@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

None, other than trapping is cruel and should not be permitted.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Your wolf hunting and trapping proposal strikes me as barbaric and a return to the 19th century. Unethical hunting practices should not be sanctioned, as MT is doing, and trapping should long ago have been banned as the cruelty it is.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

A quota of no more than two wolves taken in area 313 is recommended. It is unnecessary and unconscionable to take as many of ten wolves on the northern boarder of Yellowstone. Creation of a significant buffer will help insure the viability of Yellowstone packs and improve one of the last remaining intact predator habitats in the lower 48. Do not let anti-wolf politics diminish this wild land. Do not degrade the habitat, the species, and packs with a heavy wolf cull in this critical habitat area. Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana. I support trapping of wolves in Montana. I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support doing away with WWU's and going to the use of Trapping Districts. I support when reporting the taking of a wolf the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please protect wolves and end the hunting/trapping season for this species.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please protect wolves and end the hunting/trapping season.

#153

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The proposal is fine except for the beavers. Leave these beavers alone too

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It is time to stop the hunting on the wolves. These animals are beautiful, majestic, and incredible. I understand why you have to hunt them because of the issues with the farmers. The more you kill them. More likely the wolves will be gone forever. I urge you to please stop the hunting on the wolves.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

please continue to allow trapping on private land within Indian reservations.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana.

2. I support the trapping of wolves in Montana.
 3. I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.
 4. I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.
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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on proposed wolf hunting regulations.

I am writing to urge you to lower the high quota (450) for the killing of wolves in Montana. Too many wolves were killed last year. I live in New Hampshire where we also cherish our woods and the outdoors. We also have hunting here, but we do not allow emotions to determine which and how many animals are killed each year.

I am also writing to urge you to stop trapping and the use of snares, baiting and night hunting. Traps and snares are indiscriminate killers and baiting and night hunting are contrary to fair chase.

Why should you care what people in other states think? Because we contribute to your economy. Because we visit Montana to see wolves. Because if you keep high wolf-killing quotas, we won't want to come to your state and support your hotels, restaurants, gas stations, mom and pop stores, local guides, etc. I've been to Yellowstone and stayed in Montana. I would like to return. I visit to see the wildlife, especially wolves. You have a treasure that most states do not - wolves – you should make the most of them, instead of killing them off. Our money is just as good as a hunter's money.

Thank you for proposing the reestablishment of quotas along the border of Yellowstone Park. Last year, all quotas were stripped around Yellowstone in units 313 and 316 and around Glacier in unit 110. Until last August, each of these units had a wolf quota of one. But elimination of those quotas resulted in the killing of 19% of Yellowstone wolves – simply because they stepped over an invisible boundary line. Killing wolves that belong to well-known Yellowstone packs puts globally-recognized research at risk. It also discourages wolf-watchers from visiting Montana. But - why not have a true buffer zone and create a no-kill zone in Yellowstone units 313 and 316 and unit 110 around Glacier National Park?

Wolves have a place in our world and a value and role in our ecosystem.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Wolves have a place in our world and a value and role in our ecosystem.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support Trapping as tool for managing Furbear animals

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Remove the Rolling season start date that states when Grizzly Bears go into Hibernation. Or post the data to public in a form that we can look at.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Maintain a strong trapping season with quotas that match the biologists population numbers. Not heart felt anti-trapping sentiment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quota proposed for the wolf district near Yellowstone park is inadequate to have a thriving ungulate population. I support all trapping as it is absolutely critical for to wildlife management.

#158

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping quotas based on recommendations by the biologists, not emotional wants of the anti hunting and trapping organizations.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping as a tool to manage wolf numbers to protect our ungulate herds. WMU's 313 proposed wolf quota is inadequate to protect ungulate population.

#159

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Since much of your state's hunting and trapping is done on Federal lands, I do not agree with your continued barbaric proposed methods.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There is a real need for Montana to reexamine the 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas proposal. 58% of wolves were taken on Federal land in 2021, that's why I'm commenting in your state. There is no need to kill 10 wolves in units 313/316 or to combine the two since there is no depredation in these areas. The close proximity to Yellowstone National Park boundaries is reason enough to return the quota for those units to 1 wolf. In addition, if you account for the number of wolves taken illegally, you could lower the quota from 450 total. This proposal speaks to your goal of extirpating, not managing wolves in your state.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose ALL trapping of furbearing animals.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quota of 20 wolves per hunter/trapper is appalling. The State of Montana is authorized to manage wolves for the good of the species. To allow a hunter to kill 20 wolves--for no reason other than because he wants to--is not "management". It is annihilation.

I urge the FWP to establish a reasonable quota, such as 1 or 2 wolves per hunter/trapper, if the state insists on killing this vitally important animal.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment on this.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm writing as a resident of WA, a frequent visitor to Montana, and a business owner in Wyoming. I urge the Commission to modify your Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas in the following ways:

1. Wolf sightings in Yellowstone National Park attract visitors which increases tourist revenue to the State in a way that doesn't involve raising taxes; something everyone supports. However, your last wolf killing season eradicated one of the most-watched packs, the Phantom Lake pack. The bottom line to you and the State is that wolf viewing makes more money for you than wolf killing. The proof is in publicly available documents. In 2021, the sale of 20,828 wolf licenses brought in \$339,338 according to your own records. However, the 2022 Tourism Study reports that wolf watchers in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (includes Yellowstone National Park) spend at least \$82 million dollars each year. Therefore, if you change the quota from 20 to 1 in your proposed WMU 313 area, you'll generate far more income than you might lose in wolf hunting license fees.

Separately, I'm sure you realize that ranchers are compensated for any livestock killed by wolves. That should be sufficient for them since their livestock is solely to provide income for the rancher. Ranchers who also want the wolves killed are acting out of emotion, not logic. Your Department knows better and needs to make wolf management decisions based on science and reason.

Since legislators represent ranchers, and since many ranchers aren't rational when it comes to wolf management, please act on behalf of everyone who enjoys living in and visiting your beautiful State and reduce the annual number of allowable wolf kills to 450.

Thank you for your consideration of these points. I hope you decide to do the right thing by the people of Montana and for your wolf population.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please accept my comments on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am a professional wildlife biologist (USFWS retired), and have lived in Montana since 1984. I was dismayed at the extreme changes to our Montana wolf regulations in 2021, and would like to see a return to the more reasonable, fair-chase, and scientifically-based regulations we had previously, rather than having politicians managing our wildlife.

This recent article in the journal *The Wildlife Professional* (May/June 2022) by Christopher Servheen summarizes some of the reasonable wolf regulations and seasons we had previous to 2021.

“Montana had an annual wolf hunt using fair-chase practices and trapping season from 2009-2020, with an annual harvest of about 30% of the statewide wolf population (Inman et al. 2020). These past wolf trapping seasons occurred during winter when bears are in dens, so there was no overlap or potential conflict with bears. Since 2013, Montana’s wolf population declined and was stable at between 900 and 1,200 wolves (Inman et al. 2020).”

I welcome the proposed return of quotas to the units adjacent to Yellowstone National Park, and urge a return to the quota of two wolves, one in each of units 313 and 316. Please do not combine the two units into one as proposed. Two units allows for more accurate management. Similarly, please restore Wolf Management Unit 110, adjacent to Glacier Park, with a one wolf quota.

And, please keep the Wolf Management Units rather than just using trapping units – wolf harvest is more complicated, with both hunting and trapping.

I urge FWP to lower the overall proposed harvest quota to take no more than 29% of the wolf population to keep a stable population. Wolves are an important part of our Montana ecosystems and help keep our ungulate populations healthy by culling of weak and diseased animals (and helping keep CWD in check). They are also a huge boost to our economy, with people coming from around the world to view and appreciate our wolves.

And, very importantly, to return Montana back to our fair-chase hunting and trapping traditions that we have always been proud of, please end night hunting and hunting over bait!!!

Thank you for considering my concerns, and for your work on behalf of Montana’s wildlife resources.

Q3

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Thank you for considering my concerns, and for your work on behalf of Montana’s wildlife resources.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Not informed to have an opinion

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves and wild hogs are the most prolific reproducers in the large mammal category in the USA. They are almost impossible to keep under control. Every and all means of population control is necessary to keep the balance of nature in check. Wolf trapping is 100% necessary and required

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment on this issue. See wolf trapping comment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

All trapping and hunting of wolves in Montana should not go ahead this year. Science has shown that these endangered species have not fully recovered in the state and bring massive ecological benefits to the environment. Furthermore, the Yellowstone population was decimated last year with one pack completely taken out and hunters using immoral / illegal strategies to bait wolves outside of the park. Hunting is simply being approved for political reasons without scientific backing and that's not acceptable. Please do not go ahead with the hunting season for wolves.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The Commission should set the upper limit at 20 percent of the most recent wolf population. The quota should include ALL wolves killed regardless of the reason including those taken in response to depredation and by poaching.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Montana's last wolf hunting season certainly harmed wolf viewing opportunities. The killing in the WMUs 313 and 316 eventually eradicated the often-watched Phantom Lake pack; their territory overlapped the Yellowstone and Montana border.

A quota of one wolf per unit in 313 and 316 would have saved the lives of at least nineteen wolves last hunting season.

A quota of one wolf in the upcoming season would save lives too. And if those saved wolves were breeders, their continued existence would help avoid the disintegration of their families. If those wolves wore collars, scientists would not lose valuable sources of information. And the ever-growing number of visitors to Yellowstone would watch, enjoy, and learn from more wolves in the park.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

agree

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with the new proposed Wolf quota for area 313 , 316 at 10 , that seems based on science not emotion or politics .

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop killing our precious animals

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are a privilege to have put here by our creator to do a job to control all wildlife. Let them live.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Gray wolf management should be cautious and science-based, not political.

The quota for wolf kills in the proposed WMU 313, if adopted, should be zero or the minimum number of wolves—not 10.

The model used to estimate the statewide wolf population is full of compounding errors, meaning the actual size of the state's wolf population is unknown.

Increased wolf trapping imperils federally threatened grizzly bears and Canada lynx, as well as family pets and outdoor recreationists. Snares are cruel and inherently indiscriminate.

Q3

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop killing wildlife.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Zero wolf kills in areas bordering Yellowstone. Watching wolves in the wild is why I come to Montana. I spend a lot of money and all my vacation time in your state. Stop killing Yellowstone wolves and I'll continue to spend my hard earned money and time contributing to your economy.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

STOP hunting & trapping wolves!!!

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Quota should be 0
Stop killing our Wolves...

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Traps and snares are cruel, inhumane and indiscriminate and a danger to other endangered species, pets and outdoor recreationists. The model used to estimate statewide wolf populations is full of compounding errors. The actual number of Wolves is unknown. Anti Wolf minorities should not rule over science.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

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The model used to estimate the statewide wolf population is full of compounding errors, meaning the actual size of the state's wolf population is unknown.

Increased wolf trapping imperils federally threatened grizzly bears and Canada lynx, as well as family pets and outdoor recreationists. Snares are cruel and inherently indiscriminate.”

Hunting is about a fair hunt. As the human population increases wildlife ecosystems are threatened. We need to be progressive and forward thinking not causing more harm to wolves and other animals that will be in danger with what is being proposed.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

“ Gray wolf management should be cautious and science-based, not political.

The quota for wolf kills in the proposed WMU 313, if adopted, should be zero or the minimum number of wolves—not 10.

The model used to estimate the statewide wolf population is full of compounding errors, meaning the actual size of the state's wolf population is unknown.

Increased wolf trapping imperils federally threatened grizzly bears and Canada lynx, as well as family pets and outdoor recreationists. Snares are cruel and inherently indiscriminate.”

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the trapping of wolves in Montana.

I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf hunting quotas shouldn't be ten wolves instead they should be 1 wolf per region wolves in those areas numbers are very low and the hunting is unethical and not backed by science.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quotas should be one wolf per region and not ten wolves

#175

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Okay

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Unethical trapping and hunting methods for wolves should be outlawed to align with regulations for other species and to align the moral standards that hunters and trappers hold with the regulations.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

To be honest, I like that y'all are requiring the tagging of martens now, good job.

And I like that y'all have a required trap checking frequency for wolves. I think the same mercy should be applied to other furbearing mammals. The Furbearer and Trapping Regulations says "FWP recommends checking traps at least once every 48 hours." Let's be honest y'all, a recommendation in most peoples' eyes means nothing. Please consider adopting mandatory 48 hour (or less! but I'll take what I can get) trap checks.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves, whether you love them or hate them, impress most everyone who comes across one. They are striking animals, brought back from the brink of extinction in the contiguous United States through decades of hard work. People come from all over the world, bringing in over \$80 million dollars in revenue (over double what MT hunting licenses provide) to visit places like Yellowstone with the hopes of seeing wild animals such as wolves. My comments are as follow:

- The quota of 1 wolf should be re-instated in the WMUS surrounding Yellowstone National Park, to ensure that the parks' packs are allowed to thrive.
- Similar low quotas should be considered in the area surrounding Glacier National Park. A healthy wolf population in Glacier would bring even more tourism.
- WMU 313 (and 316) should be included in the total quota, with the potential to trigger review.
- The emergency closure, like its name as an emergency suggests, should be kept at 12 hours.
- A new population estimate model should be derived, that pulls on data from more objective sources such as biologists and scientists, instead of mostly hunters (some of who may be biased for their own gains) (no offense).

Thank you for your work and thank you for hearing the public out.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

leave the wolves alone. if a rancher or farmer needs to protect his flock or butt, let he or she do it themselves without killing the wolves or any other wildlife. we're a bunch of killers pretending to care.....

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

as I said, leave the wolves alone. see above comment

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

It's time to start acting like the most intelligent animal on earth and treat other animals with kindness and compassion and not pain, suffering and cruelty. Ban all traps and baiting of fur bearing beings.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop harassing and killing wolves.

#179

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

None

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quota for wolf kills in the proposed WMU 313 should be zero. The model used to estimate the statewide wolf population is full of compounding errors, meaning the actual size of the state's wolf population is unknown.

Increased wolf trapping imperils federally threatened grizzly bears and Canada lynx, as well as family pets and outdoor recreationists.

Snares are cruel and inherently indiscriminate, arbitrary and capricious by definition.

Why on earth would we allow any hunting methods suspected to capture domestic animals? This is not only cruel, but also theft of private property.

And why on earth would anyone believe that folks who inadvertently trap animals they should not, whether above quota or the wrong species, report themselves? The government needs to fund adequate policing and monitoring of what is actually going on on-the-ground if its going to allow hunting, not expect private citizens to report themselves. There is absolutely no other area of law enforcement where we expect people to charge themselves, doing so here is arbitrary and capricious.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose the killing of wolves for sport, trophy or fur and have not visited Montana since the killing of female alpha wolf 06 when she crossed the Yellowstone Park boundary line. National parks are not breeding grounds for trophy hunting!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

This has to stop! The imbalance of predators to wild game is causing an environmental disaster!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Uncontrolled hunting or trapping is leading to a serious imbalance!

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Reggio Emilia**
Email Address: **anthelucy@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop the hunting, trapping and snaring of Yellowstone wolves and Montana wolves, there're no reason at all to kill them except being driven by the minority special interest organizations like Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other unethical hunting organizations

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1 **Respondent skipped this question**

Contact information:

Q2 **Respondent skipped this question**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The heinously liberalized gray wolf hunting and trapping allowances not only endanger the gray wolf population, but also federally threatened species including grizzly bears and Canada lynx, as well as family pets (DOGS!!) and Montanans and visitors who enjoy recreating outdoors. The Commission will put both wildlife and the public at risk if it continues this approach.

Q3 **Respondent skipped this question**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wild Livelihoods would like to thank Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) for using wildlife management research to determine a wolf harvest quota recommendation in WMU's 313/316 for the 2022/23 hunting season. We understand that the proposed quota of 10 wolves in the region encompassing WMU 313 and 316 was set based on biology and population density, but did not take into account social factors. Our business members and private land owners are now asking the Commissioners to factor in social issues when setting the final quota for regions just north of Yellowstone National Park, just as you have done when setting elk quotas, for example, in our region to account for industries like ranching (see FWP's 2022 HD317 elk population report). As businesses who drive the local economy and contribute significantly to bed tax collections, we expect the final quota set by the Commissioners to be thoughtfully lower than 10.

In addition, while we understand FWP's goal of simplifying hunting regulations, combining WMU 313 and 316 in to one region (which you have acknowledged is a unique region) does not factor in the very different geographies these two WMU's encompass. WMU 316 requires the best in fair chase hunting. It is remote and requires real work to hunt, and hence it's wolf kill fluctuates from zero in some years and, in others like last year, three. On the other hand, WMU 313 has easy access for hunters to park on the roads near Decker Flats or Beatie Gulch and watch or call wolves in for easy pickings. There is nothing wrong with easy pickings, per se, but in the context of your combined quota, it results in a reality where the real quota in WMU 313 can approach 10, well above the historic one or two. Our recommendation is that you leave WMU's 313 and 316 separated and set a quota that incorporates the socio-economic factors that we have been arguing for on behalf of the businesses here that depend upon tourism. These businesses generate \$82M due to visitors coming specifically for wolves alone, as documented in our recent economic study.

As you are aware, south Park County, especially Gardiner and Cooke City, have been dramatically impacted by the flood. Roughly \$500M of combined tourism revenue comes into Park County annually. The #1 activity reported by tourists is wildlife "watching". Bed taxes alone generated almost \$8M last year. Half of that tax goes to the State's general budget for all Montanans. At the request of the State, our business coalition has been working with the Department of Commerce to help quantify the immediate and ongoing loss of tourism revenue due to the flood, and develop larger scale marketing to remind the world that we are open for business. As Yellowstone National Park works 24x7 to reopen the road from Gardiner to Cooke City, a repeat of last year's intensive localized wolf killing will send the wrong message to consumers looking to return to our area.

Only a literal handful of hunters capitalized on last year's quota. In contrast, \$236 million of economic activity in Park County spent by hundreds of thousands of visitors spread across hundreds of local small businesses was directed broad-based tourism activities in our area. Please consider this social factor when deciding how to set wolf quotas in such a small region with an overweighted economic impact.

Thank you for listening and continuing the dialog around building a stronger Montanan economy.

Wild Livelihoods (representing 161 local businesses near the north entrances to Yellowstone National Park)

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hopefully region 1 will open on time this year.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping in Montana. Most who do not are never in the mountains to see the damage. The terrified look on the deer ,elk, moose if you find them before they are consumed. They are not cute friendly dogs. I do not hate wolves as they are just doing what wolves do, but they need to be controlled and trapping is the only effective method.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not support the trapping of animals, except in survival situations, but do not have a specific comment on the Furbearer seasons and quotas at this time.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Both baiting, and electronic calls should be disallowed in regards to wolf hunting. Neither adheres to fair chase principles of ethical hunting.

Secondly, the regions bordering Yellowstone should remain as buffer zones for the park's wolf population. It is not ok that the State of Montana is luring wolves out of yellowstone park, one of their only true refuges in the country, to kill them. Please reinstate the buffer zones surrounding the park.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No furbearer season at all.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

These proposed regulations have nothing to do with science and conservation. It certainly makes no monetary sense due to the fact living wolves have generated millions upon millions in revenue to Yellowstone and surrounding communities. What this is about is the privatization of public lands. 30% of Yellowstone wolves are gone after the first hunt. These wolves are national wolves and everyone has the right to speak up for them. To protect these vital wolves, do not change wolf management units from 17 to 7. This is not science based and not done for ungulate and other large carnivores. Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. It is an essential wildlife corridor into the U. S. Do not change the current 12 hour emergency closure for WMUs 313, 316 and 110 that border Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park. To change to a 24 guarantees you will go over quota. The vast majority of citizens value these wolves and want them left alone.

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Q1

Contact information:

State/Province: **MT**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations. I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem and also bring people to see them and photo them. They also help maintain the growth of other animals in the environment. They should be allowed to live and thrive without the threat of mankind. We need to stop reducing the Wolf population and find better ways to maintain the balance. Man is always disturbing the balance and we are now living in a world out of balance and on the brink of catastrophe as a result of mankind making very poor decisions on the balance of life. We are living in a time that we have no ability to make up for poor decisions. We need to leave the environment and animals alone as God intended. There will be no turning back if we continue to go on the reckless path with the wrong people making decisions for the rest of us.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We must allow the Wolves to live in peace. They have been slaughtered over and over again even with some minor protections in place. There needs to be a better way to protect them and the environment. I believe as usual money is always involved. It has a tendency to motivate people to make the wrong decisions. We will lose our lives because we destroy the fabric of the environment that makes everyone want to go to the parks to the country to the woods to enjoy the environment When will it stop? When will those who make these decisions listen to the public and not money? When will we be able to save these animals from those who continue to want to bring them down? When will they live in peace and when will we be able to say yes, we are protecting them, and money is not the motivator? Do your job and protect the Wolves!

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana. I support proper predator management.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping and the trapping of wolves in the state of Montana. I support predator management to properly manage our ungulate populations and to keep the amount of predators at a healthy population. I also believe that only the unity shall be required to be reported when harvesting wolves and not the exact location. I support maintaining the quotas per region and not isolating the locations around the park.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support continued management practices.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support continuing trapping and hunting of wolves as a management tool. At the present season lengths and higher quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I % support trapping in Montana!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I % support apex predator trapping in Montana!

#193

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am writing to urge the Commission to exercise its authority to protect gray wolves from the wholesale slaughter allowed under the proposed hunting and trapping regulations for the 2022 to 2023 season - as it defies logic and morality.

If the reason behind it is indeed to protect game from wolf predation, then there is a problem as this simply isn't true.

"Parks department data doesn't indicate that hoofed wildlife populations are stressed by wolves. Many wildlife biologists — and even the Montana Wildlife Federation, a pro-hunting conservation group — agree. The truth is, we have record numbers of elk in the state of Montana, including in areas with wolves," said Nick Gevock, the federation's conservation director. What's more, critics of the bills say hunting methods like snares are cruel and indiscriminate."

"We find these bills to be based on misinformation about wildlife, misinformation about the effects of predators on prey species, and a lack of understanding about the complexity of natural environments in Montana," residents and wildlife biologists, including Boyd and 16 former parks department employees, wrote in a March 16 letter to the state legislature and governor. "These bills are not based on science."

Additionally, the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department's hunting estimates prove that elk numbers are consistently strong across the state as are the hunter success rates (they have actually gone up over the past decade).

So what exactly is driving this need to slaughter all of the wolves in Montana?

It is imperative that the Commission protect as many wolves as possible for the 2022-2023 wolf hunting and trapping regulations, including:

1. Setting the lowest wolf harvest quota allowable by law in WMU 313.
2. Set the hunting season to the lowest allowable by law.
3. Ban the use of snares on OUR public lands.
4. Prohibit bait and night hunting across the state.
5. Limit the wolves to one wolf per license with the lowest bag limit allowed by law across the entire state.

An understanding of compensatory reproduction is also vital here. Basically the more you kill, the more they will reproduce. You are in essence creating the very problem you think you are addressing. "The reason for this is likely that indiscriminately killing wolves disrupts the social cohesion of the pack. Moreover, in intact families, offspring tend to stay with their pack longer and breed much later. When packs are disrupted, and dissolve, offspring tend to breed younger and there are subsequently more breeding pairs and packs of younger wolves without older, more experienced wolves to guide them. (Effects of Wolf Mortality on Livestock Depredations. Robert B. Wielgus, Kaylie A. Peebles)

While we don't live in Montana we did send our son to college in Missoula and therefore have a strong tie to your state. Don't underestimate the draw to visit Montana for the chance to see a wolf. I guarantee you that no one visits Montana to see deer.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support all trapping in Montana. I also support predator management as a way of protecting our ungulate populations as well as domestic livestock.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping statewide in Montana. Also, please use just the trapping districts for wolf hunting/trapping reporting.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I strongly support trapping as a very effective management tool for predators.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support doing away with the SMU's and using the trapping districts and using the trapping district as the only report when reporting a wolf except in 313 park district.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I strongly support trapping as a very effective management tool for predators.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support doing away with the SMU's and using the trapping districts and using the trapping district as the only report when reporting a wolf except in 313 park district.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop wolf hunting permanently, wolves are essential for human survival!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop wolves' killing and trapping, wolves are essential for human survival and species balance. Nature is perfect humans aren't, we have so much to learn with all species and nature!

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support moving to trapping districts for wolf.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping in Montana.

#199

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **John Lunetta**
City/Town: **Noxon**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **jlunetta11@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I recommend the Region 1 bobcat quota is currently accurate, and does not need to be reduced.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Region 1 trapping season opener, due to grizzly concerns, very prohibitive on managing of the explosive wolf populations. Very few grizzly bears are actually caught in a trap, and can be released. The antis are using this as and excuse to deter wolf harvesting. Not starting the wolf trapping season until late December allows more predation on are Elk, Moose, and Deer. We have a severe wolf population in Region 1...

Also allowing more wolves harvested per hunter trapper, and increasing the over-harvest number throughout Montana...

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf hunting and trapping in Montana. I support managing wolves on a regional basis without WMU.

I do not agree with the justification #2. of limiting wolf harvest in WMU 313 based on sentimental input. I believe wildlife management should be based on sound data and facts, NOT emotion. Please only make decisions to manage our Wildlife based on sound facts and data.

Thank you for your time to read my comment.
Caleb Gillis

#201

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commisioners,
I strongly support trapping in Montana and the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and quotas

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commisioners,
I very strongly support trapping wolves in Montana. I feel it is a very necessary tool to help keep our wolf population at a sustainable level yet prviding a much needed method to help preserve our unglant populations and protect our livestock producers from increased depredation problems.
I also support the proposal to do away with the WMU's and going to the trapping districts.
Thank you

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Kalispell
State/Province:	MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe we need to manage our furbearer that way our habitats don't get ruined or over-tan by them.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana. I support wolf trapping in Montana. I support predator management in Montana.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
Email Address: rosco24812@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I see absolutely no reason the quotas should be lowered . There are very few trappers as it is and fuel and gas prices are going to cut the harvest down more than needed as it is . All quota taken animals , especially Wolves should have to present proof of kill to be counted .

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolf season should remain as is but the use of baiting should be relaxed on private lands especially. There way to much protection for Grizzlies and lynx. The likelihood of trapping and holding a Grizzly are very small . In living in Montana and being an avid Hunter my whole life I have never seen a Lynx or Lynx track . The only quota on wolves should be for 313 and 316 , all the other areas need to be wide open .

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the quota change

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping wolf's in montana.

I do not like the floating start date should just open on a specific date

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Joliet**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **jharris1887gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support continued trapping for furbearers.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

ACTION ALERT

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TRAPPING REGULATIONS IS JULY 21

The FWP Commission will be accepting public comments for Trapping and Wolf Hunting/Trapping Proposals for final decision on August 25 in Helena. Your comments are needed by JULY 21.

As a land owner as well as a livestock owner I support trapping in Montana.

This includes the trapping of wolves which are overpopulated.

I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate population also.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Once more, FWP is knowingly providing quota numbers based on outfitters and predator hunter requests without knowing the current physical numbers of the predators. FWP is aware that the iPOM is still not even close to accurate.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The proposal lacks any common sense. FWP is currently being sued by outfitters and AG because the deer and elk numbers are over management objective. What is FWP's answer? A proposal to kill more of the angulates natural predators.

FWP lied during multiple recorded hearings that the reason for the increased wolf kill numbers is to give everybody a chance to kill a wolf. Then why does FWP propose to allow one single individual to kill up to 20 wolves?

There is nothing in the FWP proposal that would make it ethical, or science based. Not one individual at FWP can tell what the impact to the wolf population was after last years allowed slaughter, yet the proposal for the next "season" is to kill 450 wolves.

To allow bait and night vision equipment is so unethical that it makes one wonder to whom FWP' proposal caters to.

I would like to know why the notice period to close WMU's if a quote was reached must be increased to 24 hours? It does not make any sense and the preferred FWP reasoning of "killers are in remote areas" does not really work as all of them are one or the other way motorized. FWP allows, once more, the killers to kill over the quote by providing additional 12 hours.

The entire proposal is based on an outfitter and big AG Wishlist's. It would be nice for a change to have FWP use the Wishlist and comments from the "non-consumptive" community. Keep in mind that the salaries of FWP are not paid by outfitters and big AG.

Sincerely,
Margareta Marro

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MN
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Disgusting

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Banning all Montana products from my home

#208

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana. Trapping with steel traps and snares is a widely accepted management tool approved by most biologists.

I support the trapping of wolves in Montana as a management strategy. Again, trapping with steel traps and snares is a widely accepted tool approved by most biologists in the know.

I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts.

Do away with the requirement for trappers having to notify landowners/habitations within 1,000' of trapping activities.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Leave these recommendations up to the biologists and keep this out of the political arena.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hunting closures should remain at 12 hour vs 24 hour. Longer time just gives hunters more time to "forget" to report, ensuring exceeding quotas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose combining Units 313 and 316, and to allowing 10 wolves to be killed. Combining the Units makes it harder to monitor kill numbers accurately and allows for more YNP wolves to be killed.

I ask that Units 313 and 316 be maintained separately, with a quota of one wolf per unit.

I oppose a 24-hour closure notice which basically ensures the quota will be exceeded. I ask that a 12-hour notice be kept.

I ask that an emergency closure be allowed, as eliminating it also ensures the quota be exceeded.

In 2021, 21 YNP wolves were killed in the hunt--7% of MT's entire wolf kill numbers, leaving a population of 89. Wolves are resilient, but even they cannot sustain what can only be called commercial killing based on social rather than biological decisions (meaning, satisfying the relatively small numbers of hunters/trappers rather than all factions of the population.)

Hunting along YNP's border is highly contentious. Wolf "haters" now brag about becoming highly organized, baiting and trapping intensely along YNP's borders, ensuring park wolves will die. This is not fair chase.

Conversely, there is a local tolerance for wolves in this tiny slice of MT, where wolves are appreciated as apex predators within an intact ecosystem, as well as for the value they bring to local businesses.

YNP is the best place in the world to view wild wolves. Businesses from wildlife guides to those in the hospitality industry rely on the \$82 million spent by wolf-watching visitors in Park County. How can this be valued less than income earned by outfitters and guides during elk hunting season?

Stock depredation is a non-issue near YNP. Virtually no depredations occurred in WMUs 313 or 316 in 2021. Montana Dept of Livestock reported that between 2013 and 2021, only seven cattle were killed; less than 1/year.

Is it not reasonable, then, to return to the "one" wolf quota in each of Units 313 and 316? Elk populations are healthy; cattle depredation is a non-issue; and wolves play a part in maintaining one of the few remaining ecosystems in the world.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Need to do away with the floating season opener for wolves.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe in wolf management by means of trapping and hunting, we need to do away with wmu's and use trapping districts we also need to do away with set backs.

#211

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Dana
State/Province:	NC
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The ways that are allowed to be use to kill the wolves are unfair. The wolf has no chance. There are too many lies going around about wolf kills on cattle. There is not reason to kill the wolves.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolves are needed to complete the eco system. Stop the killing.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: TN
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and predator management in Montana

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: Sherman Oaks
State/Province: CA
Email Address: emmaandspirit@hotmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hunting and trapping wolves should always be illegal. Do not trap or hunt wolves. Wolves play a key role in keeping ecosystems healthy. They help keep deer and elk populations in check, which benefits many other plant and animal species. The carcasses of their prey also help to redistribute nutrients and provide food for other wildlife species, like grizzly bears and scavengers. Scientists are just beginning to fully understand the positive ripple effects that wolves have on ecosystems. Hunting and trapping wolves should always be illegal.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hunting and trapping wolves should always be illegal. Do not trap or hunt wolves. Wolves play a key role in keeping ecosystems healthy. They help keep deer and elk populations in check, which benefits many other plant and animal species. The carcasses of their prey also help to redistribute nutrients and provide food for other wildlife species, like grizzly bears and scavengers. Scientists are just beginning to fully understand the positive ripple effects that wolves have on ecosystems. Hunting and trapping wolves should always be illegal.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Gardiner
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Bobcat quota in region 3 should be higher.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

313 should not have a quota separate of the rest of the region. Wolves in Montana are Montana wolves no matter what that park superintendent thinks.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
Email Address: j45375bart@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping and predator control and it is in alignment with Montana's biggest industry agriculture. Please keep the regulations simple and achievable in other words don't make the regulations so complicated that trapping cannot realistically occur or set trappers up for failure.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and hunting please simplify the maps. Looks like 300 wolf management units are in region 5. Very confusing.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **deerlodge**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **hw14hlp@aol.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana,

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping of wolves in Montana, I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations, I support doing away of the wma and going to the use of the trapping districts, and reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district the wolf was taken, Maby not for 313 park district.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: Big timber
State/Province: MT
Email Address: wildskiguy@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in mt.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wold trapping is a safe,humane and the most effective effort to control and very abundant species

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: Emigrant
State/Province: MT
Email Address: eberg@lwrconsultants.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

1) Quotas around Yellowstone:

- We are glad to see the FWP Commission's reestablishing of quotas along the border of Yellowstone Park.

- If the Commission creates a new single unit 313 (by combining 313 and 316), we advocate for a quota of 2 wolves taken from the entire unit.

- However, we prefer that the Commissioners keep two wolf management units, 313 and 316, and lower the quotas to 1 wolf from each unit.

- o Two designated units allows FWP flexibility and accuracy, pinpointing management in each unit, if needed, as in cougar management.

2) Placing caps on the numbers of wolves that can be killed:

- We applaud the Commission and FWP's return to using the accepted measuring stick for wolf populations:

- o Research has shown that harvest must exceed 29 to 48 percent of a wolf population before a decline is observed (Adams et al. 2008, Gude et al. 2012).*

- o However, we favor Lane G. Adams et al, "Population Dynamics and Harvest Characteristics of Wolves in the Central Brooks Range, Alaska," Wildlife Monographs, 2010, which shows that if you take any more than 29% of a wolf population it is not sustainable. (Gude goes further, up to 48%)

3) We agree with the Commissioners that the 313 harvest was disproportionate:

- During the wolf trapping and hunting season in 2021–2022, a disproportionate number of wolves were harvested in former WMU 313 (18 of 85 taken within TD 3) with another 3 taken within former WMU 316. Although this single year of harvest is not sufficient to create any long-lasting biological harm to Montana's wolf population, vocal public sentiment has favored some limitation on future harvest within this southern portion of Region 3.

4) We ask that FWP lower the overall quota in Montana to take no more than 29% maximum harvest that would prevent population decline.

- The Commission contradicts itself: They claim to be committed to this cap by referencing the Adams and Gude papers.(see above*).

- A quota of 450 would exceed the max 29 % percent that is sustainable. (Last year the goal was to take 50%, which the commission took as a mandate from the Legislature, a mandate with no basis in fact, science or even public opinion. The quota was not filled, but there is a good possibility that this year it will be. Last year the total count of wolves last year seems to have been inflated.)

5) Please change back to a 12-hour reporting time (not 24 hrs.) so as not to exceed quotas at the close of the unit or season.

6) We oppose managing wolves by trapping units—keep Wolf Management Units.

7) We oppose trapping, night hunting, hunting over baiting.

8) Please restore WMU 110 near Glacier, with a quota of 1 wolf.

9) We ask the Commission to include any 313/316 quotas in the total threshold for Region 3, so that the count should be 72, if the quota is 10 and down from there.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Don't have a comment on this issue.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We were horrified to read that 20% of the Parks wolf population were last year due to the illogical plan of the FWP Commission which threw out all quotas along the northern boarder of the Park. We hope you regain some sense in this matter and listen to experts in the field such as Doug Smith.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **Buysellwesternstates@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Eliminate all WMU's.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support trapping of wolves as a management tool.
They need more harvest quotas as they are overpopulated.
Do away with WMU's.
Report the district they were taken in.
Do not get caught up in the out of state emotional pleas. Stand firm on sound science and biology for their management.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

1. I support trapping in Montana.
 2. I support the trapping of wolves in Montana.
 3. I support predator management as a tool to help protect ungulate populations.
-

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

1. I support the trapping of wolves in Montana.
 2. I support predator management as a tool to help protect ungulate populations.
 3. I support doing away with the WMU's and going to the use of trapping districts instead
 4. Upon taking of a wolf the only thing needed to be listed is the trapping district except for the 313 Park district.
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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm a trapper in region 1

Not enough research was done to lower the quota.

I don't agree or disagree. Jesse showed no proof for lowering it.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The cruelest thing we can do to wildlife is fail to manage it.

I've trapped wolves in region 1 now for 5 years. I spend approx 300 days a year in the woods, either running trail cams or trapping. Since wolf season has started here in Montana opening day was December 15th. Never has a grizzly bear been caught in a wolf trap. Yet the department wants to restrict trappers even more.

Look to our west, Idaho has many years of data showing no issues with grizzly's and they start September 10th. over the boarder to the north into Canada and they start October 15th for foot traps and December 15th for snares.

The bear biologist told the commission last year that December 15th was a perfect start and a floating start would just cause confusion. Which it did last year.

The 10 pound pan tension was implemented for Lynx protection zone. So outside of Lynx zone it needs to be dropped. It's hardly enforceable anyways.

Back to the wolf trapping start date.

Here's how it should look! Start wolf trapping sept 15th with Trap size restrictions till the grizzly is asleep, 7" jaw spread. No snares till grizzly is asleep.

There's so much data out there that other agencies are willing to give you.

Please atleast consider going back to the proven December 15th.

Leave the trapping zones as they are.

Don't complicate it even more

I know our wildlife is managed now by politics and big business. But you need to go back to true science and good wildlife management.

A healthy wolf population has nothing to do with the number of wolves, it has to do with the health of the wolves. Help us trappers manage these beautiful creatures properly.

Paul Antczak

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in mt

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and believe season should open dec.1

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a 6 generation native I have personally seen a dramatic increase of wolf kills on elk and deer in the areas I hunt. I support trapping and the the trapping of wolves and am an avid trapper. I trapped 120 days last year across Montana. I personally witness wolf kills and see the impact they have on elk, deer, moose and even cattle and I see this first hand. Wolves need managed. They reproduce in large numbers and grow fast. Trapping and hunting are effective ways to manage wolves. They are both safe and also economical and there are no reasons not to trap and hunt wolves. Wolf reporting needs to be the area only. As trappers, we cannot do our job when the public interferes with our sets and the wolves.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping and hunting of fur bearers, especially Coyotes and wolves.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see 3 below.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please do not merge WMU's 313 and 316 into one unit and increase the quota to 10 wolves. Wolves in that area are valuable to local economies, bring in about \$82 million annually from wolf watchers, and they create jobs. There have been no documented depredations of livestock or elk in WMU 313 attributed to wolves, so there is no need for such a high quota. A harvest quota of 2 wolves worked well previously and kept a healthy population of wolves. The loss of 21 wolves in the last season decimated packs and hurt not only the wolves, but the livelihoods that depend on them.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See comments below

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hello Commissioner & Chair Robinson, Commissioner Tabor (Vice-Chair), Commissioner Waller, Commissioner Byorth, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Cebull, Commissioner Lane: I went to school in the rocky mountains in Wyoming studying wildlife ecology. I have returned regularly to WY & MT & to the GYE to spend my holiday funds of around \$5K per person paid by each of my family group just in the state of MT & equal that in WY. I visit to view wildlife, particularly the keystone predators, Wolves in particular. I subscribe to 3 Montana newspapers to keep current on local news. I have read your final proposal and I question your stewardship. Since the rocky mtn states returned to managing wolves you have been entrusted with our wildlife on public lands, in YNP & on our federal lands. How can you do critical conservation & monitoring of wolf populations, who are still in recovery, when your IPOM is not peer reviewed & is inaccurate in terms of the total population of Montana wolves & it appears your sources for data comes only from the trophy hunters and trappers, how is that valid data?

You want 10 wolves killed for WMUs 313/316/110—Please, no, reestablish the quota of 1 wolf in each of these WMUs. There is no threat of livestock predation, and elk populations are at record highs for the last 10 years, with shoulder seasons required now in your state. The 1/1/1 quota has been tolerated for a decade, and after a devastating flood, it shows a lack of empathy for the tourists (who spend hundreds of hours watching & paying \$82 million annually to visit the wolves), the businesses and it's not good science to kill a disproportionate number of wolves in these WMU's when collared wolves provide park research & data to projects across the rocky mountains. Maintain the same day emergency closure (6 PM) w traps/snares removed. Keep the 12 hour rule for emergency closure for 313/316/110 boarding YNP & GNP, otherwise changing to 24 hours will, for sure, go over quotas. And most importantly do not remove WMU 110 which borders Glacier NP, this is an essential migratory corridor into the U.S. for Wolves, how will you monitor numbers of pups and dispersing wolves? These wolves are the connectivity from Glacier back to Yellowstone and beyond, the pups born along the route are invaluable to wolf societies & gene pools. Corridors are the life energy of all wildlife, explain to me why you are planning to do this?

As for the 17 WMUs—it is key to maintain these 17 units so that you will know when to review a unit and close the area to killing anymore wolves. You would be taking away 7 areas to give individual input. Where is the independent science to validate your specific changes? This will make it more difficult for scientists and the public to monitor the details. Why do you want to make wolves subject to this rule when no other predator or hooved animals has been subject to this rule? This concerns me that you want to implement what I view as potentially unregulated killing, even beyond the 85-90% already targeted. The state should follow science, which all favors protecting wolves, & exclude lethal methods & decreasing accountability from wolf management. Wolves killed in WMU's 313/316 must be included in the quota review trigger mechanism, otherwise you're killing more than it appears on paper. I'm also against capping the killing at 100 wolves under SB 200.....it should be capped at 25, this is too much of a leap otherwise, it's unnecessary when the number of wolves has stayed within 10 killed annually & in future in your proposals you've got to include the counts of wolves killed by wildlife services (this is long overdue) + SB 200 mortality and reported poaching. Keep traps and horrific snares out of Grizzly & Lynx recovery areas. I saw a photograph of a tripod Grizzly in early May of this year, that is a terrible disadvantage for a living being who has to hunt and fight to live. Again, you are acting as appointed stewards of our wolves and you have a duty to listen to your constituents and I would add, listen to us, your wealthy non-consumptive tourists who contribute to your paid taxes and share ownership of our public/federal lands and wildlife & support your economy.

Commissioners: why are you planning to be so liberal in killing our wolves? What is the science based biological reasoning behind your new rules? Wasn't the original argument that wolves would kill off the Elk and livestock? Last year 64 cattle were depredated out of a population of 2.6 million, the ranchers were reimbursed generously in your state & Elk are way over your target populations. I have to question so many drastic changes in your 2022-2023 Furbearer & Wolf Trapping and Hunting Season and Quotas proposal which combines furbearers trapping with wolf hunting, "trapping" connotes for me, an organization of elites who want to exploit our wolves for profit & commercialization and that is a dangerous pursuit, our wolves will lose the gains that they are making and I am adamantly opposed.

There is no biological nor scientific basis for your proposed rules, they make no economic sense and the recommendations are not conservation instead they challenge the potential for wolf recovery and that is a terrible legacy for you.

Very Sincerely

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop ki;ping all the Wolfs in all the states surrounding Yellowstone Park . I believe in saving live rather then killing every Wolf off . They take care of them self's . So PLEASE STOP. .

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop this now it is awe full and inflects a lot of pain to any animal trap Be it Wolf Or bear or whatever is caught . STOP STOP IT IS NOT HUMAN WE ARE BETTER THEM THIS RULE .

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information:

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please limit the quota to 1

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please set a quota based on science and not politics. There is no way killing half the population is correct

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please end all wolf trapping, I want to go to Montana to SEE wolves and the wildlife the keep in balance.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please end all wolf trapping forever. Wolf hunting is a sick and pointless waste of the life of an apex predator. It should stop now.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am opposed to the proposed fur bearing season it's too much for these populations to tolerate

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

25 wolves were just killed in the last season on the border of Yellowstone national Park . This is egregious because the wolves bring in tourist dollars by the millions for the towns and the park
Everyone loves these wolves and follow them on social media
You seem to be making the quota of over 400 wolves which is half of Montana's wolf population a decision made for hunters not using science to allow a healthy number to continue the species and not cause inbreeding and extinction
This is wrong and unethical for a state body to identify such killing of huge numbers of wolves based on politics
You are so lucky to have these beautiful wolves no one understands these egregious quotas
Thank you for allowing me to make my comment I appreciate this platform

I am speaking up for this iconic beautiful species it's gravely unpatriotic to kill an animal most Americans respect honor and revere

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the trapping of wolves and believe the trapping season for wolves should start the monday after Thanksgiving in all trapping districts.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana. Be more realistic with the lynx trapping precautions for bobcats.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the trapping of wolves in Montana. I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations. I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district. Do away with the grizzly bear restrictions.

#233

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Just stop the furbearing season! I am so pissed off with barbaric trapping and other inhuman strategies to kill off our wildlife.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop all wolf hunts but I know that won't happen so make a better plan.

Montana's last wolf hunting season certainly harmed wolf viewing opportunities. The killing in the WMUs 313 and 316 eventually eradicated the often-watched Phantom Lake pack; their territory overlapped the Yellowstone and Montana border.

A quota of one wolf per unit in 313 and 316 would have saved the lives of at least nineteen wolves last hunting season.

A quota of one wolf in the upcoming season would save lives too. And if those saved wolves were breeders, their continued existence would help avoid the disintegration of their families. If those wolves wore collars, scientists would not lose valuable sources of information. And the ever-growing number of visitors to Yellowstone would watch, enjoy, and learn from more wolves in the park.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support scientific Gray Wolf management only. Not paid off and/or political management in any way and at any time today or in the future.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I Greatly OPPOSE wolf trapping and wildlife snares today and long into the future. Wolf-trapping and snaring or extremely cruel and inhumane and I will not stand for it any longer.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a former resident of Montana and a human being, I think this is so wrong and cruel. Please don't do this,

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a former resident of Montana and a human being, I think this is so wrong and cruel. Please don't do this,

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

All trappers must be registered with the state. Jail term for those that are not. Must also let the state know the animals trapped/killed. Jail & penalties for those that are found out to not have registered/updated the state on what they have killed. Please prohibit all trapping on public lands. Must need permission from land owners to trap on private property. Too many children and family companions get caught in the traps.

There also must be 24 hour checks on traps to alleviate the suffering of an animal caught in them.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

No aircraft shootings should be allowed. Elimination of night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes as it further violates laws of fair chase.

“Fair Chase, as defined by the Boone and Crockett Club, is the ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild game animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the game animals.”

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please end trapping. It is cruel and inhumane.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please end trapping. It is cruel and inhumane.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Prohibit snaring on public land. Restrict to private land only, and with landowner written permission.
Prohibit ram power snares.

Require disclosures and signage for traps and snares on block management areas.
Require trapping signage at trail heads and high use recreational areas.
Reinstate for the public's safety, ALL wolf trap setbacks in Sanders county that the Commission removed.
Require minimum 150' trap setbacks on ALL open and "closed" public roads.
Prohibit the use of snares on elk and deer high use wintering grounds.

Adjust the Wolf trapping season to Jan 2 - Feb 28 especially to try to avoid incidental trappings of grizzlies before and after hibernation and upland hunting bird dogs. The current wolf trapping and hunting dates running until March 15th also kills pregnant wolves.

Mandate 24 hour/daily trap checks to alleviate added suffering, the increased injury, and the otherwise higher mortality of non-targets.
Limit the number of traps and snares a trapper can set and the number of snared wolves per trapper.
To avoid the commonality of going over quota, a region or WMU should close as it approaches quota/threshold with a 12 hour notice provided.
Require trapper's pull their traps and snares within the 12 hr notice of closing or end of the season.

All wolves killed need to be presented for inspection and in an unfrozen condition.

Require wolf trapping certification class involves in-person testing and certification card must be carried in the field, shown in order to purchase a license, and presented to FWP at the time of wolf inspection.
Obtain the records and amounts of bounty payments for our wolves.

Reinstate in the wolf regulations the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft.

NO party trapping. One trapper identification tag per trap/snare.
NO pre-baiting.
NO shooting wolves over bait.
Elimination of night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes as it further violates laws of fair chase.

"Fair Chase, as defined by the Boone and Crockett Club, is the ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild game animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the game animals."

Return the previous quotas outside Yellowstone and Glacier National Park to one wolf. In a recent press release, Yellowstone's superintendent said, "Visitor spending within communities that are 50 miles from Yellowstone exceeds \$500 million per year, tens of millions of which is spent by visitors coming to watch wolves and supporting Montana businesses in gateway communities." These wolves are not a threat to big game outside the park and the wolves are held responsible for only a handful of cattle predation over the years. Killers removed at least 21 Yellowstone wolves from Montana, but reports are more wolves are missing and the population has dropped by 30% which is biologically concerning. There is no justification to kill another 10 wolves which is equivalent in Yellowstone, or was, to another pack.

Keep the WMU's to maintain the consistency in reporting and tracking over the years, coordinate with elk management units, and increase transparency which is steadily waning.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Under the present climate change situation, meaning by that the huge pressure on wildlife to survive, speaking of a wolf killing quota is politically unacceptable today. Montana is not paying attention to the future of wildlife and killing the hen of golden eggs. Montana is destroying the natural capital that has turned the state a great destination for Nature lovers and turistic visits.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support robust trapping seasons and generous fur bearer quotas throughout Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose the existence of Wolf WMU 313. In spite of "vocal" opposition, wolves should be managed as one population throughout Montana and quotas should be generous and set for a maximum allowable harvest. The wolf population throughout the state has far exceeded minimum population goals and has had a devastating impact on elk, deer, and moose populations. Moose in particular are struggling. Wolf populations require intense management to prevent huge swings in predator and prey populations. A loud and emotional minority of Montanans and out of state interests should not control wolf management in Montana. Considering the record Yellowstone visitation in recent years, I don't think Montana tourism will be substantially impacted by wolf management decisions. I am a direct stakeholder in tourism and I fully support maximum control of the wolf population in our state. Wolves should be managed at the minimum sustainable population number.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please limit quotas in WMU 313 to two wolves.

And please end unethical practices currently in place. See comments in question 3.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I ask you to restore a quota of two wolves - or none - for the area around Yellowstone Park. WMU 313

The elk populations in the area are at objectives, and there is little livestock depredation in the area attributable to wolves.

The wolves are a driving force for the tourism industry, bringing millions of dollars to local communities. The state of MT drew much negative attention last year for needless killing of wolves.

I would like to also voice my strong opposition for the unethical regulations state-wide which allow for baiting, trapping, night hunting and hunting by air.

I keep reading stories about how the wolves are killing all the elk. Then the next day the articles read that there are too many elk, we need more hunting. And the wolves don't go for trophy bulls, they target the sick and the weak....

Thank you for listening.

Sue Bressler

Billings

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As I stated in my comment for the wolf hunting and trapping season: permitting the recreational killing of animals, where their deaths serve no other purpose other than entertainment and sport for people, is morally wrong. We should not allow this to happen. We can teach future generations to be better humans and citizens by ending this practice starting now. Please do not implement the furbearer season. Thank you.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe that the hunting and trapping quotas for wolves bordering Yellowstone National Park, and the rest of Montana, should be zero. In this modern day and age, with everything that we know about animals, we as a society, as humans, should not be permitting the recreational killing of animals. I'm not saying that people cannot defend their domestic animals or themselves if threatened by wild animals. But purely killing animals for fun, in the name of culture and tradition is something that I feel is not only morally wrong and bankrupt, but it is something that holds us back and degrades us as a people and a society. Let us do better, for ourselves and the other living beings of this world. Please do not implement the wolf hunting and trapping season. Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the inhumane, unethical, and unnecessary trapping of animals.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the inhumane, unethical, and unnecessary trapping and killing of wolves. Unlike livestock, wolves are necessary for our environment and ecosystems. Not to mention that fewer livestock animals die from wolf attacks than other issues. I am originally from the beautiful state of Montana, but will refuse to visit with these policies in place. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

In support of reductions in bobcat quotas as proposed.

In support of the marten proposal.

The lengthy trapping season, unlimited and unreported take of beaver is ecologically irresponsible and needs to be rectified.

The trapping season on swift fox should be closed as they continue to face many challenges to their recovery deserving of support over the whims of a boasting trapper or two.

Mandate 24 hr/daily trap checks to reduce suffering, injury, and mortality.

The trapping of dogs study promised during the 2021 legislative session to be conducted through the department instead of by the EQC, has not occurred and must.

Provisions and restrictions must be implemented for the public's safety against trapping and snaring, i.e. disclosure and posting of trapping/snaring on block mgt units, setbacks apply to all public roads, opened or closed, signage on high recreational use areas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Madam chair, Commissioners.

While we support combining WMU 313 and 316 into one, the wolf proposals fall short of what needs to occur. We urge you to implement the following:

Prohibit snaring on public land. Restrict to private land only, and with landowner written permission.

Prohibit ram power snares.

Require snares have a 275 lb. rated snare breakaway, diverters, relaxing lock, and a stop for a minimum loop size of 10".

Require disclosures and signage for traps and snares on block management areas.

Require trapping signage at trail heads and high use recreational areas.

Reinstate for the public's safety, ALL wolf trap setbacks in Sanders county that the Commission removed.

Require minimum 150' trap setbacks on ALL open and "closed" public roads.

Prohibit the use of snares on elk and deer high use wintering grounds.

Adjust the Wolf trapping season to Jan 2 - Feb 28 to try to avoid incidental trappings of grizzlies before and after hibernation and upland hunting bird dogs. The current wolf trapping and hunting dates running until March 15th also kills pregnant wolves.

Mandate 24 hour/daily trap checks to alleviate added suffering, the increased injury, and the otherwise higher mortality of non-targets.

Limit the number of traps and snares a trapper can set and the number of snared wolves per trapper.

To avoid the commonality of going over quota, a region or WMU should close as it approaches quota/threshold with a 12 hour notice provided.

Require trapper's pull their traps and snares within the 12 hr notice of closing or end of the season.

All wolves killed need to be presented for inspection and in an unfrozen condition.

Require wolf trapping certification class involves in-person testing and certification card must be carried in the field, shown in order to purchase a license, and presented to FWP at the time of wolf inspection.

Obtain the records and amounts of bounty payments for our wolves.

Reinstate in the wolf regulations the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft.

NO party trapping. One trapper identification tag per trap/snare.

NO pre-baiting.

NO shooting wolves over bait.

Elimination of night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes as it further violates laws of fair chase.

"Fair Chase, as defined by the Boone and Crockett Club, is the ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild game animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the game animals."

Return the previous quotas outside Yellowstone and Glacier National Park to one wolf. In a recent press release, Yellowstone's superintendent said, "Visitor spending within communities that are 50 miles from Yellowstone exceeds \$500 million per year, tens of millions of which is spent by visitors coming to watch wolves and supporting Montana businesses in gateway communities." These wolves are not a threat to big game outside the park and the wolves are held responsible for only a handful of cattle predation over the years. Killers removed at least 21 Yellowstone wolves from Montana, but reports are more wolves are missing and the population has dropped by 30% which is biologically concerning. There is no justification to kill another 10 wolves which is equivalent in Yellowstone, or was, to another pack.

Keep the WMU's to maintain the consistency in reporting and tracking over the years, coordinate with elk management units, and

increase transparency which is steadily waning.

Although none of this killing of wolves is science based or warranted, including to protect livestock, the excuse to increase the elk populations is often used. Note per 2021 Montana elk counts, we are 50,000 over elk management objectives and with every region at or above objective. Elk have risen considerably, almost doubling in numbers over objective since wolves were reintroduced to Montana decades ago. Elk are now being hunted 6 months out of the year and a lawsuit is underway for private landowners to kill thousands of elk. Lastly, chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a far greater threat to elk populations than wolves, their natural predator and who they evolved with.

Wolves are our allies in keeping prey species strong and healthy.

Therefore, we urge the Commission to close or strictly limit the killing of wolves in elk management units over objective and definitely where CWD has been reported.

Please do right by the wolves, the wildlife, and the people of and who visit Montana.
Let that be your legacy.

Thank you.

KC York and on behalf of the Trap Free Montana board of directors.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please consider lowering the quota for the 2022 season. After previous hunting and trapping of wolves, a quota of 450 wolves could devastate the future of wolf populations in Montana. It's likely that current wolf populations are already lower than what has been stated. Aside from current populations, the methods used for obtaining pelts from wildlife are cruel and disgusting. There is no guarantee that wildlife, other than the intended target, will not be caught in traps as well. Wolves, like all wildlife, need protection and the opportunity to thrive in their native habitat.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm writing to urge you to reconsider the wolf hunting and trapping seasons. Wolves are a keystone species and absolutely vital to the health of our ecosystems, of which we are apart of. There is no science to support the fact that removing wolves would be beneficial in any way. In fact, the removal of any native predator has been proven to have a negative impact on many of the species that share the habitat of said predator. It's often stated that wolves "account for livestock loss" or are "killing all the elk". However, anyone can do a quick google search and see that this is not the case. Wolf depredation of livestock accounts for less than 1% of all livestock death and the current elk populations are thriving across the state of Montana. These proposed hunts and the encouraged methods are cruel, unnecessary, and should not be carried out. Wolves are equally as deserving of protection and as important as any other native wildlife that calls Montana home.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

FWP proposes reducing the quotas on Bobcats in Region 1 and 5. I will always support reductions in trapping of any animal. I also support FWP proposal to present all marten pelts.

Thank you.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

"Fair Chase, as defined by the Boone and Crockett Club, is the ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild game animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the game animals."

Montana is killing wolves in an unethical manner and is not following scientific research that has proven time and again that wolves are apex predators that are vital to the balance in our ecosystems. They are not man killers, they help keep diseased elk and deer from spreading disease, and they do not kill for fun.

The combining of WMU's 313 and 316 near the Yellowstone border and asking for a 10 wolf quota is absolutely unnecessary. These wolves are not causing any harm and they are either dispersing or will return to their home in the park. To kill a wolf from Yellowstone is taking an animal that essentially belongs to the public....the visitors that provide millions of dollars annually to the tourist industry in and around Yellowstone. Wolves don't know they are crossing an invisible border. As much as I am against wolf hunting and trapping in general, Montana has opportunities to kill wolves that are away from the park. Why, why do you have to kill Yellowstone wolves in these units and why do you have to increase the quota? Please consider returning the lower quotas, if you must kill Yellowstone wolves, and keep the units separate. Twelve hours is sufficient time....do not increase it to 24 hours. That will allow more than the quota of wolves to be killed.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Cruel and too high of quotas

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Cruel and too high of quotas

It's asinine I even have to go through this process

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please don't hunt our apex predators, especially our wolf populations. We have seen first hand how beneficial the species is to the ecosystem. See Yellowstone and the return of trees and rivers etc. If hunting is your thing, hunt deer. Wolves aren't good eating anyways. Thank you.

Q3

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Fur hunts need to end. It's 2022, get with the current century.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The Yellowstone wolves are a symbol of the Parks. Why are you constantly trying to kill them while raking in tourist money from people who WANT to see them??

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am not in favour of any trapping, it is a barbaric and cruel method of killing animals.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hunting/trapping wolves units near the YNP boundries can disproportionately affect the stability of packs in the Park. Millions of people from around the world come to the northern range to see wolves. This brings in millions of tourist dollars for the state.

You can't just give a quota on wolves of X number per unit without realizing that wolf communities have different members playing different roles in the pack. It is not the same as a herd of elk or deer. If you kill the wrong wolf int he pack, like the Alpha male or female the whole pack may degenerate and drift apart. This has a much greater affect than killing one wolf. When you allow hunting in the borders of the Park you risk disrupting a resource that all those people from around the world are coming to see. Especially the Junction Butte Pack which is the most visible Pack in the Park. By allowing members to be lured out of the Park boundary to be killed you are affecting the tourist dollars that benefit Montana greatly.You have to decide which is more valuable to Montana. Allowing a few individuals to hunt near the boundary or the millions in tourist dollars that are brought in every year benefiting many Citizens of Montana.

Thank you for your consideration

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Since most trappers disregard the rules pertaining to baiting traps and setting them up near human traveled trails trapping should be prohibited unless the FWP can provide more field agents to monitor.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Since wolves are an attraction for visitors to Gardiner, MT and Yellowstone NP I don't think there should be any hunting or trapping near Yellowstone Parks hunting and trapping districts. The town of Gardiner's economy depends on tourist and visitors including those that come to view all wildlife including wolves. It is pretty evident that our recent make-up of our Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks commissioners are only interested in doing and receiving favors from for-profit outfitters, guides and trapping associations with total disregard for "fair chase" hunting and trapping.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Full ban on wolf hunting. Leave them alone.

#252

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

In the modern day, a fur bearer season is unnecessary. Trapping endangers the entire common as well.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

IPOM is not peer reviewed and inaccurate when attempting to count the wolves. Stop commercializing the wildlife in Montana. Wildlife watchers make up the majority of people who enjoy wildlife and we need a seat at the table. No to the wolf killing season.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Abby**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

PLEASE RELIST WOLVES! They are an extremely important species and deserve to roam the lands. We NEED our wildlife now more than ever! Don't let this planet go extinct! PLEASE RELIST WOLVES! They are an extremely important species and deserve to roam the lands. Our future generations need to know what beautiful creatures there are and were here before us. They are not the "bad" wolves everyone believes them to be. They do not deserved to be slaughtered no animal does. They do what they need to survive and so would humans. I don't see us killing our pets why is it any different just because they are predators doesn't mean they should be brutally killed and most of the cruel evil selfish murders are just for fun and not for any good reason. Cattle elk etc are not on the brink of extinction and wolves know their boundaries the percentage is SO low for actual wolf attacks it's absurd to hunt them as much as what has been done in the past year. Places like Yellowstone thrive on our wildlife and we shouldn't be taking that away just because they roam out of the parks boundaries. STOP the extinction of our amazing majestic beautiful wolves we would be lost without them.

Q3

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

trapping is so cruel and must be ended. there's no longer any justification.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

leave the wolves alone for god's sake. unnecessary killing is just murder. just because they aren't human doesn't change it. cowards.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the seasons and quotas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the wolf seasons and quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Sara Gernsbacher**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

These quotas are way too high that your are proposing. They are completely unsustainable.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It is untenable to allow 460 wolves to be killed, that is half the states population and allowing even more to be killed as the season progresses is horrifying. These wolves are vital for a healthy ecosystem and they must be protected. Listens to science and your innate responsibility to protect our native animals and environment. Please-it is your duty to protect and ensure a thriving environment, not to allow the completely unethical killing of so many wolves to appease a few landowners who are using public lands for their own interests.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop treating wildlife this way. Use your SCIENCE. These animals are an integral part of the ecosystems they inhabit. Humans are not. This is not fluffy feely crap...these are facts. Set your quotas to zero.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves have a pack struture. They have families and they have SCIENTIFIC reasons for the way they behave. Humans are mindless destroyers of every place they inhabit. It's easy to see which does not belong in any wild scenerio. Set your quotas as low as you can.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Gray wolf management should be cautious and science-based, not political.

+ The quota for wolf kills in the proposed WMU 313, if adopted, should be zero or the minimum number of wolves—not 10.

+ The model used to estimate the statewide wolf population is full of compounding errors, meaning the actual size of the state's wolf population is unknown.

+ Increased wolf trapping imperils federally threatened grizzly bears and Canada lynx, as well as family pets and outdoor recreationists.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

STOP STOP STOP. It's not necessary.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There should be no trapping of any kind or hunting if any kind. These animals are essential and don't deserve to die from humans.
STOP IT!!

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop the trapping and shooting of wolves .

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Urging you to PLEASE:

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- Prohibit ram power snares.
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PLEASE:

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Elimination of night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes as it further violates laws of fair chase.

"Fair Chase, as defined by the Boone and Crockett Club, is the ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild game animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the game animals."

Return the previous quotas outside Yellowstone and Glacier National Park to one wolf. In a recent press release, Yellowstone's superintendent said, "Visitor spending within communities that are 50 miles from Yellowstone exceeds \$500 million per year, tens of millions of which is spent by visitors coming to watch wolves and supporting Montana businesses in gateway communities." These wolves are not a threat to big game outside the park and the wolves are held responsible for only a handful of cattle predation over the years. Killers removed at least 21 Yellowstone wolves from Montana, but reports are more wolves are missing and the population has dropped by 30% which is biologically concerning. There is no justification to kill another 10 wolves which is equivalent in Yellowstone, or was, to another pack.

Keep the WMU's to maintain the consistency in reporting and tracking over the years, coordinate with elk management units, and increase transparency which is steadily waning.

Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Although none of this killing of wolves is science based or warranted, including to protect livestock, the excuse to increase the elk populations is often used. Note per 2021 Montana elk counts, we are 50,000 over elk management objectives and with every region at or above objective. Elk have risen considerably, almost doubling in numbers over objective since wolves were reintroduced to Montana decades ago. Elk are now being hunted 6 months out of the year and a lawsuit is underway for private landowners to kill thousands of elk. Lastly, chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a far greater threat to elk populations than wolves, their natural predator and who they evolved with. See more below.

Wolves are our allies in keeping prey species strong and healthy.

Therefore, we urge the Commission to close or strictly limit the killing of wolves in elk management units over objective and definitely where CWD has been reported.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

FWP proposes reducing the quotas on bobcats in Region 1 and Region 5.- I SUPPORT reductions in trapping.

FWP proposes all marten pelts must be presented--I SUPPORT this proposal.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

REIMPOSE 2 WOLF LIMIT IN AREAS ADJACENT TO YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK !!!!!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the government sponsored slaughter of wolves! Note that:

- *Gray wolf management should be cautious and science-based, not political.
- *The quota for wolf kills in the proposed WMU 313, if adopted, should be zero or the minimum number of wolves—not 10.
- *The model used to estimate the statewide wolf population is full of compounding errors, meaning the actual size of the state's wolf population is unknown.
- *Increased wolf trapping imperils federally threatened grizzly bears and Canada lynx, as well as family pets and outdoor recreationists.
- *Snares are cruel and inherently indiscriminate

Thank you!

Q3

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Thank you!

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

My husband and I lived in Montana a total of 25 years and we are very supportive of trapping in Montana and recognize the need for predator control and control of animals like beaver and muskrat also. We just want to encourage the department to not be swayed by people who have no realism in wildlife management. Thank you

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My husband and I lived in Montana for a total of 25 years and just want to encourage the department to not be swayed by people who have no realism in wildlife management. We totally support wolf trapping and other wolf management ideas and support trapping in general and recognize the need for the control of predator populations as well as species like beaver and muskrat. Please stand firm and do not be bullied into no management of these species. Thank you

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Absolutely not. There is no reason for the slaughter of these animals.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Just what is the purpose of hunting wolves? For their fit? Because ranchers don't want to fortify their corrals? This is an appalling proposition!

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please ONLY TWO (2) quotas per season.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please ONLY TWO (2) quotas per season.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

It is my preference that trapping be kept to as low a minimum as possible. I have seen so many pelts and preserved specimens for sale in stores. They are not purchased and I wonder how many of them could still be living in nature. It is so joyful to see one of these beings living in the wild and take a photograph. Finding martens, bobcats, etc. is difficult in the wild. Less trapping may make that more of a reality for those of us who travel many miles just to be in your beautiful scenery and celebrate your awesome wildlife. Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion and thanks for your continued efforts to balance the needs of all you serve. In gratitude, Marilu

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Thank you for opening your forum to all of us across the country. I am a wildlife lover. I spend my vacation time and my available dollars to travel from Florida to MT and WY to view the awesome wildlife - I certainly don't have access to in Florida. I advocate for the least amount of wolf harvesting as possible in MT and at least around the perimeter of Yellowstone. I appreciate that you respect this boundary and request that the number of wolves allowed to be harvested in these areas be as low as possible. Wolves bring commerce to your state, they provide a balance to the ecosystem. It is my understanding that elk are over population objectives. Cattle lost to wolf predation is reported at less than 100 out of 2,500,000. Again, thank you for your continued discussion and allowing all of us from around the country to take part in that discussion. Sincerely, Marilu Wilson

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Integrated Patch Occupancy Modeling (IPOM) is not peer reviewed and is inaccurate when attempting to count Montana wolves. Additionally, the source of data for IPOM comes exclusively from the hunting community not the scientific community or even trained surveyors. This means biased and tainted sample data which result in invalid model inputs and inaccurate recommendations by MtFWP biologists to the Commission.

What is the biological reason to kill Yellowstone wolves? There are no biological reason to kill Yellowstone and Montana wolves. This slaughter of Yellowstone wolves is being driven by the minority special interest organizations like Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other unethical hunting organizations.

Yellowstone and Montana wolves belong to all Montanans under the public trust doctrine. Yellowstone and Federal Lands belong to all Americans.

The killing of Yellowstone and Montana wolves is part of the push to commercialize Montana wildlife and needs to stop.

**The non-consumptive individual who makes up the majority is not being heard or represented by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. It is time we have a seat at the table with wildlife management.

The silent majority of Montanans and Americans want wolves and other large carnivores on the landscape.

Montana livestock depredation for 2021 was 64 cattle. These livestock producers were reimbursed for their loss with a multiplier of 3 times the value. Montana has 2.6 million cattle currently.

Don't change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units. This is not science based management and we don't do this for ungulate and other large carnivores. This is meant to prevent the wolf community monitoring the mismanagement of Montana and Yellowstone wolves and makes it more difficult too close an area to wolf killing when the trigger for review is met.

Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor into the U. S.

Do not change the current 12 hour emergency closure for WMUs 313, 316 and 110 that border Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park. To change to a 24 emergency closure insures we go over quota. Same day emergency closure (6 p.m.) with traps and snares removed.

Yellowstone wolves help provide over \$82 million dollars in sustainable revenue for Montana and gateway communities.

Yellowstone Northern Elk herd is growing and above objective. And elk recruitment is healthy along with hunter success rates near Yellowstone.

Montana Elk populations are virtually near or in most management units above objective.

It is long over due that Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks include the non-consumptive wildlife friendly in the decision making process.

No trapping or snaring in Grizzly bear and Lynx recovery areas.

Wolves killed in WMUs 313 and 316 are to be included in the quota review trigger mechanism.

Wolves killed under SB 200 should be capped at 25 since it rarely goes above ten wolves.

With quota's re-established in WMUs 313 and 316 and 110 there is no biological or social reason to move towards regional management.

When MtFWP discuss wolf hunting, trapping and snaring mortality in future Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks wolf management proposal they include Wildlife Services control actions, SB 200 mortality and poaching activity numbers.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

see above

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Indigenous voices must be heard on this issue.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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The Department of Agriculture reported that less than one-quarter of one percent of cattle were killed by wolves.

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No trapping, poisoning, or burning. As an educator, I am trained to look for evidence of animal cruelty in children as a sign of mental illness. These methods model animal cruelty to children.

Animal populations have declined 70% in the last 50 years globally. Humans need biodiversity in order to survive. This is a vital wildlife corridor in the U. S.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm not experienced with this but wildlife needs to be protected as much as possible.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

With the growing decline of wildlife over the last 50 years, it is unconscionable to me that we should allow hunters to kill just for fun. Yellowstone and surrounding areas of public land in Montana allow us to view and photograph these and other wildlife. My husband and I have had the privilege of doing this and have also seen the delight in the eyes of adults and children alike when they see a wolf pack in the distance (naked eye or spotting scope) or a grizzly bear and cubs grazing in the meadows or mountainside. How can we explain to our children and grandchildren why beautiful and wild wolves are killed just for fun? With all the problems we face in our daily lives full of stress and anxiety at times, it is important that those in power do all they can to protect our wildlife and allow these joyous and awe-inspiring events to be experienced. It brings a kind of renewal to the soul. Please do the right thing for our country and act responsibly on these issues. It is important that accurate monitoring of Yellowstone and Montana wolves be done effectively which is why I urge you to continue with the 17 Wolf Management Units. Thank you for your consideration.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not believe that snaring is warranted in ANY situation. Traps should be checked every 24 hours. By catch should be reported. Traps should not be in public recreation areas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

To Commissioners, Montana Fish wildlife and Parks and other interested parties,

I am writing today to comment on the wolf season proposal released recently as it applies to the "season" 2022-2023.

1. First, after the outcomes of the last hunting season it is unbelievable that you would be pushing the proposed changes. Montana and Yellowstone wolves on public and federal lands belong to us all. The killing of these animals is driven by special interest groups not representative of the non-consumptive public. Killing policies are being made by politicians not biologists which flies in the face of the stewardship for public spaces and wildlife which you are tasked with. And routinely, the non-consumptive voices are being completely disregarded.
2. Yellowstone (GYE) is a crown jewel, boasting the only intact ecosystem in the lower 48. It draws people from all over the world to see the scenery and animals esp the iconic animals (of which the wolf is one) to the tune of 82 million dollars brought to the region in tourism. Indeed, wolf watching brings people year-round. And yet for a pittance of license fees, you have allowed OUR wolves to be baited from the park and killed. To what end? Were those wolves involved in depredation? Human conflict? The answer is NO. They were killed for fun. An entire pack murdered. Other packs severely affected.
3. In the rest of the state, the cited reasons for continuing the killing of wolves are livestock losses and elk populations. Well, the statistics do not show either to be significant. 64 cattle lost. Elk populations thriving so much that cow elk and shoulder seasons are being extended. And landowners are complaining about hay damage from the "decimated" elk herds.
4. Another issue is the method for the actual count of wolves in the state. The integrated patch occupancy model has not been proven to be valid scientifically. In fact, it is supported by a lot of anecdotal information from the very hunting community invested in killing these animals. It leads to false information being the basis for killing policies.

For the reasons above I oppose:

- a. The changes to WMUs from 17 to 7. It takes a broad brush to a population you do not have accurate data on. And makes monitoring very difficult.
- b. Trapping or snaring in Grizzly or Lynx recovery areas
- c. Snaring, Baiting or night hunting (unethical killing practices)
- d. A 10 wolf quota in the regions bordering Yellowstone. Which constitutes an entire pack. Yellowstone is not your "grocery store". You are lucky to have this park in your backyard. Stop abusing it.

I advocate for

- A Restoring units 313 and 316 with a one wolf quota restored
- B Leave unit 110 intact as well
- C No baiting or night hunting
- D 24 hour closure upon reaching quota
- E Equal voice given to the non-consumptive public at discussions of wolf policy

Your current proposal is a travesty to the management of wildlife in this country and for the good of the environment. I and others will continue to push the Federal government for the relisting of the wolf and the continued protections of the ESA for the grizzly bear as you have not performed your duty to the public trust. Please reconsider these proposals and come to the table to restore reasonable management of this iconic, much loved and essential apex predator.

Karen L Brown

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

These animals are so important and essential! Skinning them and using their fur for coats or whatever is disgusting! Do you really want to possibly cause the extinction of these animals?

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are essential to the ecosystem. If you people keep on killing them then the deer and elk population will keep on growing! Wolves helps to get rid of the blue tongue disease. Please do not kill anymore wolves.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Prohibit snaring on public land. Restrict to private land only, and with landowner written permission.

Prohibit ram power snares.

Require snares have a 275 lb. rated snare breakaway, diverters, relaxing lock, and a stop for a minimum loop size of 10".

Require disclosures and signage for traps and snares on block management areas.

Require trapping signage at trail heads and high use recreational areas.

Reinstate for the public's safety, ALL wolf trap setbacks in Sanders county that the Commission removed.

Require minimum 150' trap setbacks on ALL open and "closed" public roads.

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Mandate 24 hour/daily trap checks to alleviate added suffering, the increased injury, and the otherwise higher mortality of non-targets.

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To avoid the commonality of going over quota, a region or WMU should close as it approaches quota/threshold with a 12 hour notice provided.

Require trapper's pull their traps and snares within the 12 hr notice of closing or end of the season.

All wolves killed need to be presented for inspection and in an unfrozen condition.

Require wolf trapping certification class involves in-person testing and certification card must be carried in the field, shown in order to purchase a license, and presented to FWP at the time of wolf inspection.

Obtain the records and amounts of bounty payments for our wolves.

Reinstate in the wolf regulations the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft.

NO party trapping. One trapper identification tag per trap/snare.

NO pre-baiting.

NO shooting wolves over bait.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

All animals should be protected. Why does killing some give pleasure?

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We should respect all forms of lives. Please save all the animals in the world. We all have a reason for existing, we are all connected, and what affects any species affects the rest of us.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and hunting in Montana

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please save the animals

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Don't kill or trap Gods beautiful creatures. Men are the only creature that kill for pleasure. Stop now. Please

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Limit hunting for furs please

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a decades long supporter of wolves and someone who has visited Montana and the Yellowstone area several times, I find it appalling at how your department and government officials do nothing for wolves. Are you aware of the tourist dollars brought in by people wanting to see wolves compared to what hunting and trapping brings in? I am pretty sure that Gianforte doesn't care. But what about the local small businesses that thrive from tourism? Please, when making your decision, set the quota at the bottom end of the scale. I won't be unrealistic and suggest zero, 1-5 would be a hell of a lot better than the 20 the "haters" are hoping for. Thank you for your time

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm deeply disturbed as a photographer about continued wolf slaughter in Montana

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

these animals are already endangered and it's time to protect and preserve for future generations

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Page 15. Methods for improving efficiency, selectivity, and Animal welfare

- Use early morning trap checks to reduce the time an animal is held, reduce its chances of pulling out, and avoid theft of traps and animals.

I do not see where an ANIMAL'S WELFARE is addressed when the recommendation is the check traps at least once every 48 hours.

Checking Traps – FWP recommends checking traps at least once every 48 hours.

How does FWP enforce recommendations?

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It's my understanding the actual populations of wolves, statewide, is unknown due to faulty modeling. This mean the number of kills allowed in wrong.

The quota for wolf kills in the proposed WMU 313, if adopted, should be zero or the limited number of wolves. Not 10.

Wolves transform ecosystems. Science-based management of wolves should be implemented, not political. I believe politicians are the reason we work to relist wolves.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see my comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas below.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your work and the opportunity to comment. I recommend the commission return quotas to one wolf in each wolf management units 313 and 316 around Yellowstone National Park, set quotas of one wolf in unit 110 around Glacier National Park, and retain the current WMUs in all Regions.

These are public lands and biological laboratories. Wolves temporarily step over national park borders, where they may spend 95% or more of their lives, or attempt to disperse to the other core areas, moving between viable islands of habitat. Failure to protect and maintain connectivity corridors, by allowing wolves to be killed under all movement cases, can be interpreted as a failure to comply with Connectivity of Populations mandated in the USFW's final rule, when the state of Montana gained management over the species.

The proposed 2022-2023 wolf regulations personally affect my way of life as a Montana tax paying land owner and stakeholder for this item, but more importantly it:

- 1) Destroys versus supports decades of world-renowned, ground-breaking research, monitored by people and the scientific community around the world;
- 2) Endangers the economy of our community and livelihoods. Wolves on the landscape are essential for Gardiner, Silver Gate and surrounding areas including Bozeman. Tourism is Montana's 2nd largest industry. The 2022 economic study, "Tourism in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem", compiled data showing that wolf watching alone brought in over 80 million dollars to our economies here in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and Yellowstone Gateway Communities.

Previous wolf regulations allowed killing more wolves in Region 3, than in all of Montana. I thank you for retaining a quota in Region 3, WMU 313 and acknowledging the imbalance in the 2022-2023 proposal. That said: 1) A quota of 1 in each WMU 313 and 316 is recommended. If the new WMU 313 being proposed is accepted on August 25, 2022, which includes the current 313 and 316, then a quota of 2 for this new WMU is recommended. 2) The overall Region 3 proposed quota must include all WMU quotas within that Region, not be in addition to them. And they must be included in the state totals, not in addition to them. Otherwise you propose double counting which has never been done and neither recommended nor acceptable.

Direct proposal comments by section:

Section: Background: Given that the wolf is a species that is both trapped and hunted in Montana, the proposal to bundle the management of wolf hunting under the umbrella of trapping, for administrative simplicity versus valid biological justification, is neither recommended nor an acceptable reason for this proposed change.

Section: Alternatives and Analysis: Integrated Patch Occupancy Modeling (iPOM) is the "means of monitoring wolf distribution, numbers, and trend in Montana". Integrated population models (IPMs) are composed of component models that are fit to intensive field monitoring data, including mark-recapture estimates of survival rates, reproductive data, and population counts from structured surveys. Most population ecologists agree that direct monitoring of wolves is required.

Yet Montana's iPOM is the only model to suggest population size can be estimated without direct demographic data and/or population counts.

MtFWP reports that wolf populations remain stable under liberalized hunting regulations.

Yet wolf harvests have decreased (17% from the year before, and less than any of the three prior years) despite making killing wolves easier with longer seasons, increased limits and a wider range of legal methods of hunting and trapping (non-fair chase methods which many in the hunting community disapprove of). Previous analyses has shown that wolf population growth rates decrease as human killing increases, and decline when the rate of killing exceeds 19% to 29% of the population. This should be investigated.

All of this indicates that the wolf population is in decline. This must be evaluated starting in 2022 by biologists and statisticians to employ more accurate methods. It is typical that several years of intensive field study are needed to obtain data for this estimation, then convert the number of animals counted into a good estimate of population size.

The source data fed into iPOM is derived from "annual hunter effort surveys" as opposed to the impartial scientific community or even trained wildlife population surveyors. This results in biased and inaccurate sample data and refutable recommendations by MtFWP biologists and the Commission. This must be investigated.

MtFWP biologists have stated that they do not know how many wolves are in Montana, and plan to include Yellowstone's wolves in counts because Yellowstone biologists know how many wolves are in the park. Given 96% of Yellowstone National Park lies within Wyoming, this would compromise the entire state of Montana's wolf count and render all management, regulations and legislature

based on it invalid.

The Commission proposes wolf regulations one month before all regional biologist recommendations are reported, and one month before the latest annual Wolf Report is published. Thus management and regulation decisions are based on old information and the process be overhauled.

Given the issues above it is understandable "increased take" was not achieved.

Section: Agency Rationale and Recommendation, Item 6:

A. "Recommend eliminating all wolf management units (WMUs) except for combining former WMUs 313 and 316 into a new WMU 313"

The Commission provides no justification for proposing to "eliminate WMUs" other than administrative convenience.

What is the logic behind proposing what will result in a decrease in granularity of biological and statistical monitoring, population assessments, and thus a decreased accuracy of Biologist recommendations?

What is the biological justification to combine current WMUs 313 and 316 into a proposed new WMU 313?

B. "Recommend establishing a harvest quota of 10 wolves in total for trapping and hunting in WMU 313."

Return quotas to one wolf each in wolf management units 313 and 316, or if the proposed new 313 WMU passes, then no more than a quota of 2 in 313, around Yellowstone National Park

Keep WMU 110 around Glacier National Park and set a quota of one wolf in WMU 110

C. "If a quota is instituted and when a season quota is reached, the trapping and hunting season will close upon a 24-hour notice, but no later than March 15, 2023"

You have a quota, enforce it immediately. The 12 hour closure notice was a period during which more animals could be killed above the quota and the state knowingly introduced error into its own system. Hence, doubling this closure notice to 24 hours is negligence and exponentially adds to the inaccuracy of the system.

The date of March 15 should be changed to February 1 to prevent killing pregnant females.

D. "Recommend managing wolf harvest primarily by trapping district."

Management nuances between hunting and trapping are too great. You cannot accurately regulate hunting within trapping, let alone hunting and trapping within ALL furbearer trapping regulations. This maneuver could be interpreted as negligence on the part of MtFWP.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

NA

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hello, I have experienced the wonder and awe of the Yellowstone ecosystem as a person who is a flyfisherwoman. I have seen dramatic changes in the ecosystem along the streams and rivers since the wolves have been introduced to the landscape. Previously, there were so many elk that they decimated the willows and other shoreline vegetation along these water bodies. By restoring a key predator species, the reduced elk population keeps the waters cleaner, cooler and with less evaporation. This is important for the survival of trout populations throughout the Yellowstone ecosystem. Tourist dollars from flyfishing is a significant revenue source for Montana businesses. It cannot be emphasized enough how all of this is a system that works together for a vibrant and exciting place to visit and to work. Additionally, a one-wolf quota has worked. For more than 10 years, a one-wolf quota in each hunting district has worked. Elk populations have remained healthy. Businesses have thrived, and Park County has become a premier wildlife watching location in the world. The visitation brought by wolves in the winter has continued to allow many Park County businesses to thrive in the winter and employees to be able to live here year-round.

A one-wolf quota will reduce controversy. Hunting wolves near Yellowstone has gathered national and international media attention. Conservation groups have asked the U.S. Department of the Interior to implement the Endangered Species Act to protect the wolves, and a court case is currently pending. A one-wolf quota will reduce controversy and media attention, and keep control in the hands of the state of Montana.

It matters to locals. More than three-in-five jobs in Park County are created by tourism. Fewer people coming to Park County to view wolves will put the livelihoods of these people at risk.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would love you to leave these wolves alone and let them do what nature has intended for them to do. If the cattle ranchers would stay out of the woods, there would be no need for these wolves to be in jeopardy

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

STOP DOING IT

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the inhumane slaughter of wolves before they become extinct!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the inhumane slaughter of wolves before they become extinct! Their numbers are currently recovering and allowing them to be hunted at this rate will mean the end of their kind.

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It has become clear that Montana FWP is continuing its "War on Wolves" with methods of war like "night vision goggles, inhumane snares that catch ALL wildlife, thermal imaging, baiting...the list goes on. The people of Montana don't want a wildlife "war". Wolves attract people to Montana, they are money makers alive.

The Montana Legislation is not a scientific body, and should not be allowed to set quotes. A quota of zero should be a viable option for WMU 313. If this ridiculous rule stands, then a quota of one wolf should apply. FWP received a black eye for allowing wolves near Yellowstone park to be taken, and that needs to end.

The war on wolves is incredibly Inhumane. FWP will be healed accountable for these inhumane hunting practices. They should be prohibited.

The threshold of 450 wolves is much to high, and should be sharply reduced. This quota is way too high, due to complicated wolf biology. I question the science that shows that a harvest can reach 29 to 48 percent of a wolf population can happen before a decline is observed. Wolf biology is complicated by pack relations, prey numbers etc., so numbers need to be set with precautions to insure wolf Survival, not Wolf decimation.

Since wolves were reintroduced to Montana, ecotourism dollars have exceeded 5 Million dollars a Year. People love wolves. FWP, by allowing this war on wolves, will have to answer to the economic issue Of communities in Montana for their reckless endangerment, and inhumane treatment of wolves, for years to come.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I strongly believe in trapping bobcat quotas seem to be ok where they stand

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe trapping wolves should open just like regular trapping season there should be no Quota's for wolves !! They are destroying our ungulate populations

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Snares are cruel and inherently indiscriminate.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose the liberal gray wolf hunting and trapping allowances. The liberalized gray wolf hunting and trapping allowances not only endanger the gray wolf population, but also federally threatened species including grizzly bears and Canada lynx, as well as family pets and Montanans and visitors who enjoy recreating outdoors

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

1. Prohibit snaring on public land. Restrict to private land only, and with landowner written permission.
 2. Prohibit ram power snares.
 3. Require snares have a 275 lb. rated snare breakaway, diverters, relaxing lock, and a stop for a minimum loop size of 10".
 4. Require disclosures and signage for traps and snares on block management areas.
 5. Require trapping signage at trail heads and high use recreational areas.
 6. Reinstate for the public's safety, ALL wolf trap setbacks in Sanders county that the Commission removed.
 7. Require minimum 150' trap setbacks on ALL open and "closed" public roads.
 8. Prohibit the use of snares on elk and deer high use wintering grounds.
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Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

1. Return the previous quotas outside Yellowstone and Glacier National Park to one wolf.
 2. Reinstate in the wolf regulations the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft.
 3. NO party trapping. One trapper identification tag per trap/snare.
 4. NO pre-baiting.
 5. NO shooting wolves over bait.
 6. Elimination of night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes as it further violates laws of fair chase.
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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I ask for no trapping or snaring in Grizzly Bear or Lynx recovery areas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am writing because as a Montanan, I have been extremely frustrated with the way wolves have been managed since they were taken off the endangered species list. Wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem in which we live and rely on, a vital part of Montana's wildness and beauty. I feel that my voice, and others are not being heard on this subject. Instead, small minority groups like Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, or Montana Guides and Outfitters are driving the brutal slaughter of wolves for profit and greed. They hold the minority opinion, yet they are succeeding in being the loudest, and they are the ones being favored over the majority. It is hard to feel that our voices do not matter, that my voice is not considered important to my governing officials and those making these laws. I hope that I can regain some confidence that my voice does matter and it is being considered, rather than cast aside for the louder, minority view, that is very damaging. Yellowstone and public lands belong to all Americans, and all Montanans! I am a proud public land owner, and the beauty and wildness of Montana's public lands is the main reason I love it here. It is what makes this state so wonderful. And the shared love of the outdoors is what brings Montanans together from all political views. The unethical slaughter of wolves as it is happening now in Montana is unacceptable and has dire impacts for the ecosystem, of which wolves are a key player, at the top of the trophic cascade. There is no reason to kill Yellowstone wolves, and there is no reason to kill wolves in the way that is being done, and being proposed now. Wolves only killed 64 cattle last year, out of 2.6 million in Montana, and the ranchers were reimbursed. Wolves are not evil, or villainous, yet we villainize them more than any other predator for no reason based in fact or science, only prejudice and misinformation. Wolves help regulate elk populations, and control chronic wasting disease, and elk populations in Montana are currently doing very well, above or near objectives in most areas. There are no reasons to manage wolves this way, unless you count unfounded hatred, pride, and human greed. Have we not done enough to harm this place we call home? Have we not learned that our actions have far reaching consequences that we might not even realize until it is too late? It is disgraceful that it appears we have not learned this. Or that we do not listen to those who remind us of this lesson. I stand with the majority of Montanans when I say this unethical slaughter of wolves must end. I am asking for the following: Do not change from wolf management units to 7 regional units. This is not science based and will only lead to more unethical killing of wolves. Additionally, re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. WMU 110 that borders Glacier National park is a critical wildlife corridor, do not take this away. I am also concerned that changing the 12 hour emergency closure to a 24 hour closure would lead to going over quota. So, I ask to keep the 12 hour closure. I also ask that wolves killed in the WMUs 313 and 316 are included in the quota review trigger mechanism. Additionally, wolves that are killed in SB 200 should be capped at 25. This rarely goes above 10 wolves so there is no reason to go higher than 25. In WMUs 313, 316, and 110 quotas are reestablished, so there is no reason to change to regional management. Lastly, I ask that when Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks discusses wolf hunting, trapping, and snaring mortality in future management proposals, that they include poaching mortality numbers, wildlife services control actions, and SB 200 mortality numbers. Please hear my voice and understand that this issue is vital to me and many other Montanans and Americans. Let this just be a brief dark memory, and let us move towards more ethical and sustainable wolf management practices that benefit all.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Here, I only ask that cruel forms of "hunting" be disallowed -- luring, poisoning, snaring -- all of these are by no means "fair hunt". I understand better than many about predators--I farmed sheep for a time--but we live among wildlife and most of us like it that way. Otherwise, why not live in England, which has about zero wildlife (well, beyond fox and hedgehogs!).

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I ask that the 2-wolf quota be reinstated for Yellowstone's N border. The unconscionable taking of 21 wolves in the 2021 season has been a disaster for tourism and the economy of the area, as well as a disaster for wolf populations. I've not yet seen justification for reducing wolf populations that would hurt wolf genetics, either.

Wolf-haters and those who "hunt" with poison, snares and lures with traps should not be allowed to make public policy as they do not have the larger perspective of what makes money for Montana--wildlife viewing, with emphasis on wolf-watching is a multi-million \$ income for our state.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I respectfully request that the wolves at the borders of YNP be protected because they have an intrinsic/vital value and role in maintaining a healthy eco-system. I myself travel to Montana several times a year only to watch wolves in the wild. Wolf tourism brings millions of dollars into the state and cities economy and lastly the wolf's value to worldwide research helps guide North American wolf management as well as helping to understand the species (which would benefit all those that do not/choose not understand the wolf). All living things have a place and purpose in this world. Manage wisely please.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I see no reason to reduce the wolf population in Montana. The state is over the objective for elk populations in Montana and the region. Wolves take an average of 60-100 cattle per year out of 2,500,000!!. More cattle die from disease and other natural causes, then from wolves. The wolf numbers in Montana are kept artificially low already.

I'm glad to see the FWP commissions' re-establishing of quotas along the border of Yellowstone National Park.. however, if the commission creates a new single unit 313 (combination of 313 and 316) I would like to advocate for a quota of 2 wolves be taken from the entire unit.

That being said the preferred alternative approach would be the commissions keep two wolf management units 313 & 316 and lower the quotas to 1 from each unit. This allows FWP flexibility and accuracy, pinpointing management in each unit; similar to cougar management.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf watching in Yellowstone brings in at least \$82 million annually to surrounding communities. This money supports guides, hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations and many other businesses. Overall, tourism creates 3,270 jobs – three-out-of-five – in Park County.

Wildlife watching is the second-most popular activity in Park County. The wolf packs along Yellowstone's northern range are easily visible from the road, and Yellowstone is considered the best place in the world to observe wild wolves. This brings visitors to this unique place.

A one-wolf quota has worked. For more than 10 years, a one-wolf quota in each hunting district has worked. Elk populations have remained healthy. Businesses have thrived, and Park County has become a premier wildlife watching location in the world. The visitation brought by wolves in the winter has continued to allow many Park County businesses to thrive in the winter and employees to be able to live here year-round.

A one-wolf quota will reduce controversy. Hunting wolves near Yellowstone has gathered national and international media attention. Conservation groups have asked the U.S. Department of the Interior to implement the Endangered Species Act to protect the wolves, and a court case is currently pending. A one-wolf quota will reduce controversy and media attention, and keep control in the hands of the state of Montana.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please increase opportunities for trading in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana.

I support the trapping of wolves in Montana.

I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support trapping of furbearer in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support the hunting and trapping of wolves and believe the opportunities to harvest these animals should expanded as much as possible.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See comment below

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please return to the quota of 2 wolves in WMU 313.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support lower quotas for trapping.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the 2 wolf quota as proposed by Yellowstone Park officials and numerous other wildlife biologists. It is terribly important both economically and for the species itself.

#296

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please combine former wolf management units (WMU) 313 and 316 into a new unit in Montana, and limit the harvest quota to 2 wolves for trapping and hunting in the newly created management unit.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am opposed to the current Montana wolf hunting laws that were changed in 2021. I advocate changing the law in 2022 to allow one wolf shot or trapped per WNU if 313 and 316 are retained, and 2 wolves total if the two units are combined. These are the two units that border Yellowstone National Park (YNP). It is critical to keep wolf harvest to 2 or fewer per year in the hunting districts of 313 and 316. After the law was changed last year, 24 YNP wolves were killed, about 20% of the Park's wolf population. This has had a devastating impact on the wolf research in the park in significant ways. The hunt eliminated some of the collared wolves that were study subjects. One of the wolf research goals has been to study their populations that have not been significantly impacted by humans. It's hard to claim now that the wolf packs have not been affected by people. As senior wolf biologist Doug Smith said, "Our claim to fame with Wolf Research was we have the best data in the world in an unexploited-by-humans population," Smith said. "We don't have that now. And that's, I think, a shame and a tragedy." (Quoted from National Public Radio story.)

Secondly, Yellowstone wolves are also central to the economies of the gateway communities and of Montana as a whole. Governor Gianforte ran on a platform of increasing economic prosperity to Montanans. A 2022 economic study by RRC Associates found that wolf-related tourism contributed at least \$82 million annually to towns in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and that more visitors came to view wildlife than to fish, float, take photographs or hunt. These Montanan gateway towns rely on tourism to stay afloat. They have suffered greatly from several years of the Covid-19 pandemic followed by the June flooding that closed the park due to large swaths of highway washed away. Adopting much more conservative wolf hunting laws will help these small towns that surround YNP economically, as well as returning to a science-based approach as hunting laws for the future are developed.

Third, I am against hunting wolves at night, the use of artificial lights, thermal imaging technologies, night vision scopes when hunting, and baiting wolves. This is not sportsman-like hunting. These are unethical hunting practices that result in animal slaughter.

Some hunters complain that the number of elk are declining dramatically, however elk numbers continue to exceed the population objectives in the state. In areas where there have been elk declines there are many factors besides wolves that can bring down elk numbers, including reduced habitat and the presence of other predators. Wolves also eat diseased animals such as deer, elk, and moose who succumb to muscle wasting disease. Such selection improves the health of the remaining animals. Wolves have intrinsic value as a species. Wolves play an important role in the ecosystem. Please decrease the wolf harvest numbers in WMU 313 and 316 on the north border of YNP to no more than 1 wolf in each unit, remove the allowance to hunt wolves at night by all methods, and significantly decrease the number of wolves harvested overall in Montana.

Thank you,
Mary H. Maifeld

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I think that when it comes to the management of predators the responsibility belongs to and only to the dept of livestock. the fish wildlife and parks is just that!

this is not to say that the FWP should not have a voice in these matters but only an opinion, the fur bearers should not be allowed to desimate any other wildlife in the food chain.I consider the grizzlell bear, woof, coyote,bobcat/linx, mountain lion, weasle, badger, and other meat eaters fur to be managed to the benifit of people.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

the wolf must be trapped back to the age were they are rarely seen and or heard, they are the enemy of the earth it self.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There are no biological reason to kill Yellowstone and Montana wolves.

This slaughter of Yellowstone wolves is being driven by the minority special interest organizations like Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other unethical hunting organizations.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Yellowstone wolves help provide over \$82 million dollars in sustainable revenue for Montana and gateway communities.

Yellowstone Northern Elk herd is growing and above objective. And elk recruitment is healthy along with hunter success rates near Yellowstone.

It is a horrible tactic to use the killing of Yellowstone and Montana wolves to commercialize Montana wildlife. The silent majority of Montanans and Americans want wolves and other large carnivores on the landscape. While Montana livestock depredation for 2021 was 64 cattle, these livestock producers were reimbursed for their loss with a multiplier of 3 times the value. Montana has 2.6 million cattle currently.

Don't change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units. It will prevent the wolf community monitoring the mismanagement of Montana and Yellowstone wolves and make it more difficult to close an area to wolf killing when the trigger for review is met. When MtFWP discuss wolf hunting, trapping and snaring mortality in future Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks wolf management propose they include Wildlife Services control actions, SB 200 mortality and poaching activity numbers.

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping as a proper tool for predator control

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I further support the trapping of wolves. When wolves are trapped or harvested through hunting only the unit they are taken is necessary except right around Yellowstone Park

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not support the unethical slaughter of wolves that is occurring under current management practices. As keystone species, wolves should be protected to keep Montana's wild spaces healthy.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I do not support the unethical slaughter of wolves that is occurring under current management practices.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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****What is the biological reason to kill Yellowstone wolves?** There are no biological reason to kill Yellowstone and Montana wolves. This slaughter of Yellowstone wolves is being driven by the minority special interest organizations like Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other unethical hunting organizations.

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****The killing of Yellowstone and Montana wolves is part of the push to commercialize Montana wildlife and needs to stop.**

****The non-consumptive individual who makes up the majority is not being heard or represented by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks.** It is time we have a seat at the table with wildlife management.

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Montana livestock depredation for 2021 was 64 cattle. These livestock producers were reimbursed for their loss with a multiplier of 3 times the value. Montana has 2.6 million cattle currently.

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****Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110.** Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor into the U. S.

****Do not change the current 12 hour emergency closure for WMUs 313, 316 and 110 that border Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park.** To change to a 24 emergency closure insures we go over quota. Same day emergency closure (6 p.m.) with traps and snares removed.

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****No trapping or snaring in Grizzly bear and Lynx recovery areas.**

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I urge you to protect gray wolves as you consider the new proposed Fall 2022–Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas. Please ban all wolf hunting around Yellowstone National Park. Wolf Management Units 313 and 316 bordering Yellowstone National Park should receive extra protection to keep Yellowstone wolf packs intact.

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The past quotas the two districts north of the park protected wildlife, and the economic and tourism health in Montana. Tourism generates \$640 million annually. Tourists viewing wolves generates \$30 million to \$60 million annually.

Thank you.

Q3

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I didn't see a justification for the reduced bobcat quotas, but I'm assuming it is because of the current population numbers?

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

- I support the trapping of wolves in Montana. (Wolf Hunter success rates are often less than 1% while trapping success is often above 30%)
 - I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.
 - Wolves need managed, for the good of all wildlife
 - Recovery goal was 300 in the entire Northern Rocky Mountain Population Segment (NRPS)... we have well over 3000
 - 2009 delisting rule states that having more than 1500 wolves within the NRMPS will hinder Big Game management as well as Livestock production... again- we have well over 3000
 - Yellowstone wolves are leaving the park for a reason. The un-managed prey base within the park can only sustain so many wolves. Wolves that disburse from the park, are no different, and also need managed.
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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support any changes which will improve the success of wolf hunters and trappers. Reducing regulations governing hunting and trapping wolves would be a great step forward in the health management of Montana wildlife. Wolves included!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the trapping of wolves in Montana.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not support the reduction of bobcat quotas within the state. The Department seems to lack hard evidence that clearly suggests a correlation between bobcat harvests and the current bobcat population.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I strongly support the trapping of wolves in Montana. Predator management is an important tool to sustain ungulate populations. Wolves need to be managed with hunting and trapping. The recovery goal was 300 for the entire Northern Rocky Mountain Population Segment, and we now have over 3000. Predator management is needed. There is a reason why wolf packs are leaving the Yellowstone ecosystem: they weren't managed and now must leave to find prey. Yellowstone can only support so many wolves, and wolves that leave the park also need to be managed through hunting and trapping. Grizzly bear distribution shall not impact wolf trapping season start dates. Traps used to harvest wolves have a very small chance at actually getting a hold on a grizzly to capture it. Even if one is held, wolf traps will not injure a bear in any way, allowing for its safe release.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please manage the wolves. Our ungulate population depends on effective trapping management. Thankyou

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

stop hunting the wolves. wolves are beautiful, intelligent creatures of this earth who do not deserve to be hunted and slaughtered. what makes people think it's okay to take their lives? the population of wolves has been deteriorating for years. leave them be. protect wolves, wildlife, and the earth, always.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I feel an increase in Wolf management will bring a more sustainable balance for our future generations.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Bring in more balance of sustainable levels of wolves. Our Elk and Deer populations along with Moose are disappearing in Idaho. This has been very noticeable in the last 15 years. Before I was living in the Missoula area and first noticed the Wolf impacts in the Bitterroot and Bighole valleys in 2005. With increased trapping and hunting Wolf numbers should be brought back to a more reasonable manageable number. Thank You.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Protect wolves at the borders of YNP because of

The wolf's intrinsic value and role in our ecosystem;

The wolf's centrality to our tourism economy;

The wolf's value to global wolf research, which helps guide N.A. wolf management but also helps us understand the species.

We see no reason to reduce the wolf population in Montana. We are over-objective for elk populations in Montana and our region and wolves take an average 60-100 cattle per year out of 2,500,000. Wolves numbers are kept artificially low in Montana already.

We are glad to see the FWP Commission's reestablishing of quotas along the border of Yellowstone Park.

If the Commission creates a new single unit 313 (by combining 313 and 316), we advocate for a quota of 2 wolves taken from the entire unit.

However, we prefer that the Commissioners keep two wolf management units, 313 and 316, and lower the quotas to 1 wolf from each unit.

Two designated units allows FWP flexibility and accuracy, pinpointing management in each unit, if needed, as in cougars.

We applaud the Commission and FWP's return to using the accepted measuring stick for wolf populations:

Research has shown that harvest must exceed 29 to 48 percent of a wolf population before a decline is observed (Adams et al. 2008, Gude et al. 2012).*

However, we favor Lane G. Adams et al, "Population Dynamics and Harvest Characteristics of Wolves in the Central Brooks Range, Alaska," Wildlife Monographs, 2010, which shows that if you take any more than 29% of a wolf population it is not sustainable. (Gude goes further, up to 48%)

We agree with the Commissioners that the 313 harvest was disproportionate:

During the wolf trapping and hunting season in 2021–2022, a disproportionate number of wolves were harvested in former WMU 313 (18 of 85 taken within TD 3) with another 3 taken within former WMU 316. Although this single year of harvest is not sufficient to create any long-lasting biological harm to Montana's wolf population, vocal public sentiment has favored some limitation on future harvest within this southern portion of Region 3.

We ask that FWP lower the overall quota in Montana to take no more than 29% maximum harvest that would prevent population decline. (We are still getting the numbers of the wolf population, and we will update you on this.)

The Commission contradicts itself: They claim to be committed to this cap by referencing the Adams and Gude papers.(see above*). A quota of 450 would exceed the max 29 % percent that is sustainable. (Last year the goal was to take 50%, which the commission took as a mandate from the Legislature, a mandate with no basis in fact, science or even public opinion. The quota was not filled, but there is a good possibility that this year it will be. Last year the total count of wolves last year seems to have been inflated.)

Please change back to a 12-hour reporting time (not 24 hrs.) so as not to exceed quotas at the close of the unit or season.

We oppose managing wolves by trapping units—keep Wolf Management Units.

We oppose trapping, night hunting, hunting over baiting.

Please restore WMU 110 near Glacier, with a quota of 1 wolf.

We ask the Commission to include any 313/316 quotas in the total threshold for Region 3, so that the count should be 72, if the quota is 10 and down from there.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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Q3

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping of fur bearing
Also support not over trapping any species of concern

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana. I support the trapping of wolves in Montana. I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations. I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support all trapping as a management tool, it is science based and not social based.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support all wolf trapping and the laws from that were passed. So if you are going to put limits on HD 313, remember the wolves that come into HD 313 are not Yellowstone wolves or park wolves, the predators in the state of montana and go under the trapping regulations of our state.

We need to remove the floating wolf Trapping date also, the best wolf trapping is in that first part of December. Please fight for our ungulates, do not give into the anti trapping groups. Please remember that region 1 is not like the rest of the state, we have a over population of wolves and our ungulate populations have suffered because of it, take a good long look at the Bob Marshall wilderness. We lost a lot of wolves in the harvest because of the floating date, please get rid of the floating date, look at Idaho's regulation and mirror them. Think of the wolves we will have this year, that would of been trapped last year.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a long-time tourist visitor to Montana, I am shocked to learn of the despicable treatment of wolves in your beautiful state. Montana is one of the few states lucky enough to have a native wolf population. Please allow those of us in other states to enjoy viewing these magnificent animals.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a long-time tourist visitor to Montana, I am shocked to learn of the despicable treatment of wolves in your beautiful state. Montana is one of the few states lucky enough to have a native wolf population. Please allow those of us in other states to enjoy viewing these magnificent animals.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The trapping regulations have been growing and growing with no end in sight. It would appear the anti-trapping community is making inroads in their goal to eliminate trapping in Montana and other parts of the USA where we enjoy the freedoms to harvest wild game. Please make every effort to protect our hunting, fishing and trapping heritage from those that wish to destroy it. Simpler is better than complicated with regards to regulatory efforts.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Knowing the anti-trapping people are present during these state agency meetings that decide our freedoms to use our wild resources should make everyone keenly observant and aware. These anti-trapping groups simply would force their own misguided ideas on all others. Please keep the goal for your regulatory efforts as straight forward and simple as humanly possible. The regulation books are only getting thicker and more complicated. Please make it a FWP priority to reduce overly complicated regulations. At the increased rate of modern day regulations, sportsman will need to be an attorney and land surveyor to participate in any hunt, fish, trap activities in the not to distant future.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Beaver Trapping in the Swan Valley should be eliminated until the Cutthroat and Bull Trout population is restored. Problem Beavers can be trapped on an as needed basis.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the comments of Trap Free Montana.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	ID
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I have no comments.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe you should leave the quotas for wolves at 20 total, 10 for hunting max, and 10 for trapping max per hunter. When looking at your data, no one hunter took 20 animals in 2021. The maximum was one hunter that could have taken 18 wolves. The depredation of livestock continues. The cost of that to the rancher or farmer can make or break a persons livelihood. Wolves are a problem, left unchecked or with little to no pressure, they will decimate not only livestock, but elk and deer populations.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Potlatch
State/Province:	ID
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am in support of the 2022 Furbearer seasons and quotas. I think FWP is doing a good job of managing the states Furbearers.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am in support of the 2022 Wolf trapping season. I would like to suggest reviewing the policy on trapping wolves in grizzly bear areas. It is a hindrance of wolf trapping to limit the trapping season until the bears hibernate and I would like to see that policy dropped.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Matt Schuyler
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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am all for increased opportunity and making things as easy and feasible as possible for trappers and hunters to manage the wolves better. I am at a point where I see more wolves and bears than elk and deer on some trips/hunts. We are so far beyond what is sustainable at this point drastic measure is required. Longer seasons and liberal take.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I disagree on the quota of 10 in district 3. That area is completely out of control. Need to remove quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Priest River
State/Province:	ID
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Need to continue to allow maximum trapping as all predator populations are increasing and affecting other game populations

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We need to continue to manage the wolf population which continues to grow. we need to reduce the number of wolves for any chance at deer and elk recovery.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	CA
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I just want the snare traps banned

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please ban snare traps , I can't imagine anyone being ok with letting any animal suffer , it's just wrong , these traps kill indiscriminately , haven't we have killed and destroyed enough already

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Q1

Contact information:

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Email Address: rieh136@yahoo.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would like to see FWP make a single bobcat tag. Good for the entire season not quota related. Good for hunting and trapping. This way we don't feel like we have to compete with full time trappers and houndsman.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana.

I support the trapping of wolves in Montana.

I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

I support trapping in WMU areas but would like to trap within them and just let the WMU manager know where I am trapping. We need more ability to move in the WMU. Some WMU are huge and animal movement is not the same year to year.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **MT**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the reducing the bobcat quotas in both Region 1 and Region 5.
I support that all marten pelts must be presented.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I feel compelled to submit public comment on the upcoming wolf proposed regulations, even though I also know my voice as a native Montanan, farmer, rancher and landowner holds little sway with those charged with "managing" wildlife. There is so much wrong and unconscionable in the current proposals I will focus my comments on public lands and the safe use.

We are ALL supposed to be able to use public lands for walking, hiking, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, and enjoying the outdoors and the wildlife we hope to glimpse. Instead, we now have to be extremely careful where we or our companion animals' step or choose to explore for fear of an unseen trap or snare? Why? Can't you limit snares to those private property owners who want this method of lethal "management"? I want to be able to enjoy and discover the beauty of public lands in our state; not happen into a killing field.

Why can't the trail heads be marked to alert members of the public that trapping and snaring are in use? I thought public lands were to be multi-use, but how can they be when this activity is permitted for so much of the year and all over the state? Hunting at least has a season. As a member of the public, I understand that hunting wolves from the air is prohibited by federal law yet Montana continues to do so. How is it ok for the Commission to not address this area clearly in their proposed wolf regulations?

Because of these issues, many of which prohibit the safe use of PUBLIC lands I am asking for the following changes to the proposals before the Commission on 8/25/22:

*Require trapping/snaring signage at trail heads and especially in areas with high numbers of recreational users.

*Exclude snaring on public land, limit it to private land only, and only with the landowner's written consent.

* Mandate a minimum 150-foot setback for traps on ALL open and "closed" public roads.

*Exclude night hunting plus the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes.

* For the public's safety, reestablish ALL wolf trap setbacks which the Commission removed in Sanders county.

* In block management areas, mandate disclosures and signage for traps/snares.

* Reestablish in the wolf regulations, the ban on spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft.

I am asking the Commissioners to represent ALL users of public lands not just a select and favored few.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As far as trapping goes, I feel that the need for trapping as an occupation or hobby, with all the advancements in society, now only proves to be a torturous, unnecessary, antiquated aspect of wildlife management. As our world continues to make advancements in technology, certain parts of our culture should be left behind, and this is one of them. For the argument that it is a family tradition; there are many family traditions that have become obsolete and should be left to memories and stories. I believe this is one of those traditions that we have now come to realize, as a society and culture, should be left to the past.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As an amateur naturalist and outdoors(wo)man, I would like to see the overall wolf quota lowered, eventually to only be allowed for problem animals or for a regulating government body to control. I understand there is concern over livestock and safety, however, I know multiple ranchers who have applied different methods to keep their livestock safe from wildlife that have been effective, not needing to disrupt the natural ecosystem that is already imbalanced, lacking top carnivores. It's our job as the more intelligent animals to not use power and unjustified hate toward a species to protect our livelihood, but instead use our intelligence to both keep our livelihood safe while also working toward an equilibrium within the ecosystem. While I understand hunting for consumption purposes, I'm constantly disappointed in Montanans who hunt for trophy or for "pest control" purposes-- we're smarter and better than that. In addition, the hunting of wolves who reside in packs should be reevaluated, because the constant disruption of pack dynamics leads to a continued fractured ecosystem.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the reducing the bobcat quotas in both Region 1 and Region 5.

I support that all marten pelts must be presented.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am a retired Montana Highway patrolman and enjoy the great outdoors. My homestead covers many acres, but most importantly incorporates living respectfully with all kinds of wildlife, predator, and prey. My home draws multiple visits from family and friends, but the quest to experience wildlife is incomplete without Yellowstone, who's reputation for protecting wildlife is now tarnished, and many say they do not want to give a cent of their tourism dollars to Montana. As a Montana landowner I am concerned about a number of the wolf proposals before the Commissioners on 8/25/22.

I have been to Yellowstone park cross country skiing and hoped to see a wolf or better yet a pack. But not even one was sighted by our group which was disappointing, not to mention expensive. Now I learn the Commission allows killing Yellowstone wolves because they wander over an invisible boundary! Why is this permitted at all? If you don't value my dollar, I thought the whole state needed revenue from tourism. Why allow killing of wolves at all when they are a great attraction to our state plus a natural predator which helps keep both deer and elk herds healthy and in sustainable numbers? It makes no sense to me. I've heard the phrases; "war on wildlife" and "war on wolves" and after reading the proposed regulations I can understand why people are feeling unheard by the Commission.

I request the following changes to the proposed regulations:

Return the previous quotas outside Yellowstone and Glacier National Park to one wolf. Truthfully, I'd prefer zero.

I thought the Commission supported hunting not just out right killing. The following has nothing to do with fair chase or hunting ethics thus my request for these changes:

NO party trapping. One trapper identification tag per trap/snare.

NO pre-baiting or shooting wolves over bait.

Eliminate night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, or night vision scopes as it violates laws of fair chase.

Limit the number of traps and snares a trapper can set and the number of snared wolves per trapper.

All wolves killed need to be presented for inspection and in an unfrozen condition.

Require records and amounts of bounty payments for wolves.

Reestablish in the wolf regulations the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft which in violation of Federal law.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I see firsthand the drastic impact and changes wolves have had on our moose and elk in NW MT. Please allow for wolves to be managed more aggressively. My kids will never know the traditions my grandfather had at elk camp. This is sad. Wolves need to be managed for the good of ALL wildlife.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

More opportunities need to be provided to manage wolves. They are not easy to harvest, and are extremely intelligent and adaptable. Wolf numbers are MANY TIMES over objective, why is something not being done??

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Lorraine Finazzo**

City/Town: **Six Mile**

State/Province: **SC**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

With all due respect trapping is barbaric and inhumane and should not be permitted especially on public lands.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf hunting should not be permitted at all, especially on the border of Yellowstone National Park.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: FL
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not believe any endangered animals that are protected should have any hunting or trapping seasons for them. If the population was over run and thus the climate couldn't support that many animals , maybe that would be ok . Wolf populations do not support this theory in the least . The same goes for bob cats ! Humans have eradicated countless numbers of species .

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I do not believe any endangered animals that are protected should have any hunting or trapping seasons for them. If the population was over run and thus the climate couldn't support that many animals , maybe that would be ok . Wolf populations do not support this theory in the least .

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	helena
State/Province:	MT
Email Address:	glennwbo@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

please leave alone everything as was less trappers now with low fur prices we need the quotas to be met.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

again leave alone, if anything increase quota, also for northern part no later than dec. 15th

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See below

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The proposed quotas for wolves north of Yellowstone NP are too high. The recent taking of wolves is decimating the population and the new proposal puts them at high risk when in fact you should be taking a protective approach. This population serves many important ecological and community functions. Livestock depredation is minimal and reasonably managed.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: GA
Email Address: Kevinwilkey19@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support hunting and trapping rights for all sportsman that are in good standings and law abiding citizens.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping. Starting date of December 15. God bless America.

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information:

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm all for Predator control

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf strapping should start in December

#332

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	NY
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

For trapping agents any Further restrictions

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

For managing Predators make a fixed date for trapping Wolves December 15

#333

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Bozeman**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **jeglum@me.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf hunting north of Yellowstone Park should be reduced or eliminated.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hunting around the community of Gardner, MT should be stopped. The community has suffered enough without the State doing further damage. Wolves are not the boogymen depicted by the legislature. The town of Gardner needs our help - not what you are proposing which will hurt the community.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **ID**
Email Address: **hunter608@hotmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I have no comment on this section.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support Wolf trapping and Hunting as predator control is very important in the proper balance of nature. Predator control in Montana not only affects Montana but also those in neighboring states like mine.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Ellsworth
State/Province:	OH
Email Address:	rustyconibear@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The previous furbearer season dates are what work efficiently for the trappers. There is no need to change them. Also wolf trapping is vitally important to the well being of not only the wolves but the ungulate herds as well.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	kersey
State/Province:	PA
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe we need to have seasons and quotas for furbearers

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolf population needs to come down.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MA
Email Address: connellywildlifemanagement@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I trust the biologists about what quotas make sense for the health of furbearers

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping as well as predator management. Montana is on a short list of places I'd like to move and wolf trapping is one of those reasons. Also please let non residents trap bobcat. Those sorts of rules hurt resident trappers as well because if they travel to trap they can't trap bobcat also due to the reciprocity clause.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: NY
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

In full support of season regulations and quotas

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and predator management. Trapping is one of the best tools to help control wildlife effectively.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop the killing....it's inhumane

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop the killing it's inhumane

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Keep up the good work

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We have been struggling to keep the wolf population under control.
Montana must keep your wolves under control as well or your game numbers will suffer like ours has in Idaho . please continue to allow trapping and snaring as part Montanas integrated approach,
Thank you for allowing me to comment .

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please allow wolf trapping

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please allow wolf trapping

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping of furbearers is a way to keep traditions alive that have been part of our culture since the early settlers and explorers.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hunting and trapping of predators is a necessary and important management tool to allow for healthy and robust big game populations.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I as a trapper from Ohio support predator management.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping

#344

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Larry Tuliszewski
City/Town: Flourtown
State/Province: PA
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping in Montana and predator reduction. I fish Montana each year. I also support opening the wolf season on Dec 15th.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Troy**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **tshepp17@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping and the management of predators.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and the management of predators. The seasons need to be opened up for proper management.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Leonard Oberdorf**
City/Town: **Fortine**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **aloberdorf@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Have not received the specific 2022 trapping regs as of this date, and have not decided if I will trap this fall. The Wolf Season and Quota is the Elephant in the room.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf trapping is vital to all Montanans, from Wildlife and Ecology standpoint. The recent involvement of two wolves in an attack on domestic stock near Troy Montana , demonstrates that Wolf populations are dense enough that there is an overflow of animals for existing habitat in Northwest Montana.

The elevator effect on our habitat, of too much, too little has been demonstrated quite dramatically in the last two and a half decades with the virtual ban of logging and Natural Resource utilization. This has reduced our Moose and Mule Deer populations significantly, as the grow of shrubs and forbs that these animals depend upon is greatly inhibited. No food, no need for reproduction.

This in turn has made predator control vital to ecological balance. We need to realize that we do not live in a zoo, and the rapid expansion and settlement of population centers of N/W Montana is very quickly creating opportunities for negative interaction between wildlife and humans. The view that Wolves and Grizzly Bears are here just as eye candy is detrimental to the animals themselves. Each year, for the last several decades, these animals are being seen, and are involved in incidents near population clusters. The incident near Troy could have very easily involved a Child, or other Human rather than goats. The events of last year In the Town of Ovando are still fresh in the mind.

These incidents show that prime habitat populations are saturated and the growing predator population is being kicked out to look for their own territories. Habitat is key....Wolverines for example...do not really like other Wolverines.....not a pack animal, always on the move, single animal range observed to be in excess of 100 square miles, so habitat saturation may only occur where territorial overlap exists. these are personal observations, collected by myself over the last 60 years, in Montanas Buckhorn Mountain Range. Thanks.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am in support of having fur bearer seasons.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am very much in support of wolf trapping and hunting as a way to keep wolf populations in balance and to protect our ungulate herds.

#348

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am very much for wolf trapping and predator management.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please don't be steam rolled by the "animal rights" fools. trapping wolves like other predators plays a vital part in wildlife management

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping and science based wildlife management

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping and science based predator management. There is no reason for delaying the wolf trapping season beyond Dec 15.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We need to to keep wolf trapping.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping. The season needs to start no later that December 15. We need to keep the wolf population under control.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: NY
Email Address: turtlemoore@icloud.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am for trapping and predator control in Montana and I don't believe that there should be quotas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am for wolf trapping and predator control in Montana and I don't believe there should be quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
Email Address: joleenbarce@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Quotas on carnivores should be liberal in areas where ranchers are raising livestock and less liberal in unsettled areas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Liberal quotas in and around settled areas and ranches; quotas should also be liberal in areas where big game populations are less than the carrying capacity.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MO
Email Address: ora3hb@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

With the exception of the wolf regulations the new changes look good.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It would help your trappers a lot if you had a solid start date, not a floating date. That makes it very difficult to do their jobs. The quota doesn't seem to be getting reached anyway so in my opinion you need to get rid of the quota so the few people with the knowledge can catch additional wolves to help manage them. They are important on the landscape but need to be controlled and from what i see when i hunt out there in the fall you have to many wolves on the landscape. Open up the season and quotas to allow more to be taken. Missouri waited to long on river otter and they are a major problem here now. Dont let that happen in your state with wolves.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Walka walka**
State/Province: **WA**
Email Address: **bobmaier38@yahoo.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and predator control. I also think the teapoing season should begin on dec 15 the. Thanks, Bob maier

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am a trapper here in Utah and I support trapping I support predator control trappers help so many people ranchers landowners I'm all for trapping and controlling predators

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

All for wolf trapping we need wolf trappers to trap wolves to help ranchers and keep the wolf population down to a manageable size

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Polson**
State/Province: **MT**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with listed changes to furbearers regulations. Most of these were agreed to or requested by trappers at our spring FWP meetings.

Tom Fieber
Montana Fur Harvesters.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Director and Commissioners

Here we go again, no matter what the scientific data shows we will be facing an onslaught of opposition in the management of wolves and grizzly bears. Some want to risk the balance of the eco system trying to benefit a couple of species. Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks has done an outstanding job, over the years, managing all wildlife on our landscape. Many species have been re-introduced or managed to repopulate the entire state. Sportsmen are an important tool that FWP uses to help manage their goals, it has always been sportsmen who have been there to work with the agency not against them. We need to remember that all public lands are shared, eliminating access or activities to benefit one user group over others is not within the intent of public lands.

As a member of the Montana Fur Harvesters and the Montana Trappers Association, we spend countless hours working with the agency on field work, in classrooms and seminars teaching others Safety, Responsibility, Ethical and Legal trapping methods.

The usual cries that trappers will eliminate wolves with the new regulations, last season, were proven to be false. In fact, the harvest was the lowest since 2015. Now I see claims that "the commission and a legislature, are determined to allow the poisoning of wolves this coming January". To the best of my knowledge, that is not something that we are supporting or expect to happen. Our goal is to manage wolves to benefit the entire landscape.

With the big influx of people moving into Montana, we will see more and more push to change what has been so successful in the past. I will work hard to prevent what has happened to other states that has experienced similar growth. We have worked for years building up wildlife populations based on sound principals, not emotions.

Below are some quotes from internet sites and plans to provide free bus rides to Helena. Their plan "When you fill a room with wolf supporters, take up all the seats, when you fill the halls and are determined, that gets noticed."

"The Fight for Wolves

Will you give one day for the wolves?

Stephen Capra

At first when we were ignored we were respectful, but over time we began to shout "shame" at the commissioners, we became more emboldened and they became meeker and more concerned that they were losing control over the tight group of hunters and trappers that had been their traditional audience, because we were becoming a force to reckon with."

In Closing, My request is that we keep the regulations be kept as currently on the books or at the least change the wolf start date back to the 15th of December. I do not support, eliminating wolf management units (WMU) or managing wolf harvest primarily by trapping district. That has failed in the past. Last year was extremely frustrating trying to keep up with all the changes right up to the starting date of the season.

Thank you for your time.

Tom Fieber

Montana Fur Harvesters

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am all for wolf hunting and trapping to manage wolves and protect game herds. We have to have minimum numbers to appease the feds and this should be a target number.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am against wolf trapping in general and encourage more preventative methods for private lands. I am also completely against the proposed woof hunt in 2023. Please veto this legislation.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am against wolf trapping in general and encourage more preventative methods for private lands. I am also completely against the proposed woof hunt in 2023. Please veto this legislation.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Elk River**
State/Province: **MN**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm for trapping and predator management In Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm for trapping and predator management In Montana.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Elwood
State/Province:	IN
Email Address:	woodwolf66@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

You need a earlier start date,no grizzly bears have been caught by wolf trappers.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

All us trappers ask is a chance to manage a predator that no one wants managed,They are a symbol of the west but if not managed they will be out of control like our coyotes in In.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	KY
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I dont believe that the quotas are right, wolves dont reproduce like rabbits and the mortality is low.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The methods of trapping and hunting wolves is inhumane and cruel.

#362

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Whitehall**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **jkbrandenburg@aol.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support the management of predators in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support predator and wolf trapping and hunting, here in Montana. I feel that the Wolf season should start no later than Dec 15 and stay open till March 15, in every unit. In the past, grizzly bears have not been an issue, regarding trapping and are now being used as a political pawn, just as the wolves were for so many years after recovery levels had been met.

I trap and hunt in a unit, not close to any real grizzly area yet am restricted to a limited wolf season, with grizzly bears cited as the reason.

The wolves are not threatened and grizzlies are at the highest levels in many decades. I would like to see FWP regulations be 100% ruled by science, biology and common sense and the politics left completely out of the equation.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Ladd**
State/Province: **IL**
Email Address: **gzlackland@yahoo.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support all trappers and recognize that trapping is a vital part to fubearer management.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with wolf trapping and hunting. Wolf management is necessary and important for all ungulate animal populations. I feel the wolf trapping season should start no later than Dec 15th, I do not believe that grizzly bear/wolf trapping conflicts occur or would ever be an issue.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Missoula
State/Province:	MT
Email Address:	montanaspritzers@q.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

"As a Montana resident, I ask you to reject the proposed threshold of 450 wolves in the upcoming hunting and trapping season; to reverse your past approval of unethical tactics like night hunting, baiting, and snaring; and to end all killing of wolves in the area surrounding Yellowstone National Park. As a scientifically and economically invaluable population, these wolves deserve to be protected. The current proposal is out of touch with the majority of Montanans' values. Please restore the public trust in this commission and renew science-based management of wolves."

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Q1

Contact information:

Name:	Mark Larson
City/Town:	Amboy
State/Province:	IL
Email Address:	larsonmark59@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe the furbearer season and quotas should be left alone!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the Montana wolf trappers and believe the season should start no later than Dec 15

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Clancy
State/Province:	MT
Email Address:	kerrykrebill@aol.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We must stop the unethical killing of wolves in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a Montana resident, I ask you to reject the proposed threshold of 450 wolves in the upcoming hunting and trapping season, and I urge you to reverse your past approval of unethical tactics like night hunting, baiting, and snaring. I also urge you to end all killing of wolves in the area surrounding Yellowstone National Park. As a scientifically and economically invaluable population, these wolves deserve to be protected. The current proposal is out of touch with the majority of Montanans' values. I urge you to use this opportunity to restore the public trust in this commission and renew science-based management of wolves.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Bobby Shields**
City/Town: **Mineral Bluff**
State/Province: **GA**
Email Address: **dogboneknives@yahoo.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Yes I support wolf and coyote trapping in all states that have a population of wolves. Coyotes all year round 24/7/365. Even though I do not trap, I do elk and deer hunt, having a huntable population of them is what sells license that pays for management and drives your states economy. Wolves while necessary also need to be managed so they stay with wildlife and not livestock.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I feel like they should be managed to a no more than a 10% growth over a 5 year cycle.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support predator management in Montana

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf management and propose a trapping season starting no later than December 15th

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping as a tool to help with the regulated harvest of fur bearers as well as non game species in Montana. I also support going back to the tagging of Martin as a means of keeping track of the number of animals taken each season.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the trapping of wolves in Montana. Trapping is another tool being used to control the wolf population. Hunting does not get the number needed to be harvested each season.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

“As a Montana resident, I ask you to reject the proposed threshold of 450 wolves in the upcoming hunting and trapping season, and I urge you to reverse your past approval of unethical tactics like night hunting, baiting, and snaring. I also urge you to end all killing of wolves in the area surrounding Yellowstone National Park. As a scientifically and economically invaluable population, these wolves deserve to be protected. The current proposal is out of touch with the majority of Montanans’ values. I urge you to use this opportunity to restore the public trust in this commission and renew science-based management of wolves.”

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

“As a Montana resident, I ask you to reject the proposed threshold of 450 wolves in the upcoming hunting and trapping season, and I urge you to reverse your past approval of unethical tactics like night hunting, baiting, and snaring. I also urge you to end all killing of wolves in the area surrounding Yellowstone National Park. As a scientifically and economically invaluable population, these wolves deserve to be protected. The current proposal is out of touch with the majority of Montanans’ values. I urge you to use this opportunity to restore the public trust in this commission and renew science-based management of wolves.”

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Bland**
State/Province: **VA**
Email Address: **ericwimmer321@yahoo.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support all trapping In Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support all wolf trapping in Montana. And start season no later than December 15 the unglates need some relief from the wolves.

#372

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Eatonville**
State/Province: **WA**
Email Address: **Jasonhoesel@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf trapping is a Essential tool that doesn't cost tax payer's money.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf trapping and hunting is a very important management tool. That if free to the tax payers of Montana. There needs to be a set date to start trapping wolves. Fish and game have the ability to know when grizzly bears are denned up. if they are all denned up by 12/15 then season should open earlier. Fish and Game should be ran by science not Emotions.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Billings
State/Province:	MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A to me

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please consider the following changes to the 2022 TRAPPING & Wolf Seasons:

- Prohibit snaring on public lands. Snaring is indiscriminate and detrimental to all wildlife.
- Eliminate unfair wolf chase methods ie: pre-baiting, night hunting, hunting with hounds, etc.
- Change wolf quotas to one in wolf management areas surrounding Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park.

Trophy hunters have all of Montana, let the wolves and millions of people who bring in millions of dollars to Montana have the Yellowstone and Glacier wolves!

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Stephenville
State/Province:	TX
Email Address:	tsbbowles@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Do what you need to do just don't take away trapping or make it almost impossible to trap with over regulation

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please do not impose further restrictions! I am all for having wolves that are managed not just let them wreck havoc over populations of animals no longer adapt to large wolf populations. Waiting for the grizzly before opening season is not helping anything, not the bears or wolves

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with the proposals given the changes mentioned below be instituted, for the 2022 season, and quotas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

"As a Montana resident, I urge you to reverse your past approval of unethical tactics like night hunting, baiting, and snaring. Scientific-based wolf management on quotas should certainly be met in addition to and not without fair chase principles.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Dublin**
State/Province: **OH**
Email Address: **debrabrinker@att.net**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not think you should be killing furbearers at all— noseasons at all. I won't visit your state and spend tourist money while you are allowing this.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are valuable to the ecosystem and there should not be any hunting or trapping, especially of the Yellowstone wolves. I have long wanted to visit your state but will not ever do so while you are allowing these barbaric practices. People come to see the wildlife you are killing!

#377

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: Plains
State/Province: MT
Email Address: chadbeighey@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I think they are ok.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Support wolf trapping 100 percent! They need managed, iv seen the change in hunting the last 20 plus years in western montana. I think season should start December 1st or no later then the 15th. Trapping is tough enough as it is. Thanks

#378

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Kalispell**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **zana7289@vt.edu**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Inhumane methods of take via neck snares and foothold traps checked at later limits is not addressed and needs to be included. Suffering has no part in hunting/trapping and as you mention yourselves in previous rulings, over 80% of Montana citizens participate in non-game wildlife viewing of some sort so reducing quotas for more viewing should be a goal as well. There should absolutely not be any trapping/snoring allowed on public lands as it may be the only reprieve species get and is therefore invaluable wilderness.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Inhumane methods of take via neck snares and foothold traps checked at later limits is not addressed and needs to be included. Suffering has no part in hunting/trapping and as you mention yourselves in previous rulings, over 80% of Montana citizens participate in non-game wildlife viewing of some sort so reducing quotas for more viewing should be a goal as well. This is especially true of wolves, one of our states more charismatic megafauna. There should absolutely not be any trapping/snoring allowed on public lands as it may be the only reprieve species get and is therefore invaluable wilderness.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We need to be their voice for wolves and other animals.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are a huge pet of ecosystem. Let nature take its course not man.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	PA
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

i would support the trapping season for wolf no later than December 15

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

i support trapping predators including wolfs in Montana.

#381

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Red Lodge**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **jpotterpainter@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

STOP TRAPPING. PERIOD.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

STOP TRAPPING AND HUNTING WOLVES. Just fucking stop killing everything that you don't understand, and/or, are afraid of, so that you can have more "good" animals to kill and mount. No Wolf is going to huff and puff and blow your damn house down and eat your kids. I promise.

As a Montana resident, I want you to reject the proposed threshold of 450 wolves in the upcoming hunting and trapping season, and I want you to reverse your past approval of unethical and barbaric tactics like night hunting, baiting, and snaring. I also want you to end all killing of wolves in the area surrounding Yellowstone National Park. As a scientifically and economically invaluable population, these wolves deserve to be protected. Hell, ALL wolves need to be protected - because you know as well as I do that for every wolf killed "legally," there are probably five taken under the old "shoot, shovel and shut up" policy favored by most trigger-happy nutjobs. The current proposal is out of touch with the majority of Montanans' values, and just basically insane. Use this opportunity to restore the public trust in this commission and renew science-based (not fear- or hate-based) management of wolves. And take gianforte's guns away from him - he has serious mental health issues.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We need to remove any quotas from around Yellowstone or any protected federal lands. We are actively researching, spending taxpayer money on, and investing significant time into the restoration of this species. There is a lot of tourist income generated for the local areas based on the chance to see wolves in Yellowstone.

This is a scientific study, it's a 30-year restoration project in the works, and it shouldn't be snuffed out with hunting.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Management does not equate to the eradication of up to 90% of a species.

Wolves account for the smallest amount of cattle/livestock related deaths out of anywhere in Montana/Wyoming/Idaho (0.4%).
Coyotes kill cattle more frequently than wolves.

We need to reach a consensus on a sustainable number of wolves in each state, in this case Montana.

Why spend millions of dollars, thousands of hours to just attempt to wipe out the northern Rockies population?

We were at one extreme a couple years ago where wolves couldn't be hunted much at all, but now we are the other extreme where they can be hunted too much.

Why did we even bother restoring the species in the first place?

We need to also eliminate unnecessarily cruel hunting/trapping practices and make sure that the animals are not being punished and suffering for a longer amount of time than necessary.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **big timber**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **ron.hoagland@yahoo.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping and encourage FWP to do more to help trapping as it is a needed way to reduce predators. Our deer, antelope and game birds are at all time lows and need some help in rebounding,

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves need to be harvested and the harvest should be increased. Reporting should be by trapping district only.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Tony Crow
City/Town: Chisholm
State/Province: MN
Email Address: deputy_271@yahoo.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hello. I am a trapper from Minnesota, and will simply add that please keep management of furbearers going. The lost of any opertunity however big or small will be detrimental to a strong and healthy population over all.

Thank you

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please continue to support the management of wolves within your state. As a trapper from Minnesota, we are fighting an up hill battle when it come to any type of wolf management. Please keep this going and be a window of success to other states that are hoping to management predators.

Thank you

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Pottstown**
State/Province: **PA**
Email Address: **twopzsrwii@verizon.net**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trappers know the furbearer populations and limit the take.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a major predator, wolves need to be managed.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Charlo
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Email Address:	chr2760@hotmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

the number of wolves should be considered, there aren't many. Various ways of killing wolves should be limited to bows and arrows then it is more fair. A high powered rifle with a scope is not! That is not hunting, and hunters shouldn't brag about killing animals with such.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Only in the fall, and then with strict regulations.

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Q1 **Respondent skipped this question**

Contact information:

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

NO snaring on public land, no baiting or night hunting; wolf trapping 1/2-2/28. Yellowstone & Glacier quota 1 wolf.

Q3 **Respondent skipped this question**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Dora Cruz
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State/Province: AZ
Email Address: flamboyan15@yahoo.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe trapping is an inhumane manner to kill wolves, it is a long, slow and agonizing death. I wouldn't want a stranger's dog trapped nor a wolf. Please, let's engage in humane treatment of innocent wolves. Thank you.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves regulated themselves way before our forefathers stepped on this country. Harvesting 450 wolves , excluding those within WMU 313, is just too many wolves from region 1 -7. The thought of killing innocent wildlife is emotionally painful to me. I like beef stew and steaks just as the other guy but it seems cattle ranchers have more rights than wolves and that is wrong. Thank you for reading my comment.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Chandler
State/Province:	OK
Email Address:	severs777@yahoo.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Every state needs predator control

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Every state needs predator control

And yes I support wolf trapping

Never had a problem in Montana with grizzly bear and trapping season for Woolf started December 15

#390

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Waterloo
State/Province:	WI
Email Address:	wadehostetler@yahoo.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support controlling Montana predators

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support Montana wolf trapping and to open wolf trapping December 15

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Frenchtown,**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **rustynutsvtp@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I object to the limits set on wolves in all the wolf trapping M.U.

These are LARGE areas, and honestly you can not tell me how many wolves there are in a particular area. YOU KNOW THAT. It is a guess at best !

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I refer you back to *2

The truth is spoken with few word.....

As a rancher and Montanan, I STRONGLY support predator trapping.

The Anti trapping idiots do not have a grasp of what they are talking about.

A large number of them, live in big cities and urban areas (MOSTLY outside of Montana) and have not a clue what damage wolves cause.

I LIVE WITH AND AMONG THE WOLVES FOR OVER 30 YEARS. I HAVE SEEN KILLING AND DECIMATION OF THE WILDLIFE (and wild life populations) THESE POACHERS (WOLVES) CAUSE.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	MN
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We need a better balance in harvesting for bearers, to protect our furred population who walk around on hooves.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We need a fair harvest of wolves, one that's not controlled by politics or feelings. To help protect all species eaten by wolves.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Beach Lake
State/Province:	PA
Email Address:	michael.schott.00@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support all trappers..

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a trapper myself ,I am in full support of having a wolf trapping season that opens in early December. Predator management is a must to all other wildlife. Thanks for your time.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name:	Randy
City/Town:	Cornig
State/Province:	OH
Email Address:	5081 Santoy oH

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

You need wolf trapping

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

You need wolf hunting and trapping to control the numbers

#395

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Q1

Contact information:

Name:	Randy
City/Town:	Cornig
State/Province:	OH
Email Address:	5081 Santoy oH

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

You need wolf trapping

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

You need wolf hunting and trapping to control the numbers

#396

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Judy McMullen
City/Town: Winchester
State/Province: VA
Email Address: jlmcmullen@comcast.net

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a frequent visitor to the state of Montana and mostly Yellowstone National Park, I think my voice and that of thousands of other visitors should be heard regarding the killing of wolves that reside mostly in the park. We spend a lot of money to travel and stay in Montana just to view wolves and other wildlife. We deserve a "seat at the table" when it comes to regulating and managing wildlife that belongs to everyone, not just hunters, trappers and others that profit from such activities. I see no biological reason to target the wolves of Yellowstone since they do generate much income to your state. I would like to make just a few suggestions. 1. Reestablish the one wolf quota and do not change the current 12 hour emergency closure for units 313, 316 around Yellowstone and and 110 around Glacier National Park. This will help keep these areas from exceeding the quota. 2. It is not necessary to change the 17 WMUs to 7 regional units for wolves. This is not a science-based decision and is not done for other large predators and ungulates. 3. Wolf harvest numbers should also include Wildlife Services control actions, SB 200 mortality and poaching numbers. 4. Elk populations are at or above the objective. Only a year ago, they were nearly double the statewide objective. This tells me that too many predators are being targeted and more non-consumptive wildlife friendly decisions should be employed. 4. Trapping or snaring in Grizzly bear and Lynx recovery areas should be banned.
Thank you for considering my comments.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please reduce the quotas for furbearing animals. This is a silly obsession that does not justify the slaughter of valuable animals. These animals have the right to exist without ignorant humans trying to manipulate them.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please listen to science and wildlife studies which show that wolves are more beneficial to the ecosystem than detrimental. By letting this be the guiding principle, you will be able to block out all the hyperbole and special interest groups that overly state that killing wolves is good for hunters and ranchers. In reality, wolves do very little to harm livestock. The science actually shows that lethal removal of wolves actually leads to more predation on livestock. The commission needs to be grounded in science which shows that mature, stable wolf packs are the best way to avoid livestock predation. The goal should not be preemptive slaughter. It should be trying to limit the amount of disruption to wolf packs. When a wolf pack is stable, they will not need to risk conflict with humans and livestock. The trouble comes when people kill the most valuable pack members which leads to the rest of the pack resorting to the livestock predation. If your goal is to have healthy wildlife populations, then you must consider the pack structure more so than pure wolf numbers. If you have to kill wolves, which you don't, please go with the smallest quota allowed by law.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am for the hunting and trapping of wolves. The hunting and trapping benefits wildlife, farmers/livestock and it benefits the economy of montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am for the hunting and trapping of wolves in Montana due to the many benefits it brings. I feel that the quota is a little on the small side of things and could be increased.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I think bobcat quotes in region 2 per person could be lowered

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and believe season should open no later than Dec 15

#400

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **MI**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Keep the season as it is Hasn't been a problem in the past and wolves need to kept in check I live in the upper Michigan and they are out of control

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

#401

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Keep your trapping heritage alive don't listen to the antis

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the wolf management with one suggestion start the trapping for wolf's on December 15th every year you need to protect the the deer and elk and all other species of wildlife

#402

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

leave the goddamned wolves alone: save them all you idiots. kill the real killers, we the people who can't seem to grasp the importance of these animals in our lives, other than to kill them. what s****s.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

drop your quotas and go all out to grow the populations of wolves and other wildlife that many of you think should be extinguished. what nutty fruitcakes you all must be.....

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a Montana resident, I ask you to reject the proposed threshold of 450 wolves in the upcoming hunting and trapping season, and I urge you to reverse your past approval of unethical tactics like night hunting, baiting, and snaring. This is NOT HUNTING! I also urge you to end all killing of wolves in the area surrounding Yellowstone National Park. As a scientifically and economically invaluable population, these wolves deserve to be protected. The current proposal is out of touch with the majority of Montanans' values. I urge you to use this opportunity to restore the public trust in this commission and renew science-based management of wolves. Please.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No unethical hunting, that means trapping with snares. Wolverines are protected and YOUR agency is doing ill to all furbearers.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a 50 year Mt. resident, and having hiked the Cabinet Wilderness extensively and never seeing a wolf I ask you to REJECT the proposed threshold of killing 450 wolves. How Barbaric do you present Montanans! That is unscientific and unethical .They are invaluable and priceless and deserving of utmost RESPECT

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would personally like to see beaver season to open 2 weeks later and close 2 weeks later. We don't get much of a spring season because everything is still iced up. The value of the beavers would be better as well.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

This is going to be my first season trapping wolf and I think the floating start date is an absolute joke. We have never caught a Griz using the Dec 15th start date. I've never even seen a griz that late in the year, regardless of snow conditions.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I think the quotas are good.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I just bought a home in Park County and my comments are solely for the area next to Yellowstone NPS. Yellowstone wolves that enter Montana should be better protected because they are for lack of a better term million dollar wolves. They bring in 82 million a year and countless jobs. Let's see these wolves as a rich natural resource because that's what they are. Let's make even more money off of them for our communities. Let's capitalize on this rich resource!

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commissioner

As an Endanger Species Act supporter, I am conservation minded. I value wolves, science, Tribal sovereignty, and resilient ecosystems. I have reviewed the 2022-23 Montana Wolf Proposal, "Trapping and Wolf Season". I disagree, and descent. The follow are my concerns.

What is the biological reason to kill Yellowstone wolves? There is no biological reason to kill Yellowstone and Montana wolves.

This slaughter of Yellowstone wolves is being driven by the minority special interest organizations like Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and other unethical hunting organizations.

Yellowstone and Montana wolves belong to all Montanans under the public trust doctrine. Yellowstone and Federal Lands belong to All Americans.

The killing of Yellowstone and Montana wolves is part of the push to commercialize Montana wildlife and needs to stop.

The non-consumptive individual who makes up the majority is not being heard or represented by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. It is time we have a seat at the table with wildlife management.

Most Montanans and Americans want wolves and other large carnivores on the landscape.

Montana livestock depredation for 2021 was 64 cattle. These livestock producers were reimbursed for their loss with a multiplier of 3 times the value. Montana has 2.6 million cattle currently.

Don't change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units. This is not science-based management, and we don't do this for ungulate and other large carnivores. This is meant to prevent the wolf community monitoring the mismanagement of Montana and Yellowstone wolves and makes it more difficult too close an area to wolf killing when the trigger for review is met.

Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor into the U. S.

Do not change the current 12-hour emergency closure for WMUs 313, 316 and 110 that border Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park. To change to a 24-emergency closure insures we go over quota. Same day emergency closure (6 p.m.) with traps and snares removed.

Yellowstone wolves help provide over \$82 million dollars in sustainable revenue for Montana and gateway communities.

Yellowstone Northern Elk herd is growing and above objective. And elk recruitment is healthy along with hunter success rates near Yellowstone.

Montana Elk populations are virtually near or in most management units above objective.

It is long overdue that Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks include the non-consumptive wildlife friendly in the decision-making process.

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Wolves killed in WMUs 313 and 316 are to be included in the quota review trigger mechanism.

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Wolves killed under SB 200 should be capped at 25 since it rarely goes above ten wolves.

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I appreciate your consideration of my concerns and urge you to discard the current 2022-23 Wolf Proposal.

Sincerely, Jeannine Mackin McGhee

Q3

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Sincerely, Jeannine Mackin McGhee

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please allow a wolf trapping season

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please allow Wolf trapping Thankyou

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

If FWP is interested in influencing an outcome that will have a greater probability of being an overall balanced ecosystem, then I believe that expanded furbearer seasons and increased quotas will increase the odds of achieving that balance (assuming you are utilizing valid data samples and collecting real-world feedback from individuals who actually spend valid amounts of time afield).

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolves have established themselves well enough and adjusted their habits to the existing seasons that they should have a longer Trapping season and increased trapping quotas. However, the Hunting Seasons should have a base season and depending on the outcome of the Trapping quota numbers (uncontrollable weather playing a huge factor in that success rate) have a follow-on extended Hunting season to achieve a good balanced take+ each year.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

These animals need to be kept in check listening to the artis is only going to cause over population of furbearers and cause the decline of all other animals this is not the right way to ethically control things. The seasons and quotas should be set for what is best to keep a healthy level of furbearers

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe the wolves are getting out of control due to the our government always giving the animal rights activists what they want when they don't have a clue of what's best for the the animals in the wild there needs to be a trapping season and hunting season for wolves and the quotas should be set high enough to keep the wolves at a low density level so they don't over kill the elk and deer and trapping season should not start any later than December 15 and should go until a good quota of wolves are taken and not a quota decided on by the artis

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping seasons. With wolf starting no later than December 15th.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and hunting in Montana. The wolves need to be managed for a better wildlife balance and trapping is the best method for managing them. I also am firm on a NO LATER THAN December 15th start date for the season. Montana has never had 1 issue concerning trapping and grizzly bears. Ranchers depend on trappers to control their losses to wolves, going unchecked will just cause more losses to them. I fully support wolf seasons starting no later than December 15th.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

None

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Members of the Commission:

I am writing to ask you to lower the wolf quotas in WMU's 313 and 316. I am happy that you are going to reinstate quotas but I believe that a quota of 2 is more reasonable than 10. If you decide to combine the two WMU's the quota should be 2; otherwise, the quota should be one for each of the two units.

There are many, many opportunities for wolf hunters to harvest wolves in Montana. It is unclear to me why the Park wolves have to be put at such risk. I think they should be treated differently from the rest of the state's wolves for several reasons.

First, many visitors come to the Park with a primary objective of seeing a wolf. Wolf watching brings in millions of dollars to Gardiner and the surrounding areas. Many businesses profit from and even depend upon wolf watcher tourist dollars. Between the fire in Gardiner a few years ago, Covid, and the closure of the northern Park entrance poor Gardiner is in need of help. A 2022 economic study by RRC Associates found that wolf-related tourism contributes at least \$82 million annually to towns in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and that more visitors come to view wildlife than to fish, float, take photographs or hunt.

Another reason the Park wolves are different than the rest of Montana's wolves is that they are research subjects. The harvesting of the 24 Park wolves had a negative impact on the wolf research in the Park in significant ways. The hunt eliminated some of the collared wolves that were study subjects. Also, one of the research goals has been to study wolf populations that have not been significantly impacted by humans, and it's hard to claim now that the wolf packs have not been affected by people. As senior wolf biologist Doug Smith said, "Our claim to fame with Wolf Research was we have the best data in the world in an unexploited-by-humans population," Smith said. "We don't have that now. And that's, I think, a shame and a tragedy." (Quoted from NPR story.)

Nine years ago, I visited Yellowstone National Park for the first time. The experience I had seeing and studying the wolves there was one of the major reasons I retired to Bozeman a year later. I visit the Park often and am always impressed and delighted by the sheer joy many, many visitors get from seeing the wolves. I understand that hunters also get joy from their hunts. But please – let them have the rest of Montana and leave all but 2 wolves alone for Yellowstone National Park.

Sincerely,
Lisa Trankley
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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not agree with trapping. I have had close calls with my dog being caught in a trap. It was extremely scary and I almost had a heart attack. Please limit trapping season.

No party trapping

Limit the number of traps a person can set

Require wolf trapping certification class

24 hour trap checks

Traps to be labeled and signage visible

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

No snaring on public lands. I am very concerned that my dogs will be injured. I have had a close call!!

No baiting or night hunting. Very unethical and cowardice.

Adjust wolf trapping to 1/2-2/28.

Yellowstone and glacier quota of 1 wolf.

Mandate 24 hour trap checks.

You have turned your back on this apex predator and I am ashamed. Wolves belong in our wilderness areas and forested lands.

Please make a decision based on what is right for the health of our ecosystem and non consumptive users. Do not cater to a small minority of bully's and powerful men.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf trapping and hunting is essential to manage wolf population and healthy deer and elk populations. I support wolf trapping.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping in Montana and start date of Dec 15.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Yes, please reduce numbers. Yes, require checks.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Many things need changed here.

Reduce and strictly limit the season length, quotas and methods allowed. Baiting, trapping & snaring are not safe on any public Lands and should not be allowed.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Furbearer season should start no later than December 15th, there is no significant harm to bears no should that constitute a floating start date to the season. Predator management is a must in order to maintain a healthy balance to all wildlife and is imperative to maintaining the wildlife for years to come!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Same as stated previously all dates should be standard across the board because trappers need that time in order to fill the quotas they are given. December 15th should be set in stone, these trappers work Har enough as it is to do the management that most people are not willing to do. Ensuring they have as much time as possible will ensure the management is done properly.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf trapping should start on December 15 all predators need to be managed to control population for all game I have been a non resident hunter in Montana for over 20 years due to the fact my state in my opinion is years behind Montana in common sense game, predator and fish management keep up the good work and let the trappers do the good work the do.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

December 15 start the trapping as far as limit's allow what you have in the past seasons

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Outrageous. Allowing the use of night vision goggles, bait traps, etc against animals that are already endangered is absolutely unscientific and inhumane, irresponsible and sickening.

We wouldn't tolerate bait traps, nigh vision goggle hunts of humans- why are we so bent on doing so against wolves?

#419

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I don't agree with region 1 bobcat proposal

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quickest way to destroy wildlife is don't manage it properly.

I support wolf trapping in Montana and the season should start no later then the proven date of December 15th

#420

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

None.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am strongly against ten or two wolves being killed from newly combined Unit 313. NO wolves should be killed in this unit! Your current policies are not based on biology, are economically destructive, and are unethical. You do not have current wolf count numbers to consider, the killing of wolves near Yellowstone is seriously hurting local businesses, and your approval of unethical killing methods is an embarrassment to our great state and created cause for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to conduct a review to see if wolves should be re-listed as endangered.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: OR
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Deregulation is the key to success. The loudest voice does not mean it represents the majority. Remember that.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I live in NE Oregon and the Wolves are absolutely out of control here. The past couple of years it has really gotten out of hand how many wolf depredations we have had here in Baker, Union and Wallowa counties. The Elk and Deer populations are dwindling. The wrong species of wolf was reintroduced. What I am saying is that the wolves need to be managed. Dont fall for the overregulation of the wolf trappers. They dont need it. They need to be deregulated if anything. Your floating start date for wolf trapping season because of the ridiculous premise that a Brown bear might get into trap is not a good enough reason. I hope you are able to see through the smoke screen and realize that the idea of that is to just get more regulations onto the trappers. It has absolutely nothing to do with Brown bear safety. It is just another ploy, a backdoor way of getting trapping more regulated. The Brown bear is just a tool to accomplish that. I have seen the ESA weaponized way to much to fall for this anymore. It has become a tool to accomplish other things. Its disgusting to see so many folks fall for it. Please if you do anything to the trapping laws and regulations do the smart thing and start deregulating it. Please do not become North East Oregon! Our back yard has been ruined by Portland Oregon. It is so sad.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support predator control throughout the state of Montana

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support Wolf Trapping and Wolf Hunting in Montana

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Gulfport**
State/Province: **FL**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop trapping the wolves with snares and leg traps. Please stop allowing baiting and military like equipment (night vision, infra red cameras etc) can't we humans be humane. There is so much hate let's show compassion please.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please don't decimate the number of Wolves. Haven't we learned through history that our human arrogance can destroy nature. We are more intelligent, we should be above random wiping out of any species. So many people come here and spend a lot of money to see the wolves. Wiping them out is not the answer.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Huntley**
State/Province: **MT**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There are some groups that believe that mother nature will provide a balance in wildlife including those animals that are hunted and trapped. The only way mother nature could truly provide her balance would be if every man woman and child and their animals left this state. Man upset the balance many hundreds of years ago. I certainly do not foresee man abandoning this great state. These groups continually express their belief in mother nature providing disease, predation and starvation as a balancing force. I support the well-managed, well supervised by experts, not politicians trapping and hunting in Montana.

Lonnie Larson
Huntley, MT

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

#425

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
Email Address: scottiedittmer@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping supplies my bulls for my family of 8. Please don't change it. Leave it the way it is. I pay my years worth of mortgage with trapping for fur. My phone bill. My insurance and my water bill all get paid with fur trapping in season.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please leave the wolf trapping season alone. We're not trying to eradicate them only manage em.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Keep the starting day on Dec 15 for wolves.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As an avid hunter and fishermen I'm all for wolf trapping. I have a lot of friends that live in Montana that are hunters and trappers. I support keeping the date on Dec 15 to start trapping wolves and no later. I support predator management 100 percent. Thank you

#427

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Q1

Contact information:

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Email Address:	tnkmckenna@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am in full support of a well managed fur trapping season. Which can only come with an open mind to the health of the eco system as a whole. People with deep pockets should not have "influence" over any part. They are donating for the cause as a whole. I do not hate or want to just kill animals just because. I enjoy teaching my family how to harvest animals with dignity and respect.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I feel that we need to keep a better handle on the wolf population as they are having a bigger impact than anyone ever could have predicted. They are having a major impact on more than just the elk and deer in the intermountain west.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and wolf hunting. Predators need to be managed. There should be no closed season for wolves in MT.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Prohibit snaring on our public lands.

Ban Ram power snares (a rapid kill spring activated snare device).

Restrict to 1 snared wolf per trapper.

Require full disclosure and signage of trapping and snaring on private land block mgt units.

Require minimum 150 trap setbacks on ALL public roads.

Eliminate all wolf unfair chase methods, i.e. pre-baiting, shooting over bait, night hunting, use of artificial light, thermal and infrared, game cameras.

Change the wolf trapping season to Jan 2- Feb 28.

Set wolf quotas of 1 in the wolf mgt units adjacent to Yellowstone and Glacier National Park.

Mandate 24 hr trap checks!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please ban snares on public land. Please protect wolves and wildlife. Montana's wolves and wildlife are famous all over the world and bring thousands of tourists.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm in favor of fur trapping

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please keep wolf trapping in place. Trappers share an equal right to the animals and the tradition of this country.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

let numbers, not activist be your guide

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

continue to manage wolves through trapping. We have far to many that have migrated to north eastern WA.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am in support of changes proposed. I support changes to bobcat quotas based on best science available. Thank you for your time and work that is being done to help manage wildlife.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support adjustments to the wolf trapping and hunting season. Trapping is a management tool and can be adjusted to meet management objectives. Thank you for your time.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe that all furbearers should be managed via hunting and trapping. If left to themselves Mother Nature is way more devastating to animal populations than trappers.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

If you don't manage your wolf population you will end up with all kinds of diseases, not to mention damage to livestock, pets and yes, even humans. I don't think that wolves should be brought to the brink of extinction again, but wolves have no other natural enemies and if not managed will become a nightmare. Wolves are a furbearer and a predator. They aren't cuddly pets and they do kill for fun and leave the maimed and dying of an elk herd without eating most of it. If not kept in check wolves will decimate elk and deer populations and then start on domestic herds, causing farmers and ranchers to push to eradicate them as before. Be reasonable with your laws, protect a minimum wolf population so you can protect elk, deer and domestic herds.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Helena**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **833jordan@sbcglobal.net**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

These Quotas are out of touch with what people want. These numbers are dangerous to the entire wild population. Please limit these killings!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a Montana resident, I ask you to reject the proposed threshold of 450 wolves in the upcoming hunting and trapping season, and I urge you to reverse your past approval of unethical tactics like night hunting, baiting, and snaring. I also urge you to end all killing of wolves in the area surrounding Yellowstone National Park. As a scientifically and economically invaluable population, these wolves deserve to be protected. The current proposal is out of touch with the majority of Montanans' values. I urge you to use this opportunity to restore the public trust in this commission and renew science-based management of wolves."

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not support trapping for any species due to the risk of entrapment of unintended species, and as a veterinarian I do not believe in allowing pain to be inflicted upon an animal and then the animal to be held in a position of fear and stress until it is harvested.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I do not believe baiting, snares or the use of electronic motion detecting devices is appropriate in the legal harvest of wolves. I appreciate the proposed changes to WMU 313. Thank you for receiving public comment on this matter. Unfortunately, I think many in the public who have opinions on these matters are not aware of the opportunity and timeline for public comment.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Polaris**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **jgordon9876@yahoo.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping as a sustained tool to maintain balance of wildlife here in montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I think the original wolf regulations were fine. Start 12/15 end 3/1. 5 wolves per hunter/trapper. The areas that brought so much attention to montana need to be there own separate unit like what I have see proposed. Thanks

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Sicklerville**
State/Province: **NJ**
Email Address: **joannmckendry@hotmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Enough, poachers! Poachers in an official office seat is all y'all are!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

You all need to go!! I don't care if I don't live in your state. Wildlife should be treat with dignity & respect! Ma'iingan is a sacred animal. We the people will make sure none of you hold a seat at the table ever again. Your hatred for wolves and other animals is disturbing & mental. There is no reason for trapping and snaring! Colonizers your ways are just about over.. The fact that you all have no knowledge of wildlife is embarrassing! You are lead by folks with money and less education than you all, if that's even possible. All respect has been lost. You all don't deserve the beautiful Mother Nature has given! You don't own these animals or the land you have. You are horrible stewards. Time for change.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	CA
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please do not allow hunting or trapping of wolves

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the wolf hunts, there is no reason the slaughter these beautiful animals. They are a cornerstone species and contribute greatly to biodiversity and maintenance of land and water systems. There is no scientific reason for trapping or hunting these animals. They serve to create a more resistant environment beneficial against climate change. Please stop the wolf hunt it is inhumane and senseless. All creatures on gods earth deserve freedom from persecution.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	MT
Email Address:	eflynn13@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There should be NO trapping, no snaring, no baiting, no night hunting. End wolf hunting and killing. Zero days, zero animals. No one eats wolves, no one wears the furs. It's ridiculous.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

No wolf trapping, no snaring, no baiting, no night hunting. Wolves are essential to the environment, rich trophy hunters are not.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	MT
Email Address:	timmt08@yahoo.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not support Marten pelt tagging requirements for trappers.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana, including wolves.

I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is a difficult, dirty, and dangerous job. Please don't try to make it harder.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I wanted to trap wolves last year. I took the wolf trapping course and passed the test. The problem was that I couldn't afford to trap. I live in Trego MT which is part of the Lynx Protection Zone and the Grizzly Bear Protection Zone. We are not allowed to use snares so each trap is \$80+. I don't feel comfortable leaving that much expensive hardware in the woods unattended. Please let us use snares.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Scott Johnson**
City/Town: **Sheridan**
State/Province: **WY**
Email Address: **johnsonranchwyoming@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Commissioners, Please reduce the take of Bobcats in areas1 and 5. Also require that Martin Pelts are presented for inspection.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Commissioners, I ask that there be no snaring or trapping of wolves on public land. On private land require written permission, no ram power snares, 275 breakaway, diverters, relaxing lock and a minimum 10 inch loop. Require signage on all traps and snares, no snares or traps in winter deer or elk feeding areas and 50 foot setbacks on all public roads. Shorten the season from Jan.1 to Feb 28 to reduce the chance of trapping a pregnant wolf or a grizzly bear. Please require 24 hour trap checks and require that wolves be inspected in an unfrozen condition and don't allow baiting or night hunting. Also return to the previous quotas in the Yellowstone and Glacier areas. The killing of wolves is not science based and is not being done under the rules of fair chase. Those that are hunting and trapping of wolves seem to be doing out of some kind of hate. We have all seen the pictures or a hunter/trapper with the bloody bodies of the wolves they have killed, nothing about the killing shows any kind of sportsmanship or respect for Gods Creation. Many Americans want to see their wildlife alive. Wolves bring in millions of dollars to local areas from people that just want to see and photograph our beautiful wolves. Please carefully study the science,

Thanks,
Scott Johnson

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and hunting

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and hunting

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop all fur hu ts

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop all wolf hunts and resist wolves as endangered

#445

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a hunter and cowhand, these numbers do not seem based in science or practicality. Fur is an important industry but must be tempered with accurate population counts of the animals (which is lacking here) and discriminate practices to prevent the trapping of undesired or protected animals.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is indiscriminate in that any animal or person who stumbles into a snare or trap will be caught. The proximity to trails or public land must also be taken into account to prevent children, dogs, and protected species from being caught (such as Lynx). These quotas place high limits on wolves and bobcats and, in trying to reach this number, a variety of other animals will be harmed as well. It is a reckless practice.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

End trapping on public land.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please end trapping of wolves on public land.. This is barbaric and also traps non-tatget animals.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the effective management of furbearers and predators utilizing foothold traps, body griping traps and snares.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe a more aggressive management plan is necessary to effectively manage wolf populations.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MI
Email Address: nancy@wolfwatcher.org

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the reduction of the bobcat quota and the proposal to submit marten pelts. Public lands belong to all of us. Please prohibit snaring on public land and require signage on public lands where traps are placed. Mandate 24 hr reporting for all species.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am a frequent visitor to YNP and have traveled there with friends and family spending thousands of dollars each trip for the purpose of viewing wolves. Zero by definition is a number and there should be a zero quota for the wolf management zones bordering the Park. Further, allowing hunting/trapping is not supported by scientific data and definitely should not be conducted during peak wolf breeding season. The hunting/trapping of wolves is not supported by the public either. A January poll by Remington Research found that 76% of Americans oppose trophy hunting. Ban night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes as it further violates laws of fair chase.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I did not read the proposal.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping, and wolf management. I support a wolf trapping start date NO LTER than Dec. 15th.

#450

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support regulated trapping and snaring.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support regulated hunting and trapping of wolves that is consistent with the stated management plan.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop killing animals near Yellowstone

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am a teacher in Orlando, Florida who spend what little money and time off that I have to go watch Yellowstone walls. Please protect all Yellowstone wolves and make the quota for area 313 in Montana a zero wolf killing quota. The Yellowstone wolves are part of our national parks and need to be protected. Please, please do what you can to save and protect all Yellowstone wolves.

Thank you.
Dr. Elena Maria Rogalle

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Zimmerman**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Keep the wolf trapping season open per the original date.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Keep your wolf trapping season open at the regular season dates they were at.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: WI
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I started trapping furbearers at the age of 32. I love every minute I spend on my waterline here in WI. Please don't reduce / restrict trappers any more than we already are.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf quotas and seasons need to be set by biologists so that healthy populations are maintained and surplus wolves are removed. We have been fighting for literal decades in WI for wolf management and unfortunately sentiment, rather than science, created a debacle out of our last season.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Having a floating season for wolf puts many other animals and many peoples existence in harms way.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support Wolf trapping as sportsmen and women are your most valuable resource and a tool to be used to provide wildlife services with data to better manage the population of Predator to prey species. Not only are these people managing this, but providing you with valuable data that could be used in your studies. It is every state that overlooks hunters, trappers and fishermen and women as they are the ones that spend the most time afield studying these animals patterns and knowing when is or ain't a good time to harvest based off of population, sign afield and other affected predator/prey species. Please fight for Sportsmen, not against them.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am for all trapping of furbearers and predators

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am 100% FOR trapping of wolfs and all other predators . Montana is a dream hunt for me for elk and deer . But if the predators are not kept in check in Montana your state may fall off my bucket list of states to come hunt in. PLEASE open wolf trapping no later then December 15th

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support your seasons and quotas. trapping must be maintained to help balance the populations of species

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support trapping and hunting seasons for predators that help helps maintain wildlife populations. Predator populations must be monitored and maintained by trapping and hunting.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm for wolf trapping and predator management. Don't want to see the wolves wiped out, but they do need to have their population controlled since they have no natural control.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm for wolf trapping and predator management. Don't want to see the wolves wiped out, but they do need to have their population controlled since they have no natural control.

#458

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: NC
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No more wolf trapping/baiting! No traps, period.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

No more wolf trapping/baiting! No traps, period.

#459

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A for this woman.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support predator management in all 50 states. Montana is having a problem with wolves, so the number needs to be curbed there. I am from Ohio.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The regulations seem to be adequate as in the past.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am in favor of wolf trapping and hunting to control the population so that the ungulates can have a chance to maintain numbers. Also to just report wolf harvest by district. In my opinion wolves repopulate like feral dogs and need to be controled. Thank you

#461

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Enough is Enough please stop all this killing and bloodshed against our wildlife.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

So many rules and regulations just to kill wolves. With all that is going on in this world, it seems that wolves have the most target on their backs. I don't agree with your new 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Season and Quotas. I think that the quotas for units 313 and 316 should go back to one wolf each unit. One wolf killed is still one to many in my opinion, but last year twenty five or more Yellowstone wolves were killed in that area a much higher percentage then in other areas. So many Montana wolves killed hurting Montana's economy and livelihoods. I know my opinion is just that my own but I don't understand why there has to be war and so much bloodshed on our wildlife. Hunters and trappers wait just outside the invisible boundary line of Yellowstone and when they cross that line they are targeted, they even killed pups last year, what harm can a pup do, they are killing wolves simply because they are a wolf. Yellowstone wolves and all wolves have the right to live their lives in peace. They have earned that right long before us. I thank you for your time. I am just one Voice trying to make a difference.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

no comment to this question. My focused comment regards the 2022 Wolf Hunting Season.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am writing today to ask that you please restore the language to the 2022 Wolf Hunting Regulations to remind hunters that state law, MCA 87-6-401, forbids hunters from using radiotelemetry and other "electronic motion-tracking devices" to locate a hunted animal.

This language has been included in the wolf hunting regulations of every previous season with the exception of last season (2021-2022). This state law is regularly included in the hunting regulations for these 9 animal species that including mountain lion, deer, moose, elk, bison, black bear, bighorn sheep, antelope and mountain goat.

Not reinstating this specific state law (MCA 87-6-401) to the wolf hunting season can be easily perceived as a loophole by hunters. By not having this state law in last year's wolf hunting regulations, it may have contributed to the record take of 21 wolves outside Yellowstone National Park in WMU's 313 and 316.

Please do the right thing by reinstating the Montana state law MCA 87-6-401 to the 2022 wolf hunting season to promote a legal and fair chase hunting season for wolves in Montana.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **WI**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am in favor of a set start date to the wolf trapping season rather than a floating date.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments. I'm a trapper from the state of Wisconsin and I'm retiring in a month. I plan on traveling west to trap wolves and other furbearers. I have seen the circus here in my state over the opening and closing of a wolf season as the issue is fought over in the courts. Wolves are an important part of an ecosystem. But like most things, everything in balance. The arguments to reduce wolf trapping and hunting are often based on emotions rather than sound science. I am in favor of a set start date to the wolf trapping season rather than a floating date and a sustained wolf population that doesn't exceed what ranchers, hunters and the general population can support.

Thank you for your consideration

Paul A. Grover

#464

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **KY**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

WHY kill Yellowstone/Montana wolves? Studies have shown them to BENEFIT the ecosystems they live in. They help keep the herds of other animals healthy and help keep the proper balance of wildlife. Elk herds are growing and Elk hunter success rates near Yellowstone are good. And since livestock depredation for 2021 was 64 cattle out of 2.6 MILLION cattle that's certainly not a serious problem. Most Americans and Montanans WANT the wolves- who belong to all Montanans under the public trust doctrine- and Yellowstone and Federal land belongs to all Americans. The wolves attract many tourists who not only enjoy them while visiting but also "keep up" with these wolf families regularly even after the tourists return home. This brings in over \$82 million dollars in revenue for Montana and other communities! I am concerned that decisions- particularly concerning the Yellowstone wolves- are being driven by special interest groups of questionable ethics and the desire to commercialize wildlife. These are IMO not the proper elements to be basing management decisions on that have such huge and sometimes permanent results. For example Integrated Patch Occupancy Modeling (IPOM) is not scientifically rigorous enough to be considered valid. And changing from Wolf Management Units to regional units is similarly not science based. This also suggest what a wonderful opportunity it would be to work with the wolves advocates on these issues and so much more could be accomplished in a positive direction for all concerned. Also please re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Please don't take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park because is a vital wildlife corridor. I would also ask you to also please keep the current 12 hour emergency closure for WMUs 313, 316 and 110 that border Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park because if it is changed to a 24 emergency closure that insures going over quota. THANK YOU for your consideration!

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

After looking at the money Montana brings in on the sale of license fee for killing and trapping of Wolves I see wye they do not want to change anything . It's really true money talks and the will of the people is lost along the wayside, I personally say STOP KILL THE WOLFS IN ANY WAY THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO LIVENIN PEACE .

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

STOP ALL TRAPING OF WOLFS THIS INHUMAN TREATMENT OF WOLFS. PLUS ANY OTHE AMINAL THAT MAY GET CAUGHT BY ACCIDENT .

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **timothy fullerton**

City/Town: **Rexburg**

State/Province: **ID**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

see below

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I favor wolf hunting and trapping. we share a long border and we share wolves. the population has long surpassed the original agreement. trapping is the most effective way to control populations. the wolves are adapting and will take care of their selves.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **MT**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

It is completely unfair to have any animal caught in a trap for two days enduring pain and fear. Trapping and snaring have no place in our current society and should be illegal for any animal. The locations allowed for these activities are also way too close to areas that have high traffic of domesticated animals and children.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It is absurd that we allow baiting of any kind for wolf hunting as well as use of electronic monitoring devices to give a hunter an advantage. There should also be laws protecting young wolves and collared wolves. It should be illegal to use any type of calls during their mating season as well. 2022 was the worst year for wolves and there is no reason we need to hunt these animals. No meat is used. It is purely trophy hunting (with exception to a private landowner dealing with issues with their herd). The laws have become way too lenient towards wolves including the number each person can harvest. We need stricter laws to protect this animals that are vital to our ecosystem.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Why change what isn't broken? Please leave this alone.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Shortening up the wolf season will not help us manage an out of control wolf population that feeds year round on grass eating critters we humans call food sake as predators that kill inhumanly.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Brandon Navratil
City/Town: Jackson
State/Province: WY

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Education and training should be required for participants with less than three years of experience.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There should be a quota limit on the boundaries surrounding Yellowstone NP. It is financially crucial to the surrounding communities, much more so than the financial setbacks to any surrounding ranchers or the amount that comes in from far to under-priced tags..

Wolves are valuable to local economies in Montana. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

Wolf hunting in the proposed WMU 313 is not a legislative requirement for managing the statewide wolf population. This area has not been identified as an area of concern in recent legislation related to wolves. There is no legal mandate for a high quota here.

There is no scientific rationale for aggressive wolf harvest in the proposed WMU 313. Livestock depredations attributable to wolves have not been documented in the area. Additionally, the elk herd that uses WMU 313 has been at or above population objectives set by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks since wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone.

A low harvest quota of two wolves worked in this area for a decade. Returning to a low wolf quota in WMU 313 will prevent Yellowstone wolves from bearing a disproportionate share of the wolf harvest pressure in Montana and represents a return to a balanced management strategy that will protect Yellowstone wolves and the local economies that depend on them.

Also, there should be no trapping of wolves throughout Montana. To be caught in a foot hold or snare is inhumane and a practice we should move away from.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There is no scientific rationale for aggressive wolf harvest in the proposed WMU 313. Livestock depredations attributable to wolves have not been documented in the area. Additionally, the elk herd that uses WMU 313 has been at or above population objectives set by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks since wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There is no scientific rationale for aggressive wolf harvest in the proposed WMU 313. Livestock depredations attributable to wolves have not been documented in the area. Additionally, the elk herd that uses WMU 313 has been at or above population objectives set by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks since wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

see comments below

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are valuable to local economies in Montana. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

Wolf hunting in the proposed WMU 313 is not a legislative requirement for managing the statewide wolf population. This area has not been identified as an area of concern in recent legislation related to wolves. There is no legal mandate for a high quota here.

There is no scientific rationale for aggressive wolf harvest in the proposed WMU 313. Livestock depredations attributable to wolves have not been documented in the area. Additionally, the elk herd that uses WMU 313 has been at or above population objectives set by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks since wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone.

A low harvest quota of two wolves worked in this area for a decade. Returning to a low wolf quota in WMU 313 will prevent Yellowstone wolves from bearing a disproportionate share of the wolf harvest pressure in Montana and represents a return to a balanced management strategy that will protect Yellowstone wolves and the local economies that depend on them.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hunting is a Must.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping and predator management is a Must.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The data that in 2021, 21 Yellowstone wolves were killed is unconscionable. The new regulations hoping to kill 10 Park wolves is also unwarranted, as these pack animals survive by living in packs and the slaughter of members of the pack affects the survival skills of the remaining family members.

I feel strongly that it is best to leave the packs of Yellowstone Park intact with no destruction or slaying of this iconic mammal.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Killing fur bearing animals is outdated as far as killing them for their fur. It is more of a sport to satisfy someone's ego.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves in and around Yellowstone Park should be left out of any kind of hunting. They will manage themselves according to food supply. When a critical member of a pack is killed it disrupts the whole pack. I think trapping is a very inhumane way of catching animals and kills all animals not just target animals.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Any changes to these regulations should limit harvest of these animals. The economic and environmental good they bring to the state vastly out-measure the benefits of harvesting them.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

People come to Montana from around the world for the chance to view these creatures in the wild. These visitors stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants, and hire our guides. The economic benefit brought to the state by a healthy wolf population is of vital importance to the state. Any increase in trapping and hunting quotas would be incredibly short-sighted and foolhardy.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See #3

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I have had relatives come from all over the world to see the wolves in Yellowstone Park. With the boom to the economy of Montana as a result, the few animals killed because of their presence is minimal. They have also improved the ecosystem in the Park.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

see comments below

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am a person of science and facts.

There is no scientific rationale for aggressive wolf harvest in the proposed. Livestock depredations attributable to wolves have not been documented in the area. Additionally, I understand farmers receive government funding for cattle killed by wolves anyway.

A low harvest quota of two wolves worked in this area for a decade. Returning to a low wolf quota in WMU 313 will prevent Yellowstone wolves from bearing a disproportionate share of the wolf harvest pressure in Montana and represents a return to a balanced management strategy that will protect Yellowstone wolves and the local economies that depend on them.

While the return to a quota system is a step in the right direction, the proposed quota is still far too high.

Sincerely,
Jodi Reida

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please no massive hunting and killing native animals

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please do not allow the killing and trapping of these gorgeous animals. This was their land and habitat.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

It is inhuman and cruel to have an animal caught for two days before being destroyed and the locations of trapping being too close to high trafficked areas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It is unfair to give a hunter such an advantage for using telemetry and heat sensorineural devices to hunt wolves even on private land. Using baiting traps with meat is unfair. It is also unfair to not have restrictions to protect the young wolves and no laws against killing collared wolves to be amended. Please do not extend the season for wolf hunting in march which overlaps with their mating time. This is truly unfair to an animals rights and inhumane

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see my answer to question #3.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Sirs,

As an over 30 year Montana hunter and resident of Park County, I strongly recommend that the allowed harvest take in Wolf Management Unit be no higher than two wolves. It makes no biological, economic or social sense to set a higher quota than this and in fact, it should be an area that wolf hunting is not allowed. I am sure that you are familiar with the very significant beneficial economic impact on the economies of communities like Gardiner and Livingston where I live. In addition, elk numbers in that unit have been at or higher than FWP's desired numbers, and depredation on livestock has been almost nonexistent. If the government of Montana is truly concerned about supporting the financial livelihoods of the majority of the population, it should recognize the value of wildlife - in this case the world famous wolf population - and manage it in a more scientifically and sustainable manner. Again, I urge you to listen to the majority of your constituents and significantly reduce the allowable number of wolf harvested in WMU 313. Sincerely, Dennis Glick

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See comments below.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The proposed quota for wolf hunting for 2022/2023 in WMUs 313 and 316 is still far too high. 10 wolves for next season would disproportionately impact Yellowstone wolves and the livelihoods that depend on them. This is an economic issue as much as a conservation issue. These communities are already suffering. Drastically reduce the quota or eliminate hunting and trapping altogether in 313 and 316.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

agree with purposed.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with the quota of 10 in area 313 & 316 and not having them count toward the region 3 quota.

I am not in favor at all of the floating stop date to start wolf trapping season. It needs to start 12/15. There is no evidence that a grizzly bear has ever been caught in a wolf trap. Start the season 12/15

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There should no trapping of fishers, martens and swift foxes.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a member of Wild Livelihoods Business Coalition, I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas. I urge you to reduce the proposed quota in the newly formed 313 WMU to at most two wolves. There is no adequate rationale to harvest more wolves in this area north of Yellowstone. The Yellowstone wolves contribute vast sums of money and many jobs to Montana's economy. They are one of the main reasons tourists visit Yellowstone. These wolves present no risk to livestock and the region's elk herds are consistently far above objective. Alive, each of these wolves contribute financially and reputationally to Montana; dead, they are worth nothing and bring shame to our State's reputation as wildlife managers. While some of you may bristle when they are called Yellowstone wolves, another way of seeing them is as Wyoming's wolves, in any case, there is no reason for Montana to take such a disproportionate number of these highly valued wolves that cause no resource damage in our state and contribute immeasurably to our environment, economy and reputation. Please limit the quota in WMU to no more than 2 wolves. Thank you for considering my comments, Caroline Byrd, SeaBird Strategies LLC.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Including marten in the furbearer season and quotas will allow for better understanding of marten take and population numbers in Montana. Decreasing bobcat harvest is a good way to ensure that bobcat populations rebound.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe that the proposed 2022 wolf trapping and hunting season quotas are, just as the 2021 wolf trapping and hunting changes and quotas, are unethical and make wolves a political pawn. Not only is hunting at night, snaring, and baiting wolves unethical, but it also puts others (both wildlife bycatch and humans) in danger.

The declaration that the previous years harvest in the previous WMU 313/316, has no effect on the wolf population in Montana is problematic. On one side, these wolves do not primarily live in Montana, or on Montana lands in which hunting is legal. These wolves are likely counted in both Montana and Wyoming's state wolf populations, therefore being double counted, which is likely of little concern to the MT FWP commission. Additionally, in the proposed regulations, it states that the most recent data for previous WMU 313/316's wolf population is from 2011-2015, which seems misleading as the iPOM was developed after that period. Additionally, this does not account for the fact that most wolves who may step foot in previous WMU 313/316 are wolves primarily living in YNP, where they are protected from human hunting pressure. The proximity of YNP to the entire region 3 hunting unit, creates source/sink dynamics for this area. These areas must be managed through science and with a scientific understanding, not at the mercy of politics. Research has shown that with a large or unlimited hunting quota in previous regions 313/316, a YNP wolf's chances of yearly survival decrease by ~20%. Although these statistics are for wolves primarily living in YNP, there is a long history of wolves in YNP dispersing out of YNP and into MT WMU 313/316, providing fresh individuals to take the place of wolves killed in previous hunting season AND new wolves to hunt. YNP is a wolf source and Montana is a wolf sink. Without YNP, the Region 3 wolf population would be decreasing.

The above is based on source/sink dynamics, wolf habitat use and the best available science. However, the information conducted on the value of wildlife watching, specifically wolf wildlife watching are crucial to the YNP gateway communities. Over the previous years the YNP gateway communities have undergone incredible hardships, from the effects of COVID-19, local fires, and now the historic flooding, these communities need to know that the state of Montana cares about them. Wolves bring in millions of dollars to these gateway communities, the continued liberal hunting practices outside of YNP will financially hurt communities already riddled with hardship.

Lastly, the claim that there are too many wolves and wolves are killing all the states ungulate populations/ decreasing human hunting harvest success of ungulates is false. Elk hunting success rates are high and wolves are once again victim to human politics and fear.

Therefore, I would ask the commission to decrease the wolf quota in now WMU 313 from 10 individuals to 6 individuals. This would ensure that the wolves primarily living in YNP are not devastated as they were last year. The claim that the continued high harvest rates in WMU 313 would not affect the Montana wolf population is misguided with a small sample size to accurately predict positive outcomes at best, and a lie to continue pushing a political agenda at worst. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please discontinue this barbaric practice of hunting and trapping wolves. Your department should be focused on encouraging the eco-system and environmental - not political!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Quotas should be zero! The wolf population is threatened and needs to be fostered, not reduced! They're critical for the eco-system

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Traps and snares are cruel and have no place in modern hunting. Animals suffer for multiple days by these methods. Additionally these devices pose a significant threat to the public. As a taxpayer, I should not have to be concerned for my children and dogs to be caught by a furbearer trap on public lands. This must be more strictly regulated if not completely disbanded.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It is embarrassing that snaring, trapping and electronic monitoring of wolves is allowed in our modern era. The quotas are outlandish and create a demand to kill way too many wolves. More common sense wolf hunting rules should be created that help protect farms and livestock but current state is grossly inappropriate. Traps and snares should not be allowed in public lands, not only are they cruel, they are currently allowed in places where children and dogs frequent hiking trails on shared public lands. This poses a significant risk for residents and visitors who enjoy our public lands and needs to be revoked.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

My opinion is that ALL trapping should be illegal. I call it 'cowards hunting'. I have no issue with harvesting animals, I do this myself, but we have no need to kill just for some fur.

I utilize the hides of the animals I harvest for food; NO animal should be killed at this point in time for its fur. And trapping is a barbaric, painful, indiscriminate killer and should be phased out of existence for most of humanity.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am a hunter and hiker in NW Montana who spends as much time as possible in prime wolf habitat.

The threshold of 450 dead wolves in my state should NOT be approved. In my lifetime I have seen the powerful and positive impacts of the reintroduction of this keystone species back into our wilds.

This is not 'Little Red Riding Hood' or 'Three Little Pigs' and we must stop living in this childish mindset. We can use the data, observations, and conclusions of our top scientists and wildlife biologists and see that a healthy top-predator population is absolutely necessary for a functioning and healthy environment. This is especially true anywhere near Yellowstone National Park; this whole area must be permanently closed to all wolf hunting.

And just because wolf 'hunters' in Montana cannot seem to easily find their prey does NOT mean that our laws should change to include night hunting, baiting, and snaring.

Wildlife management MUST be science-based and this proposal is fear-based (or based on conclusions of well-funded political operations like the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation who work to turn our wild lands into unhealthy over-populations of ungulates that are easy to find and harvest).

This commission needs to do better and needs to act immediately to stop the desecration of our few, precious wild places.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The season extends into mating season.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Baiting traps is inhumane.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I request a quota of one wolf in units 313 and 316 for wolves, or two wolves if the two units are combined. I am not knowledgeable enough about other furbearers to comment on those species at this time.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Regarding the proposed wolf hunting regulations for 2022-2023, the following comments are respectfully offered.

In appreciating and balancing the needs and desires of hunters, scientists, and eco-tourists, let us respect the intrinsic value of the wolf to the greater Yellowstone ecosystem, to global wolf research, to Montana tourism, and to guiding North American management of wolves and even other species being reintroduced in other habitats where the principles of wolf reintroduction have been used as a guide. May we appreciate the importance of understanding this keystone species that influences directly or indirectly many other species of plants and animals that in turn provide their own influences on the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

If we respect the right of hunters to hunt, we must also respect the right of scientists to study their chosen species in a viable way and for tourists and eco-tourists to view these animals in a place that is accessible and where they least interfere with the animals' normal behavior and the natural surroundings the species inhabits. Yellowstone is the best place not just in the United States to study and view wolves in a natural habitat, but probably in the world. If we want wolves not to have a negative impact on other creatures such as livestock, scientists must study them. What has been learned about wolves thus far is impressive and sometimes unexpected, as the book *Yellowstone Wolves: science and discovery in the world's first national park* relates.

One of Montana's objectives is to reduce the elk population from 142,000 to 92,000. Wolves are a natural solution, as elk are a primary food source for wolves. Research also shows chronic wasting disease is less prevalent in ungulates where wolves are present. Wolf numbers are already artificially low in Montana. Does this make sense when a healthy but smaller elk herd is desired?

I am gratified to see the FWP has reestablished quotas along the borders of Yellowstone. If they decide to make 313 and 316 a single unit, I request a quota of two wolves for the entire unit. However, I request that the two units remain separate with a quota of one wolf per unit, for precise individual management.

Finally, a personal observation, after 30 plus years of animal rescue (dogs, cats, and the occasional wolf/dog hybrid), about a couple things I've learned. These animals know and understand more than we think they do. They sense and feel more than we give them credit for. If a dog has these abilities, how much more might a more intelligent canine, with a larger brain, like a wolf, know, perceive and feel? If several members of our immediate family were killed, would we not feel the impact, be shattered, confused, mourn? Wolf packs appear to experience this. The bison, like elephants seem to mourn their dead. The elk always appear shocked and stunned when they see one of their herd members taken. It's being studied in books like *Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel* by Carl Safina. Or come to Yellowstone and observe how the animals behave. For years, we were warned, as rescuers, as scientists, not to anthropomorphize. Perhaps our mistake is that we don't anthropomorphize enough, appreciate enough the commonality of destiny, perception and emotion we share with our fellow species, the wolf. Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping as integral and regulated means as keeping the wolf population in the balanced numbers with the rest of the enviroment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping to start on Dec 15 th and that the MTA and state biologists are integral in the management of wolf populations at a healthy level

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support trappers in the west and across this country. We do not need to be basing start dates of wolf season or any other trapping season / hunting season based on a non managed animal such as the grizzly bear ! FWP and other western agencies need to stop rolling over to these animal rights activist and grow a back bone ! Stand up to these organizations and stand up for the true people who are managing wildlife !! The Hunters and Sportsmans of this country ! Our money funds YOU and OUR WILDLIFE! Be responsible and stop rolling over and being politically correct ! Stop worrying about your next promotion and do the right thing !

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support trappers in the west and across this country. We do not need to be basing start dates of wolf season or any other trapping season / hunting season based on a non managed animal such as the grizzly bear ! FWP and other western agencies need to stop rolling over to these animal rights activist and grow a back bone ! Stand up to these organizations and stand up for the true people who are managing wildlife !! The Hunters and Sportsmans of this country ! Our money funds YOU and OUR WILDLIFE! Be responsible and stop rolling over and being politically correct ! Stop worrying about your next promotion and do the right thing !

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would encourage utilization of best scientific practices when establishing the duration of the season and the number taken.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

For me, there is no scientific rationale for an aggressive wolf harvest in the purposed WMU313. Elk numbers ar at or above population objectives set by FWP since wolf reintroduction and livestock depredation attributed to wolves hasn't been indentified in WMA313.

Therefore, returning to the low harvest quota of wolves in WMA313, will preclude wolves from bearing a disproportionate share of the wolf harvest pressure in Montana and will represent a return to a balanced strategy that will give Yellowstone wolves protection, but will also benefit local economies dependent upon tourists, who seek out wild nature, in which the wolf plays a role.

I would also like to sight research by Susan Kelly, from Cornell University, which I believe speaks to this issue, as well.
www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/07/220705123947html

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The precious furbearing wildlife in YNP have been abused & killed by fun sport or just abusive drivers & visitors for too many years...i was a visitor/tour guide for most of the 30 years in West Yellowstone & neighbor town that i have lived here & believe tourists need to be put in enclosed vehicles for viewing YNP wildlife...they think YNP is a zoo, not a precious wildlife habitat that can be lost forever with their abuse & destruction!!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I have been a visitor/tour guide for most of my 30 yrs residence here in Montana...at West Yellowstone & neighbor town of Ennis and I realized very few (especially visitors) care about YNP wildlife...they think of it as a zoo & no value to "tomorrow" ...& most hunters have a lust to kill rather enjoy viewing wolves with a camera.....interested in fur pelts & making money, & especially just plain insane lust to kill the wolves. And with so few Park rangers doing daily monitoring of activities of people the wolves & other wildlife...elk, deer, bear are at the mercy of tourism & hunters who feel these precious animals need to be mounted on their walls at home & in the freezer....or just plain dead! Trapping & hunting is all about making money...& i could write for hours on the horror i have witnessed in my 18 yrs of active work in my beloved Yellowstone National Park...i believe a monorail system is the only way humans should be allowed to view inside the most precious wildlife park ...absolutely NO HUNTING ALLOWED!! Mention the word wolf & see the "kill" lust bloom in people! I was working near Mammoth when the Druid pack was introduced....we guides loved touring in that area to just maybe show visitors a glance of the beautiful animals!

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Port Townsend**
State/Province: **WA**
Email Address: **ronportergood@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There should be NO open hunting season in Montana on wolves. Wolves deserve to be on the landscape -- much more so than non-native cows. Wolf management by the state should prioritize non-lethal means (range riders, flagging, keeping calving cows in secure locations not out on the range, etc.)

Q3

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I hunt but I don't trap and don't like trapping at all. Too many pets getting caught now

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As somebody who flies into MT to see wolves and who regularly drops lots of \$\$\$ into your state's economy, I see this proposal as a complete outrage. No fair chase and obviously they are not being treated as a valued big game species. It's obvious the Feds need to regain control.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Snares & traps are fairly indiscriminate, threatening pets and many wildlife species. Hence their use should be carefully regulated and minimized.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Snares & traps are indiscriminate, threatening pets and many wildlife species (including T&E species like grizzly & lynx). Hence these are not acceptable management tools.

Gray wolf management should be science-based, and recognize that much needed info is missing (including accurate population estimates).

The quota for wolf kills in the proposed WMU 313, if adopted, should be zero or the minimum number of wolves—not 10.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name:	Chans
City/Town:	Missoula
State/Province:	MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Don't do it

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are a necessary part of our ecosystem. Mass hunting of wolves does not help anything. Keep nature wild.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commissioners:

While zero quota is preferred, I implore you to adopt regulations that: (1) would re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110; (2) does not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park; (3) reinstate the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft and eliminate baiting, night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes.

The source of data for counting wolves comes exclusively from the hunting community not the scientific community or even trained surveyors.

There is no biological or scientific need for a wolf hunting/trapping season.

There is strong public support for wolves. A poll by Remington Research found that 76% of Americans oppose trophy hunting

Wolf conflicts are extremely low and processes are in place to address these rare occurrences.

I reiterate:

*While zero quota is preferred, Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110.

*Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor into the U. S. Keeping the the WMU's will maintain the consistency in reporting and tracking over the years, coordinate with elk management units, and increase transparency.

*Reinstate the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft and eliminate baiting, night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes.

Finally, with white-tailed deer mass wasting disease dramatically surging out of control, wolves are a necessary predator that will help keep that in check by their predation on weak/ill deer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Q3

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Finally, with white-tailed deer mass wasting disease dramatically surging out of control, wolves are a necessary predator that will help keep that in check by their predation on weak/ill deer.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Gray wolf management should be cautious and science-based, not political.

+ The quota for wolf kills in the proposed WMU 313, if adopted, should be zero or the minimum number of wolves—not 10.

+ The model used to estimate the statewide wolf population is full of compounding errors, meaning the actual size of the state's wolf population is unknown.

+ Increased wolf trapping imperils federally threatened grizzly bears and Canada lynx, as well as family pets and outdoor recreationists.

+ Snares are cruel and inherently indiscriminate

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I do not support this year proposed quota of 10 wolves - I believe this exceeds the requirement to maintain a balanced population and that the business brought in for tourism (wolf watching) is not being given due consideration - especially in year that tourism is down and we will rely on it more in 2023. I ask that you reconsider this quota and that it be reduced. I understand the recommendation is 2 and more fully support this.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Public trapping is nothing more than killing for entertainment. It is not necessary in this day and age and holds the majority hostage to the whims of a fraction of the human population. It is time to drop this so-called tradition just like so many others in the past we no longer permit.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It is quite obvious that the hunting and trapping of wolves has become a political and revenue decision. Science be damned. It does not bother the decision makers that wolves are subject to torture in traps and hunted without discrimination and achieving the opposite effect of management. One would hope humanity has progressed where rational, science-based factors are used in the management of wolves. It is quite apparent that none of reasons given for the slaughter of these necessary predators has anything to do with management and more to do with selling out our publicly owned wildlife. It is shameful that Montana has debased itself for a few bloody dollars when we could be the exemplar of sound management policies. Please consider this instead of the present course that allows the wanton killing which upsets the balance of nature. Have we learned nothing since much of the wildlife was almost wiped from our landscape in the 1800s? Sadly, no.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Email Address: **tim@rockinwk.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Who better to represent data than the people that live it? Lynx, Wolverine, pine marten and grizzly bears have the most densely population that we've seen in the last 40 years. Us folks that buy conservation licenses and provide billions of dollars are being taken advantage by fwp. Fwp is bullied and controlled by anti hunting/trapping groups, why? when us outdoorsmen are the ones who butter your bread.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It's been proven by several other countries and states that wolf trapping can be done safely at all times of the year. These states/countries all have grizzlies and they wolf trap (sometimes year round) and haven't hurt the grizzlies population at all, so why can't Montana have a decent wolf hunting and trapping season? Our wolf infestation needs to be dealt with. Wolves are vital to Montanas landscape but they do need to be kept in check, mainly for human safety, diseases like rabies and a rapidly growing population is a recipe for disaster. Trapping is the most affective way to keep wolf numbers at a reasonable number. Last season you shortened the season and it showed the catch was way down. Starting trapping in October would be great to our success. Do something for us conservationists and start the wolf trapping season in October.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No to trapping!

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is inhumane and cruel and should be outlawed. It's illegal in 85 countries.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves belong to all Americans, alive. We should protect these majestic animals. Thank you.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The killing of Gray wolves in Montana is beyond excessive and has become extremely abusive. Americans did not recover wolves just to exterminate again. This is not wildlife management, this is genocide.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Killing wolves is not hunting in any legitimate sense. No one eats wolf and wolves manage their own populations quite effectively without human killing. No more excuses.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Vaughn
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please refer to my four page letter referenced below....if I need to resend it please notify me of the required email address

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I have sent a four page letter to fwpngen@mt.gov, Martha Williams, and regional commissioners....if you need it sent to another email address to be included in the public comments please advise

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please use accurate and peer-reviewed scientific methodologies to determine appropriate quotas populations for all wild animals (furbearers).

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The use of accurate and peer-reviewed scientific methodologies to determine Montana wolf populations is essential in setting and establishing quotas. The proposed wolf trapping and hunting is abhorrent - to exterminate sentient beings that are native animals to the Montana and Yellowstone is reprehensible.

Wolves are worth more alive - both ecologically necessary and economically necessary. Montana Fish& Wildlife should re-establish the quota of 1 (one) wolf and not more. Given the catastrophic flooding in Montana, more tourism with wolf viewing should take precedence as wolves bring in millions of dollars that Montana needs to rebuild.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Tampa**
State/Province: **FL**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The source of data for counting wolves comes exclusively from the hunting community not the scientific community or even trained surveyors.

There is no biological or scientific need for a wolf hunting/trapping season.

There is strong public support for wolves. A poll by Remington Research found that 76% of Americans oppose trophy hunting

Wolf conflicts are extremely low and processes are in place to address these rare occurrences.

While zero quota is preferred, Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor into the U. S. Keeping the the WMU's will maintain the consistency in reporting and tracking over the years, coordinate with elk management units, and increase transparency.

Reinstate the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft and eliminate baiting, night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name:	Dawn
City/Town:	Naples
State/Province:	ID
Email Address:	hemidakota@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support all furbearer trapping seasons !

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support all wolf trapping !

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	CA
Email Address:	dselectric2000@yahoo.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop trapping carnivores they are needed to preserve nature for future generations to enjoy. Thanks

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Outdated and no longer needed. Predators are needed in the wild to help keep the ecosystem in balance. Please consider ending the trapping of wolves. Thanks

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Palmdale
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves bring in alot of millions in revenue for Montana and neighboring communitys please set ur hunt to only one wolf per region

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

They shouldn't be able to step traps it's inhumane and hurts the animal alot

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Clancy
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with the proposed quotas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf trapping and hunting seasons and quotas say support wolf trapping and hunting in Montana. I do not agree with the floating start date. No other outdoor recreation takes grizzly bear encounters into consideration even though more bears are harmed by numerous other activities.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: UT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As someone who visits and spends tens of thousands in your communities I vehemently oppose the hunting of wolves.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are valuable to local economies in Montana. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

Wolf hunting in the proposed WMU 313 is not a legislative requirement for managing the statewide wolf population. This area has not been identified as an area of concern in recent legislation related to wolves. There is no legal mandate for a high quota here.

There is no scientific rationale for aggressive wolf harvest in the proposed WMU 313. Livestock depredations attributable to wolves have not been documented in the area. Additionally, the elk herd that uses WMU 313 has been at or above population objectives set by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks since wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone.

A low harvest quota of two wolves worked in this area for a decade. Returning to a low wolf quota in WMU 313 will prevent Yellowstone wolves from bearing a disproportionate share of the wolf harvest pressure in Montana and represents a return to a balanced management strategy that will protect Yellowstone wolves and the local economies that depend on them.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See comments below

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm writing to support reinstating the quota of 2 wolves in in the proposed WMU 313. The wholesale slaughter of Yellowstone wolves in this area was a disgrace last year.

There is no scientific reason to support hunting wolves at all in this area, but if they must, a quota of 2 is more than sufficient. We live on Emigrant peak, and the outrageous wolf hunt last year disrupted all the normal and healthy animal migrations and interactions we usually see.

A healthy wolf population in this area is crucial to the health of the ecosystem, and is a valuable economic resource. We often have people rent our cabin on Emigrant deliberately to come see wolves.

Please rectify the obscene slaughter you allowed last year. It was a terrible mistake.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I really think the idea of trapping and hunting wolves for any purpose is just not humane, they are super important to the ecosystem and to mess with that balance is folly and not to mention very risky as they are so important to the balance and well being of our ecosystem. So please review the practice and try to focus on weeding out the option for hunting and trapping to continue, and let nature take it's course.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Montana should give more significant consideration to the “value” of wolves. We know that every wolf is essential and as unique, sentient creatures, wolves have value in and of themselves. For Montana, however, wolves have a different kind of value and a lot to offer to the state. We’re talking about chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose across the American landscape, including multiple regions of Montana.

Currently, no known vaccine exists, and infection is on the rise in Montana. Thus far, their current control strategy: relying on hunting by humans to lower deer/elk numbers and subsequently CWD prevalence, has not yielded demonstrable effects. Predation by wolves, however, could have potent effects on disease prevalence. Human hunters only remove sick deer randomly; wolves actively seek out the infirmed.

Because wolves are not susceptible to the disease and can safely consume prey infected with CWD, they effectively remove the infectious agents from the environment, reducing transmission to healthy deer, elk, etc.

Even former Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Commissioner Gary Wolfe said halting recreational hunting of large predators like wolves in areas with emerging CWD outbreaks could curb the disease.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am in favor of decreasing wolf harvest quotas in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a frequent visitor to the state of Montana, and to Yellowstone National park, I am in favor of combining management units 313 and 316. However, I am concerned that too many wolves from Yellowstone, which are a huge part of the tourism draw of the region are being killed at levels which will negatively affect tourism in the region, as well as having negative ecological consequences. Peer reviewed literature suggests that hunting wolves actually increases predation on livestock. If wolves are being killed to reduce livestock predation, it is likely having the opposite effect. Elk populations are actually higher today than they were when wolves were re-introduced to Yellowstone. Clearly wolf numbers are not having a negative effect on the elk population. These wolves that spend much of their lives within the park are habituated to humans, and develop a sense of safety near people making a fair chase hunt impossible. As a result I am opposed to allowing wolf harvest in management units that border Yellowstone National Park.

Respectfully,
Willie Dokai

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please relist wolves in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please listen to the majority not the minority by having a 1 wolf quota in areas surrounding YNP. Please also consider relisting wolves which is ultimately what majority are in favor of. 82 Million a year or more in revenue for Montana, more than hunting brings in. Follow the money and also please consider acting based on overwhelming majority of public who feel our voices are not being heard. Please put faith back in public's willingness to participate and comment. Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Protect wolves. Abolish hunting of them. Snares are inhumane. Find other ways of helping ranchers. Having a healthy wolf population is a good thing. I'd come up for a wolf-sighting, photography trip.

#519

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Montana needs to keep all fur bearer numbers in control!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf hunting and trapping is vital to Montana big game numbers and montana's ranchers.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Leave it as is currently

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Leave it as is currently

#521

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The quotas for furbearing animals to be killed should be 0. Nothing that people need is made of animal fur. There is plenty of manufactured fur for people who think they need. SUCH UNADULTERATED STUPIDITY!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

If you were people of intelligence, you would leave the wolves alone. Their presence is much more important than their destruction. They are they nature balancers and help keep the earth healthy. Why are you so bought and paid for by cattle ranchers? Why do you feel that you can kill wolves on taxpayer lands? When you follow the science of wolf preservation, plus all the other reasons to keep wolves alive, you don't look so blasted ignorant. WISE UP, PEOPLE!

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the management of furbearers and think we should use all available means to manage them.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support Wolf trapping and hunting and agree with the seasons and quotas. I propose that we possibly raise quotas and lengthen seasons as wolf populations are growing and will soon be out of control.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There is not a need to rid our natural environment of wolves; they balance the species.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please do not decimate our wolves...our national treasure for our children's children. Wolves benefit the environment greatly.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I don't want to spend money in a state that decimates wildlife...

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I used to live in Colorado for years and visited Yellowstone, Gardner Montana etc. Wolves bring in \$82 million for the communities around Yellowstone and it's a major draw for tourists, hands-down. You should definitely keep the wolf management units and not change them into regional. You should also keep the one Wolf quota for the units. And also keep the 12 hour emergency time window in place. I don't like any of the wolves being killed. It's ridiculous. They need to be there for a healthy functioning ecosystem.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Enforcement in Lynx Protection Zones very necessary

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quotas are much too high and too many wolves are being killed.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See all comments below. I am opposed to hunting and trapping the wolves.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Proposed changes to wolf hunting and trapping should not be adopted. The proposals are not based in science, only data from hunting groups. Wolves are an integral part of the ecosystem, including that they prey on weaker deer and wildlife, including those affected by wasting disease. Removing wolves as the natural predators with increased quotas, only hurts the balance of other animals. It is not the wolves that harm the balance of the ecosystem, it is humans. Deer, besides the proliferation of wasting disease with no other means to stop it beyond natural predators, also over graze land if not controlled naturally. Hunting is not part of the natural control of wildlife, despite what the hunting lobby would like others to believe. Removing and harming full family groups is not only cruel, it is harmful to the success of the wolves. Increased quotas and inhumane trapping and hunting, also harms the growing and vibrant tourist industry. Our national parks were instituted to both protect the land and wildlife and for others to come see and experience it. Harming the most viewed wolf family with these reclassifications and increased quotas, is detrimental to the wolves, and to the industries that rely on the wolves. Instead you're suggesting supporting hunting. Grazing by livestock on federal lands, is not a right. Those lands belong to all American tax payers and the wolves were there first. We are in a moment of crisis with our climate and environment. Taking out an apex predator upsets the balance in the ecosystem. All of these ecosystems are tied together. You pull one piece, you affect the whole system. The livestock is NOT part of the system. We don't get second chances for the damage we are doing, we have to stop now. Furthermore, trapping harms more than just wolves. Other mammals are caught. There is nothing humane about these traps. Night hunting? None of this is sport, and sport should not be the deciding factor in protecting our environment. The wolves are an integral piece and we cannot continue sacrificing them. Any quotas must be zero, no more hunting and trapping of the wolves. None on public lands. No luring onto private lands and then using that as an excuse to slaughter these necessary predators. It has to end.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop killing predators

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the wolf hunt

#528

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I've lived in MT since 1982. I live to hike and spend time in the backcountry. It is not fair that I have to stress/ worry every time I am in the woods about my dog getting caught in traps. I have friends and have heard many experience this tragic loss of their pets to traps. Please stop this practice !

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop or drastically lower the number of wolves hunted. Think of how much more profit / money is brought in by tourist wanting to see wolves - alive! Why do you want to eliminate them again from their natural habitat, where they are a benefit to the habitat and to the wellbeing of other species?

I feel honored and happy to have wolves in our state. Please stop the senseless killing - and stop all horrible trapping!! Trapping infringes on my rights to walk and be in the backcountry - now always dressed worries about my dog getting caught and killed by traps - how does that make sense ?

Please ...

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

These quotas need to be greatly reduced, there is no established need for this.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Montana needs to move away from the idea, based on politics, not science, that wolf populations need to be reduced through sport hunting. Only individual wolves proven to be depredate livestock should be hunted.

Other points to keep in mind:

- The model used to estimate the statewide wolf population (IPOM or the Integrated Patch Occupancy Model) uses data exclusively from the hunting community, therefore is not science based.
- Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.
- If adopted, the proposed Wolf Management Unit 313 wolf quota should be 0.

Trapping and snaring:

- Traps and snares are inhumane and inherently nonselective. They injure and kill countless non-target animals annually, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx, and even threaten family pets.
- The trapping and snaring of wolves directly lead to more livestock deprivation by eradicating wolf family groups.
- All trapping should be ended on our public lands.
- Snaring is a primitive, archaic, and torturous method of killing animals.
- Snaring and trapping fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase.
- Snaring and trapping damages Montana's public image; it sends a clear signal to potential tourists that the state does not respect wildlife. I hope you realize this.
- Snaring further degrades the face of hunting in the public view.

Wolves Can Save Montana Wildlife from a 100% Fatal Disease:

Chronic wasting disease (CWD), is an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose, including multiple regions of Montana.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

All of these animals are vital for a healthy, disease-free ecosystem. Please stop trapping!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are vital for a healthy ecosystem. They actively eliminate sick and weak prey, thereby increasing the strength of the overall population. Wolves help control diseases such as Chronic Wasting Disease, which is increasing in Montana. Please stop hunting and trapping the very animals that could save human life by destroying infected animals!

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See my comment below which is backed by science.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Rules for managing wolves should be science-based

Integrated Patch Occupancy Model – Beyond not being peer-reviewed, the model used to estimate the statewide wolf population (IPOM or the Integrated Patch Occupancy Model) uses data exclusively from the hunting community.

Economics of Wolf Watching in Montana

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Wolf Management Units (WMUs)

If adopted, the proposed WMU 313 wolf quota should be 0.

Trapping and snaring

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The trapping and snaring of wolves directly lead to more livestock deprivation by eradicating wolf family groups.

Trapping should be ended on our public lands.

Snaring is a primitive, archaic, and torturous method of killing animals.

Snaring and trapping fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase.

Snaring and trapping damages Montana's public image; it sends a clear signal to potential tourists that the state does not respect wildlife.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the trapping

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the wolf trapping

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hello,

As a Gardiner, resident, business owner and guide in YNP. I would like all trapping of wolves along the north boundary to be put to an end. Not only does trapping effect my ability as a resident to safely walk dogs along our roads, it also directly effects my business. Every time a Yellowstone wolf is killed, I lose revenue due to loss in tips. Wolf watching is the number one reason visitors are booking a trip with me and the failure to see wolves has a direct effect on the revenue being brought into the region. Couple that with the devastating economic effects due to the floods, and many of our businesses may not survive the year. The hope of watching wolves this winter, without disruption from hunting and trapping is the only light at the end of the tunnel for many of us. Please remove the allowance to trap wolves, instill fair chase practices and a low hunting quota this year.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hello,

I would like to thank MTFWP for suggesting a return to wolf quotas in Units 313 and 316 this year. As a business owner and guide in Gardiner, MT, my business relies on access to viewable wolves. In year's past when wolves that were seen regularly have been killed along the north boundary of the park, it has had far reaching effects; from changes in pack behavior and visibility, to losses in wages due to loss in tips from the failure to provide wolf watching opportunities to clients. I am asking the Commissioners return to a low quota of 1-2 wolves for each unit along Yellowstone's northern boundary.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe that all hunting/trapping be eliminated.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please reduce the season and do not allow trapping in areas where trappers and other folks recreating with dogs can easily overlap.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please keep units 313 and 316 separate and limit the quota to one in each. If keeping them separate is not possible then please consider a max of 2. Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A

Q3

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping can kill and injure not animals, but unsuspecting people as well. It's use should be prohibited.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Traps and snares are inhumane and inherently nonselective. They injure and kill countless non-target animals annually, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx, and even threaten family pets.

Montana should give more significant consideration to the “value” of wolves. We know that every wolf is essential and as unique, sentient creatures, wolves have value in and of themselves. For Montana, however, wolves have a different kind of value and a lot to offer to the state. We’re talking about chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose across the American landscape, including multiple regions of Montana.

Currently, no known vaccine exists, and infection is on the rise in Montana. Thus far, their current control strategy: relying on hunting by humans to lower deer/elk numbers and subsequently CWD prevalence, has not yielded demonstrable effects. Predation by wolves, however, could have potent effects on disease prevalence. Human hunters only remove sick deer randomly; wolves actively seek out the infirmed.

Because wolves are not susceptible to the disease and can safely consume prey infected with CWD, they effectively remove the infectious agents from the environment, reducing transmission to healthy deer, elk, etc.

Even former Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Commissioner Gary Wolfe said halting recreational hunting of large predators like wolves in areas with emerging CWD outbreaks could curb the disease.

This mediaeval hatred and superstition about wolves has no place in the 21st century.

Thank you.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Quota should stand at "1" wolf for units 313 & 316.
No trapping or snaring in Grizzly bear and Lynx recovery areas.
Thank you!!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

MTFWP needs to reinstate the quota of "1" wolf in Units 313, 316 & leave unit 110 "as is". The wolves that are being targeted are collared park wolves in these 2 areas of 313 & 316. We worked so hard to put the order in place for "1" wolf and these two units combined. It's the right thing to do. The wolves that roam in these units are habituated to visitors of the park and are just following the food just over the boundary. Often, they lose their lives to vehicle accidents, disease & intraspecific relationships. The 12-hour emergency closure window should stay in place as we are all aware the 24-hour window is the most risk for going over quota. On top of this, it is wide known that the population and harvest counts are not accurate. These "vanilla" reports that are requested thru FOIA and being sent out to us are just that "vanilla". The current method needs to be re-evaluated and peer reviewed by non-consumptives!! The non-consumptive individuals on this side of the fence are in a constant battle to be heard and feel we are being brushed under a dirty insignificant rug. These Yellowstone wolves in Montana belong to all of us!!
Let's change the quota back to "1" and combine units 313 & 316.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See below for my comments about the wolf trapping and hunting seasons

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a Montana resident, I ask you to reject the proposed threshold of 450 wolves in the upcoming hunting and trapping season, and I urge you to reverse your past approval of unethical tactics like night hunting, baiting, and snaring. I also urge you to end all killing of wolves in the area surrounding Yellowstone National Park. As a scientifically and economically invaluable population, these wolves deserve to be protected. The current proposal is out of touch with the majority of Montanans' values. I urge you to use this opportunity to restore the public trust in this commission and renew science-based management of wolves.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I recommend that beaver trapping being eliminated in the Swan Valley until Cutthroat and Bull Trout populations are restored. Beavers can be lived-trapped and relocated on an as needed basis.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am a third generation Montanan and am submitting public comment on wolf regulations boundaries proposed for 2022 as well as furbearer proposals. I am not confident in MDFWP wolf population estimates and question their criteria coming up with wolf kill estimates that include the increasing contradictory facts and findings, the unknown mortalities and populations, and the economic and ecological impacts.

I am especially concerned about the heavy toll on wolves adjacent to Yellowstone National Park that are lured out of the park boundaries onto private land or national forest lands and then are trapped, snared, or shot. I opposed combining 2 wolf management units 313 and 316 along the border of Yellowstone National Park. Specifically, I recommend the following:

Return the previous quotas outside Yellowstone and Glacier National Park to one wolf. These wolves are not a threat to big game outside the parks and the wolves are held responsible for only a handful of cattle predation. Wolf hunters/trappers removed at least 21 Yellowstone wolves from Montana, but reports are more wolves are missing and the population has dropped by 30% which is biologically concerning. There is no justification to kill another 10 wolves which is equivalent in Yellowstone, or was, to another pack. Keep the WMU to maintain the consistency in reporting and tracking over the years, coordinate with elk management units and INCREASE, not DECREASE transparency. We are paying attention!

In addition, here are specific comments for adjustments to the wolf regulations:

1. Prohibit snaring on public land. I recreate on public land with my dogs and snares present a danger to my dogs and small children. I carry cable cutters and I will cut a snare if my dog is caught in one. The number of people using our public lands that do not trap, snare, or shoot apex predators is far greater than those that do.
2. If snaring continues then restrict this activity to private land only, with landowner written permission. Ram power snares should be prohibited. Snares should have a 275-pound rated snare breakaway, diverts, relaxing lock and a stop for a minimum loop size of 10 inches.
3. As a member of the majority of public land owners who oppose traps on snares, FWP should require signage for traps and snares on block management areas, trailheads and high use recreational areas.
4. There should be a minimum of 150 feet trap setbacks on all open and "closed" public roads where families with their dogs recreate.
5. Reinstate all wolf trap setbacks in Sanders County that the FW Commissioners removed.
6. Adjust the wolf trapping season to January 2 through February 28. This should be done to avoid incidental trapping of grizzly bears BEFORE and AFTER hibernation and upland hunting bird dogs.
7. Mandate 24-hour DAILY trap checks. Limit the number of traps and snares a trapper can set and the number of snared wolves per trapper.
8. Wolf management units should close as it approaches quota/threshold with a 12-hour notice provided. Require trappers to pull their traps and snares with the 12-hour notice of closing or end of the season.
9. ALL wolves killed should be presented for inspection and in an unfrozen condition.
10. Wolf trapping certification classes involve in-person testing and certification. This includes Governor Gianforte. The certification card should be carried in the field, shown when purchasing a license, and present to FWP officials at the time of wolf inspection.
11. Obtain the records and amount of bounty payments for wolves and make these records available to the public. It sickens me to think of the body parts trade that is taking place at the expense of apex predators like wolves. These animals belong to ALL Montanans and the majority of Montanans oppose bounty payments for wolves.
12. Wolf regulations that prohibit spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft should be reinstated. This is Montana, not Alaska.
13. NO party trapping. One trapper ID tag per trap or snare.
14. NO pre-baiting. This attracts and kills many non-target species.
15. NO shooting wolves over bait.
16. Night hunting and use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes should be eliminated. This is NOT fair chase.
17. Prohibit the use of snares on elk and deer high use wintering grounds.
18. Close or strictly limit the killing of wolves in elk management units 1o where Chronic Wasting Disease has been reported.

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Q1

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Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe the science-based decisions of FWP and support whatever season and quotas they suggest.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support any reductions in trapping. Yes please reduce quotas on bobcats in Region 1 and Region 5. I also agree that all martin pelts should be presented.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I take wolf killing seriously. Since unfortunately it hasn't been outlawed yet then I suggest the strictest laws possible be enforced: Prohibit snaring on public land. Restrict to private land only, and with written consent by the landowner.

Prohibit all ram power snares.

Require that snares have a 275 lb. rated snare breakaway, diverters, relaxing lock, and a stop for a minimum loop size of 10".

Require disclosures and signage for traps and snares on block management areas.

Require trapping signage at trail heads and high use recreational areas.

Reinstate for the public's safety, ALL wolf trap setbacks in Sanders county that the Commission removed.

Require minimum 150' trap setbacks on ALL open and "closed" public roads.

Prohibit the use of snares on elk and deer high use wintering grounds.

It is extremely important to adjust the Wolf trapping season to Jan 2 - Feb 28 especially to try to avoid incidental trappings of grizzlies before and after hibernation and upland hunting bird dogs. I would like to note that the current wolf trapping and hunting dates running until March 15th also kills pregnant wolves. This can be harmful for the recovery of their species and survival.

I would to see the following requirements:

Mandate 24 hour/daily trap checks to alleviate added suffering, the increased injury, and the otherwise higher mortality of non-targets.

Limit the number of traps and snares a trapper can set and the number of snared wolves per trapper.

To avoid the commonality of going over quota, a region or WMU should close as it approaches quota/threshold with a 12 hour notice provided.

Require trapper's pull their traps and snares within the 12 hr notice of closing or end of the season.

Absolutely All wolves killed need to be presented for inspection and in an unfrozen condition.

Require wolf trapping certification class involves in-person testing and certification card must be carried in the field, shown in order to purchase a license, and presented to FWP at the time of wolf inspection.

Must Obtain the records and amounts of bounty payments for our wolves.

Reinstate in the wolf regulations the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft.

NO party trapping. One trapper identification tag per trap/snare.

NO pre-baiting.

NO shooting wolves over bait.

Elimination of night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes as it further violates laws of fair chase. Hunter's should not have an added unfair and unethical advantage. Our National Park wolves MUST be preserved. In order to do that it is absolutely necessary to return the previous quotas outside Yellowstone and Glacier National Park to one wolf. We the people are deeply concerned that 30% of our Yellowstone Wolves seem to be missing. This is tragic! Just Wolves being themselves bring in millions of \$ to Montana. The wolves are wrongly getting blamed for all the cattle predation and loss of game taken from the hunters and it is simply not true and highly exaggerated. We need the WMU's to maintain the consistency in reporting and tracking over the years, coordinate with elk management units, and increase transparency which is steadily waning. According to current Montana Elk populations, they are very stable. We need the wolves to be our allies in keeping prey species strong and healthy. Therefore, we urge the Commission to close or strictly limit the killing of wolves in elk management units over objective and definitely where CWD has been reported.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not support the Furbearer seasons and quotas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am vehemently opposed to the Montana 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting season.

It is my understanding that 64 attle were killed by wolves our of the 2.6 million cattle in Montana, and that the owners were generously compensated at 3x their value.

The hunt on the borders of Yellowstone Park is especially heinous, especially the unethical baiting to lure wolves out of the park boundries.

The Yellowstone wolves bring Montana millions upon millions of dollars to Montana.

Thank you for the opporinty to comment.

Patrice Weidner

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop. All Killings and. Trapping on our Wolves

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop all Killings and trapping on the Wolves.

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Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There should be no furbearer seasons and quotas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Rules for managing wolves should be science-based

Integrated Patch Occupancy Model – Beyond not being peer-reviewed, the model used to estimate the statewide wolf population (IPOM or the Integrated Patch Occupancy Model) uses data exclusively from the hunting community.

Economics of Wolf Watching in Montana

Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

Wolf Management Units (WMUs)

If adopted, the proposed WMU 313 wolf quota should be 0.

Trapping and snaring

Traps and snares are inhumane and inherently nonselective. They injure and kill countless non-target animals annually, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx, and even threaten family pets.

The trapping and snaring of wolves directly lead to more livestock deprivation by eradicating wolf family groups.

Trapping should be ended on our public lands.

Snaring is a primitive, archaic, and torturous method of killing animals.

Snaring and trapping fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase.

Snaring and trapping damages Montana's public image; it sends a clear signal to potential tourists that the state does not respect wildlife.

Snaring will further degrade the face of hunting.

Wolves Can Save Montana Wildlife from a 100% Fatal Disease.

Montana should give more significant consideration to the "value" of wolves. We know that every wolf is essential and as unique, sentient creatures, wolves have value in and of themselves. For Montana, however, wolves have a different kind of value and a lot to offer to the state. We're talking about chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose across the American landscape, including multiple regions of Montana.

Currently, no known vaccine exists, and infection is on the rise in Montana. Thus far, their current control strategy: relying on hunting by humans to lower deer/elk numbers and subsequently CWD prevalence, has not yielded demonstrable effects. Predation by wolves, however, could have potent effects on disease prevalence. Human hunters only remove sick deer randomly; wolves actively seek out the infirmed.

Because wolves are not susceptible to the disease and can safely consume prey infected with CWD, they effectively remove the infectious agents from the environment, reducing transmission to healthy deer, elk, etc.

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Please make your voice heard and comment toda

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See below

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I request that FWP return to being guided by Science-based principles as laid out in the North American Model for Fish and Wildlife Management. Specifically as it applies to wolves, to return to a system that does not result in the extirpation of wolves from any individual management unit. Return to the previous regulations that allowed limited hunting in those management units adjacent to the Park without providing for the decimation of the populations therein. These creatures are not only important economically and ecologically but it's even more important that FWP manage wildlife with science, not politics. Thanks,

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please end the use of traps!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please end the slaughter of wolves outside Yellowstone National Parl. Trapping, baiting and night vision tactics are barbaric and in no way constitute fair chase hunting practices anywhere!

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The proposed threshold of killing 450 Wolves plus ten in WMU 313 bordering Yellowstone National Park is not sustainable. Reduce threshold to less than 100 wolves and reinstate quota system.

SB 314 does not require a drastic reduction in wolf numbers. It requires a reduction to a sustainable population, which is not quantified and should be scientifically determined. There is no deadline for reduction, it can be over many years, using reliable scientific information rather than free-wheeling and potentially doing so much damage, a relisting of wolves will be automatic.

Wolf hunting and trapping should be suspended at least until FWP has completed their counting (by the end of September) and can provide solid data, and the science used by FWP has been peer-reviewed. The model FWP uses to estimate the state's wolf population is flawed, which means the actual total number of wolves in Montana is unknown. At a minimum, the FWP Commission should use the precautionary principle and act extremely conservatively.

Trapping is indiscriminate and cruel: Traps and snares kills an unknown number of non-target animals, and threatens other species as well, including grizzly bears and Canada lynx. Traps and snares are brutal, indiscriminate devices that cause extreme suffering to wild animals and pets caught in them. I am often worried about my own dog when hiking or snowshoeing in the backcountry and their death due to trapping would be a preventable death.

Wolves are a keystone species: Wolves are the best ecosystem managers, containing disease in game animals and keeping them on the move, which prevents erosion and the cutdown of creeks and streams, which in turn provides habitat for beavers and plant and animal species. Peer-reviewed science has shown that wolves regulate themselves, are necessary for ecosystems, and are highly evolved and complex beings with sophisticated emotional and cognitive capabilities, and complex social relationships. Montana is becoming a central and important location for conservation and ecosystem restoration. Keeping wolves at historically appropriate levels is necessary for this to continue.

Wolves do not present a threat to livestock: Random killing of wolves has no impact on livestock protection. Montana has 2.7 million cattle and sheep. Wolves killed 90 in 2019, or 0.003% of livestock, such a small fraction it isn't even a statistic. Montana and the federal government reimburse ranchers 300 percent.

Wolves are not a threat to elk: FWP is currently being sued for mismanagement of elk that has led to 50,000 more elk than objective. In northwest Montana, elk have never been abundant; the habitat does not support them.

Wolves are not insatiable killers: Wolves take lethal risks pursuing prey ten times their size and only kill what they need. As subsistence hunters, they feed and return to their kill because they cannot eat it all at once. Their kills feed many animals.

Do not extend reporting time from 12 to 24 hours. This is simply a way to kill more wolves. Last year two more Yellowstone Park wolves than the quota allowed were killed in the 12-hour reporting time.

Use quota, not thresholds: The quota system is more accurate and the killing of wolves can be closed more quickly than the vague threshold, which would merely prompt the Commission to convene to determine if the killing in a particular region should be closed or continue.

Wolves belong to all of us: Under the Public Trust Doctrine, wolves belong to all, not a small special interest group that aims to make a profit from wolf killing. It is Montana's responsibility to protect wolves, let them be, and let them help contribute to the health of land and water and other wildlife.

Greatest Conservation Success in History is being destroyed: The reintroduction of Yellowstone wolves has been a tremendous success, helping bring the ecosystem into balance, allowing extensive research on wolf behavior, helping other species in Yellowstone

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survive on wolf kills, proving the species' self-regulation, and providing a unique wildlife watching opportunity that has attracted millions of people from around the world and supports the local economy.

The quota for killing wolves in the proposed WMU 313, if adopted, should be zero or the minimum number of wolves—not 10 as proposed. If there are 29 wolves in proposed WMU 313, ten wolves are one-third of the population. FWP claims this is the average mortality from all causes, not just hunting, trapping and poaching. Wolves are hit by cars and die of natural causes. Add human killing and the number exceeds one-third by a long shot.

Shooting and trapping wolves coming out of YNP is morally abhorrent and destructive. Also, last year, 96% of the wolves killed in the current WMU 313 denned in YNP. Twenty percent of YNP wolves were killed in last year's season. Taking out ten more wolves from the 89 surviving in the park threatens to scatter and destroy the wolves left. They need each other to survive. When humans kill wolves, wolf families splinter, wolves fall on hard times, and conflicts with humans increase.

YNP is being used as a production facility for wolf killers. Research has been severely impacted. The wanton waste is a stain on Montana—killing off a conservation effort that cost American taxpayers millions, and that is revered the world over. YNP's wolves are habituated to the presence of humans and do not fear them, thus they are not wary. Wolves are protected within the park and are not suspicious of humans but once they step across the park's invisible line, which some of them will inevitably do either in search of food, a mate or territory, they get shot or trapped (and then shot). FWP and outfitters use wolves from YNP for a continued supply of wolves to be killed. This is unacceptable.

Wolves do not Reduce Elk Herds: The northern Yellowstone elk population has been at or over FWP objectives since wolves returned in 1995. In all of Region 3, elk populations are over objective.

Wolves are Essential to the Economies Surrounding Yellowstone: Wolf watching in Yellowstone brings more than \$82 million to communities near YNP. Tourism creates 3,270 jobs—3 out of 5—in Park County alone. These communities, damaged by floods, need the wolves and they need our help.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Leave trapping open

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Open up the quotas

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Reduce the quotas or preferably stop making money off animal killing. People enjoy seeing animals in nature. There is no need to make it into a game for profit.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I prefer you stop any hunting or trapping. There really is no need as the wolves are needed to reduce overpopulation of deer and sick animals. Trapping is also inhumane and very painful. Hunting makes it into a sport which is inappropriate for you to promote or support.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

no comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am writing to express my concern regarding your proposed Montana Wolf Hunting Regulations.

Since wolves were reintroduced approximately 30 years ago into the Greater Yellowstone Region their population has only increased to around 1,000 wolves in Montana. When you take into consideration the size of the state, there should be no need to have a hunting season at all. The good that the wolf does for the sustainment of the ecosystem and rejuvenation of a healthier wildlife balance on our public lands should be of utmost importance and outweighs any other reason for hunting them. At a minimum, only peer-reviewed science based modeling should be used when designing hunting regulations.

As you are well aware, the wolf is not hunted as a food source, only for a trophy. Those that live in an area where cattle are held for grazing can be deterred with non-lethal means.

There should be NO wolf hunting allowed anywhere in the proposed WMU 313 surrounding Yellowstone National Park, and although we feel that there should be no wolf hunting allowed anywhere in the state, at a minimum, a hunter should only be allowed to harvest one wolf, the same as any other big game animal.

Additionally, there should be NO trapping and snaring allowed anywhere in the state as traps and snares are inhumane and inherently nonselective.

Another benefit of having a healthy population of wolves in the state is their ability to help control Chronic Wasting Disease in the deer and elk herds which is continuing to rise unabated. Hunting by humans will not solve the problem, as human hunters only remove sick deer randomly; wolves actively seek out the infirm.

Also, in today's economy, can Montana really afford to limit the number of wolves when wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs

Although we are currently residents of Pennsylvania, we hope to make our home in Montana within the next three years. Your policies regarding this issue will greatly affect our decision. Although we are game hunters, we cannot and will not live in a state that allows indiscriminate killing of valuable lives simply to appease "so-called" hunters and cattle ranchers. There are other better means to avert any problems that a wolf might cause and their value to the ecosystem is priceless.

Thank you for taking my remarks into consideration.

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Q2

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After reviewing the latest wolf data, the data is biased to help the hunting community and does not provide a valid data model to manage the Montana wolf population. There are no biological reasons to kill these wolves. The slaughter is being driven by outfitters and hunting guides. There is not equal input from biologists who have been studying these wolves 20+ years. It is well documented wolves in Yellowstone and Montana have done nothing but improve the entire landscape. It is well documented that tree regrowth, natural animal reintroduction and healthier herd animals have been a result of a healthy wolf population.

Yellowstone, Glacier and other public lands belong to everyone and not just a few who want to 'harvest' wolves and other animals. Wolves are only a trophy animal. I find it fascinating if a wolf has mange, the hunter is free to kill another one as the pelt will not be valuable. Really? A dead wolf is a dead wolf.

Montana needs to have open input and influence from ALL stake holders, not just the privileged few looking to kill.

Hunters should not be allowed to bait, snare, use night vision and electronic sounds to lure in a wolf pack. How is that a fair hunt? We all know wolf packs are a tight knit family unit and travel in packs up to 20 animals. Using these unfair practices can decimate entire packs in a single day. Every pack member has a distinct position in the group and killing even one, let alone several, creates chaos and causes the remaining wolves to disperse.

After looking at the kill map, it is very obvious the majority of wolves were 'harvested' (slaughtered) on the northern border. Creating a 'buffer' around YNP creates a more fair chance for wolves to survive this killing spree. It is imperative to limit the quote to 1 wolf in units adjacent to Yellowstone and Glacier. Please leave the 12 hour emergency closure for areas 313,316, 110. 24 hours is too long and will create even more poaching. ALL traps and snares should be deemed illegal. These traps do not discriminate and kill more than wolves.

Wolves should not be snared and trapped. Where is the challenge in that? How many non wolves have been maimed/killed with these barbaric contraptions? How can this method of killing can even be considered 'sport'? We all know the government kills lots of wildlife and under SB 200 these kills should be included in the quotas to be considered when closing hunting season early. These deaths are not currently considered and creates a false total of wolf deaths.

I'm sure everyone is enjoying the \$82M in cash revenue wolf ecotourism brings in. This is a massive amount of revenue for local businesses and the state of Montana via tax revenue. How much do tourists want to spend to see a dead wolf? I'm confident the revenue brought in by hunters and outfitters is a fraction of this amount.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The 10 wolf quota purposed for north of the park is a perfect compromise. Please go with that! Don't do unlimited like last year or we'll end up with some judge saying we can't hunt wolves at all, but don't bow down to them either and do a one wolf quota again that does literally nothing for wolf management in Montana. I love elk, and I love wolves, this proposal is perfect

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Haven't these people done enough to kill off this species just to kill

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

These states have killed off most of the population of wolves for special interests like cattle barrons

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We have nothing to add here other than what is in our comments about wolf hunting and trapping seasons and quotas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Chair Robinson, Commissioners, and Director Worsech:

As president of Bear Creek Council (BCC), I thank you on behalf of our members for the opportunity to comment on your proposed 2022-2023 Wolf Hunt Regulations.

Based in Gardiner, Montana, BCC is an all-volunteer, grassroots advocacy organization. We have a long history of working with FWP on the wildlife issues of our area—in our Bear Awareness Gardiner work; our Living with Wildlife series; and in our participation in the FWP Finding Common Ground Committee. We have been engaged yearly with FWP's commission as they set harvest goals for the wolf subunits on the boundary of Yellowstone Park.

We hold that all native wildlife, including wolves, are intrinsically valuable and worth preserving for both aesthetic and ecological benefits to people who choose to live in Montana. We emphasize that our livelihoods are different culturally and economically from many other areas of rural Montana and management of resources, wolves in this case, should reflect this difference in our area.

The following are BCC's comments on the proposal:

- We are glad to see the commission reestablishing quotas along the border of Yellowstone Park. That is crucial to our economy and ecosystem. Thank you.
- We ask you to lower the quotas to a more sustainable level. If the commission creates a new single unit 313, we advocate for a quota of no more than 2 wolves.
- We prefer that the commissioners keep two wolf management units, 313 and 316, and lower the quotas to 1 wolf from each unit (as it was in 2020-2021). Two designated units allows flexibility and accuracy, pinpointing management for each geographically distinct unit, as needed, as is done in cougar management.
- Please restore WMU 110 near Glacier Park, with a quota of 1.
- We feel it is important to keep a 12-hour reporting time so as not to exceed the quota after the quota is reached. There is a substantial history of exceeding the quota in 313; for example, in 2020, three wolves were taken in 313 where the quota at the time was only one.
- Please include any 313/316 quotas in the total threshold for Region 3.
- We oppose managing wolves by trapping units—keep Wolf Management Units. In general, we oppose trapping, night hunting, and hunting over bait.

For over a decade, our membership has made the case that our area's wildlife (e.g., wolves, bison, grizzly bears) require a special approach to management that recognizes that these animals are a world-class resource.

Wolves are essential to our local economy, as well as to Montana's larger tourism industry. Wildlife watching tourism is now the top economic driver in the Yellowstone region, and accounts for a large proportion of Montana's tourism revenues. Many of our members are employed in or benefitting from the wildlife tourism that supports our area. Most of the larger community, from Gardiner to Livingston to Bozeman, benefit indirectly from the park's wildlife tourism via the service industry.

Wolf research on Yellowstone wolves is world-class. The value to understanding the ecology, behavior, and natural history of the wolf helps guide wolf management across the globe. These studies require great effort and investment by wildlife professionals with the potential to address questions continually invoked in social and management debates, in our region and around the world. This work should not be undermined by the loss of valuable study subjects. We would hope the commissioners value the unique scientific work on wolf ecology occurring in Yellowstone.

We see no reason to reduce the wolf population in Montana.

Last year, the perceived legislative mandate to take 50% could have been substantially moderated by the commission. We invite you to take a second look:

There is no factual basis to the notion that killing more wolves would improve hunting opportunities or reduce depredation incidents.

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We are over-objective for elk populations in most of Montana including the Yellowstone area and wolves take only 60-100 cattle per year out of some 2,500,000 head in the state, a minute proportion. This challenge can be addressed with more on-the-ground methods more effectively than a widespread campaign to kill more wolves.

In accordance, we are dismayed by the raft of recent legislation to liberalize wolf harvest because (1) these measures do not address or attempt to solve a demonstrable problem, (2) with the introduction of draconian measures, only small special interest groups benefit at the expense of the majority of wildlife constituency in the state, and (3) management was balanced before bringing these controversial approaches forward, in part because it was successful in harvesting a more sustainable proportion of the state's population by more sporting means while still protecting the core, as well as the packs from national parks where their value is great.

Please consider our request and our positions as stakeholders in state wildlife management that affects many people, jobs, and tax revenue throughout our region of Montana.

Respectfully submitted,

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No more than 1 wolf per hunter, when it comes to hunting, trapping, snares. Please stop using government funding to reimburse hunters for wolves.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

No more than 1 adult wolf per hunter, trapper. That includes snares. No to any Yellowstone wolves being hunted, snared, trapped. No night vision tech or semi-automatic weapons used. Thank you.

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

no comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I would like to thank the commission for establishing quotas along the border of Yellowstone Park, and would ask you to consider lowering them to one wolf for each of units 313 and 316, and if you create a new single unit of 313, we request a quota of 2 wolves. Also please restore WMU 110 near Glacier Park with a quota of one wolf. Studies have proven the elk population is not threatened by the wolves. The cattle predation per year is 60 - 100 out of 2,500,000 head in the state. Wolves bring in millions of dollars for the local economy, and the Yellowstone wolves offer world class tourism. I personally have been to Yellowstone 15 times and stayed in Gardiner, spending money there to support the local economy. Important research on the Yellowstone wolves is widespread across the globe and should not be undermined by the loss of valuable study subjects. I hope the commission abolishes night hunting, trapping, and hunting over bait. The wolves are valuable resources and the recent flooding in many communities has destroyed the local economy.. Thank you!

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am in favor of the proposal.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the wolf hunting and trapping seasons

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf trapping and hunting quotas need to be based on science. Trapping wolves is unethical and unsportsmanlike. Wolves that spend 99% of their lives in Yellowstone and are accustomed to people watching them are not fair game. Please consider setting the quotas as low as possible for the district North of the Park. Thank you.

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would like to see Montana adopt a peer review process for determining all for bearing populations.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I know that currently the method used to determine Montana's wolf population is not peer reviewed; and, I believe is inaccurate. I would very much like the peer review process to be adopted. The wolf population helps provide over \$82 million in income through tourism to Montana. The wolves are helping you the state of Montana. Why not give the wolves some help.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

To: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

July 19, 2022

I am submitting these comments on the 2022–2023 Wolf Management Proposal Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas. Although I am not a resident of Montana, my family and I have visited your state frequently over the last few years. We have focused our travels in and around Yellowstone National Park, staying in the Montana communities and cities of Cooke City, Silver Gate, Gardiner, Livingston and Bozeman. Our visits contribute thousands of tourist dollars to your state. Our main reason for visiting Montana is to observe the amazing wildlife that inhabits the beautiful, unique places found in the state. Our most cherished experiences were being able to see an animal that is incredibly rare in my home state of Colorado - wolves. This animal especially represents a wildness of both spirit and place, which is becoming scarcer in our modern world. Yellowstone National Park is the best place in the world to see wild wolves. Over 4 million visitors come through the park every year—and many, like our family, go in hopes of seeing wolves. Especially since the reintroduction of wolves in 1995, a vibrant ecotourism industry has grown where many livelihoods are supported by watchable wildlife in the area. Last year, Montana's approved new wolf hunting regulations that departed from science-based conservation, and instead replaced it with politically-driven wildlife management that has the potential to cause irreparably harm to the progress Montana has made to restore cherished wildlife.

Although Montana states it is managing "Montana" wolves, 22 of those wolves killed from Wolf Management Units (WMUs) 313 and 316 last season were from Yellowstone NP. This was 30% of the Park's wolves. As presented in Montana's latest wolf harvest report, 58.3% of the wolves killed last year in the state were taken on Federal lands. YNP and Federal lands belong to all Americans. Even though we don't live in Montana, we are stakeholders in how wolves are managed there

The current wolf harvest regulations just don't make sense, as follows:

Revenues to the State: Wolves are far more valuable to Montana alive instead of dead. YNP wolves help to provide over \$82 million dollars in sustainable revenue for Montana and gateway communities. Compare this to the numbers presented in the Montana 2021-2022 License Year Wolf Harvest Report, which states that 20,828 wolf harvest licenses were sold, generating \$339,3338. This income from the wolf harvest report does not include money spent on guides, motels, food, etc., but when all that is factored in, the money spent by potentially 20,828 hunters does not even come close to \$82 million spent by wildlife viewing visitors. Why does the state of Montana want to jeopardize this income stream by continuing the extreme wolf killing, especially now, when YNP gateway communities need all the help they can get after last month's devastating floods?

Elk Population: The claim that wolves have decimated the elk population in Montana is to be disputed, as wolves are not affecting them in such an extreme way because elk populations are above or near the population objections for most management units. And elk populations are incredibly healthy where wolves interact with them, as wolves harvest them as nature intended, by mostly preying on the sick and old.

Livestock Depredation: Wolves are targeted for hunting, in part, based on their perceived impact to livestock. However, in 2021, Montana cattle depredation by wolves was at 64 animals. This was out of 2.6 million cattle in the state. And livestock owners are reimbursed for losses caused by wolves.

Based on just a few of these points presented, I have the following objections to the 2022–2023 Wolf Management Proposal:

- Do not change the 17 Wolf Management Units (WMUs) to 7 Regional Units. What is the science backing this proposed change? This does not align with how ungulates and other large carnivores are managed.
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Sincerely,
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Golden, CO

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see below for comments on wolf hunting

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please reconsider your quota for the YNP 313 region and decrease to 1. Last year 25 YNP wolves were killed by being baited out of the Park. Wolves are essential to the eco system. Please use science based facts when making decisions on the quotas not political input. Thank you for your time

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No snaring on public land! no baiting or night hunting.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

No snaring on public land, no baiting or night hunting.

Yellowstone wolves help to bring in over \$82 Million revenue! Yellowstone & Glacier. Please Re-establish the limit to ONE wolf. Yellowstone & Montana wolves under the public trust doctrine belong to all Montanans and Yellowstone and as well, public lands belong to all Americans!

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please protect our wolves!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please protect our wolves! Using snares and baiting them with meat is cruel and inhumane. Please do the right thing and keep them safe in the wild.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose your shooting and trapping wolves, coyotes, anything you kill actually. Is the department gun crazy. It appears so. That won't be great press release material for you?

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose the commission's quotas and hunting seasons. Its unreasonable.

#566

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Timothy T. Wilson
City/Town: Glenwood
State/Province: IA
Email Address: timothytw@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We visit Montana once per year to watch wildlife and are saddened by how the wolves boarding Yellowstone and other areas have been affected by recent hunting. I would like to see the quota of 1 wolf in MWU's 313, 316, and 110.

Thank you for considering my family's concerns over the wolf conservation issues. Timothy Wilson

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Missoula
State/Province:	MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am for protecting America's wildlife to the fullest extent possible. I leave such decisions to scientifically proven experts in the wildlife field. However, I am unsure that Montana has many such experts left making these important decisions. Thus, I fear for the sustainability of wildlife in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I have had several occasions to observe wolves in their natural surroundings. I remember my first sighting as we traveled on Rock Creek Road. We stopped at a rock outcropping having noticed some interesting wild flowers and climbed up the ledge to get a better view of our surroundings. A lone wolf was crossing the valley below us. I felt privileged to have had that brief glance into his/her life. Other sightings over the years were just as moving. I hunt wildlife with a camera, not with guns or traps.

Reliable scientific information is lacking when it comes to documenting wolves and other important wildlife species in Montana. I haven't read any State information that scientifically documents what a "sustainable population" for wolves is, for example. I suggest that no one in state government really wants to know the science or the facts.

My grandfather said that you eat what you shoot. And I never heard him say a good word about trapping. There are so few trappers in this State and yet they kill and torture tens of thousands of America's precious wildlife.

And now those who kill wildlife have been allowed to set their sights on Yellowstone wolves. Easy pickings! Just park your traps and your guns outside the Park and wait. No skill involved. And throughout the State no ethics or fair chase considerations either when night hunting, baiting, longer seasons, to name a few abhorrent practices, are allowed in the slaughter of wolves.

I have read several news items lately that elk herds are doing very well—so well that there are major complaints that the State is not doing its job to maintain elk herds at appropriate levels, and there are lawsuits involved. By culling elk herds of the sick and infirm, stable, healthy wolf packs would help the State manage elk herds. I also know that when a ranch animal is proven to have been killed by a wild predator, the owner is compensated, sometimes with much more money than they would have gotten if the animal had been sold.

Therefore, I request that the management of wolves in Montana be put back in the hands of biological experts that have proven skills, knowledge, and expertise in making wise decisions that truly protect America's wildlife.

Wolves and other wildlife species are not recreational fodder for those who like to kill. They should not be used as easy money by the State which sells huge numbers of licenses to those who want to kill wolves. They should not be used as a kind of welfare to maintain those involved in the commercialization of wildlife who use wolves as a selling point for their services.

Until the experts can be consulted and the reliable scientific studies completed, the number of wolves to be killed in the State should be set at under 100 and none should be killed within 10 miles of Yellowstone Park boundaries.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **pat carter**
City/Town: **randolph**
State/Province: **NJ**
Email Address: **kovack27b@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are vital for the enviroment as are other predators NO Hunting or Trapping it Must End Now

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

No Trapping or Hunting of Wolves They are necessary for a healthy enviroment . No More exploitation of Wolves.

#569

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Scott Dittmer**
City/Town: **Alberton**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **scottiedittmer@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Leave the bobcat quotas alone other than that I agree with the cover sheet

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Nothing is wrong with how we regulated the season last year. If it isn't broke don't fix it as there needs to be manageable wolf populations as we do not have the prey base they once enjoyed in the 1800's. Common sense must prevail here not feelings.

#570

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

First of all, this is beyond cruelty to allow any living creature to be trapped and endure such pain. We are a society are moving away from fur which can be witnessed by the clothing industry. I pray one day you will end this barbaric practice! Shame on all that is involved in this horrific way of making a living

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am one of those people that fly in from Florida to witness the grandeur of the Wolf. I have made several trips just for the purpose of viewing respectfully from a distance wolves and enjoy and support their life in such a beautiful part of the country. There should never be, in my opinion hunting and killing these beautiful creatures especially in light of them doing no harm to other animals. I living in Florida have witnessed the elimination of a species being wolves many years ago and now we have to cohabitate with coyotes who have no natural predator and whose numbers increase year after year. I understand the need of hunting to keep check on a population and where it is another food source for a hunter, but this is mere sport and is totally unacceptable. I cannot understand the lack of love and respect for such a magnificent creature!!!

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The fur industry needs to be abolished! It is barbaric and unnecessary. When will we progress past our ancestors who NEEDED furs to keep warm, which is no longer the case!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

If you don't have sense enough to base your blood thirsty killings on a strictly scientific basis, then I am probably wasting my time. Wolves are essential to our human world for many reasons, not least of which is the health of game species such as elk and deer, which brings in money to your coffers and to your state economy. They cause the local ecosystem to improve and expand, creating a better environment for animals and humans. Read the science! Stop kowtowing to stock owners and others who want the wolves not just "contained", but "harvested" right out of existence! By the way, I find that word "harvested" extremely offensive. They are feeling animals, not plants!

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Julie Thacker**
City/Town: **Phoenix**
State/Province: **AZ**
Email Address: **classymischief_26@hotmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Killing using snares, traps, bait and other forms of unsportsmanlike hunting is cruel. Killing your wolf population is disgusting! Find a better solution and use official trained wildlife personnel to implement any type of humane population control. Not trophy hunters! We use darted birth control here in Phoenix for our salt river wild horses via volunteers with close cooperation with gov officials. It works ! Your public would fund this. Save the wolves!!! Save your beautiful wild scape, please!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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#573

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Ramona
State/Province:	CA
Email Address:	smattern@email.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would think that there is room in Montana for everybody. Leave the damn wolves alone

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Any equipment that tortures the animal should be forbidden!!!! Have some damn respect for life, God made them just like he made you, they hunt to live, your hunt for BLOODLUST

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	WA
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are crucial for ecosystems. The quotas are inaccurate and detrimental to populations. Please consider banning this practice

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are crucial for ecosystems. The quotas are inaccurate and detrimental to populations. Please consider banning this practice

#575

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	San Ramon
State/Province:	CA
Email Address:	iaovalley2004@yahoo.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There should be no quotas. Nature can manage itself, without supporting this blood lust against the wolves, and the whole of nature. Wolves are not a good source. It's negligent to behave in this grossly, uncivilized manner as human beings. Protect life.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hunting and trapping families of animals is a disturbing, antisocial way to manage our wildlife. People forget that 'we' are animals, mammals too!

#576

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Las Vegas
State/Province:	NV
Email Address:	99goldz@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop killing wolves

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the barbaric killing of wolves. We are above this torture

#577

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Libby
State/Province:	MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and hunting

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and hunting

#578

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Ronan
State/Province:	MT
Email Address:	danshammer2@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Region one lower bobcat quota ok with. Martin's site tags ok

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and predator control. The reporting of location could be just the section harvested on. Not exact location. Going by hunting districts may get confusing.

#579

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Missoula
State/Province:	MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am strongly against this legislation.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am strongly against this legislation. The more you try to eradicate top predators the more pressure you put on the ecosystem. Ecosystem resiliency is not infinite but Republican stupidity is. Delisting, trapping and hunting wolves will only cost Montana more money in the future and subject us to more shame from states who actually know how to manage their wildlife. The grand majority of Montanans support wolves being in the state and oppose legislation of any type that might cause their population damage.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Jonathan Lahm**
City/Town: **Firth**
State/Province: **ID**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

In support of the 2022 seasons and quotas

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support hunting and trapping wolves, I am not supportive of the floating start dates. Wish the seasons were as liberal as Idaho.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Leigh Ann Winn
City/Town: Rochester
State/Province: NY
Email Address: lawinn57@yahoo.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

My comments are on the wolves below.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am a New Yorker who has spent decades enjoying the majesty of Montana and spent a lot of time and money skiing at Whiteface and visiting your magnificent parks. I am against all hunting of endangered species, but specifically following the disastrous wolf hunting season last year that claimed 25 wolves around the Yellowstone Park region and gained international contempt, I would think you would lower that quota. MTFWP should re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 & 110. These wolves are loved worldwide and are critical to researching and understanding wolf behavior. These wolves also help bring in over \$80 million in sustainable revenue for the surrounding communities. Also, as I love Glacier, the quota for WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park should stay in place. You should also keep the 12-hour emergency closure window intact to prevent going over the quotas. Please listen to the majority of the people who want the wolves protected and at least help the wolves that call the parks their home.

#582

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **AZ**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm opposed to wolf hunts. We need these animals as keystone predators. We need science-based wolf management to keep their numbers healthy.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm opposed to wolf hunts. We need these animals as keystone predators. We need science-based wolf management to keep their numbers healthy. No hunting or trapping of wolves.

#583

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Rebecca Bacon
City/Town: Columbus
State/Province: OH

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE! Your ignorance and failure to properly educate yourself on wolves is appalling! As someone who has interned and worked with wolves, these animals are smarter than you think and are NOT a threat to humans! As for ranches? There are PROVEN methods that keep wolves away! DO THE RESEARCH!

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Leigh Ann Winn
City/Town: Rochester
State/Province: NY
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am a New Yorker who has spent decades enjoying Montana skiing and your parks, and spent considerable money vacationing there and on Montana shopping and products. I am firmly against your wildlife management policies and I am horrified by your attitude towards the wildlife you should be protecting. You don't realize what a gift you have and you are destroying it. I believe you should prohibit snares on public lands for wolves, grizzlies, elk, lynx, and all wildlife, as well as livestock and pets. Federal lands belong to us all and you are mis-managing our precious endangered resources.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Commented on wolves in earlier note.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Concord
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The source of data for counting wolves comes exclusively from the hunting community not the scientific community or even trained surveyors.

There is no biological or scientific need for a wolf hunting/trapping season.

There is strong public support for wolves. A poll by Remington Research found that 76% of Americans oppose trophy hunting

Wolf conflicts are extremely low and processes are in place to address these rare occurrences.

While zero quota is preferred, Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor into the U. S. Keeping the the WMU's will maintain the consistency in reporting and tracking over the years, coordinate with elk management units, and increase transparency.

Reinstate the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft and eliminate baiting, night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes.

Q3

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Dorothy Johnson
City/Town: Frenchtown
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf and predator hunting.
If wolves and coyotes are not a problem, why do we still have federal trappers ?

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My great grandparents and grandparents killed wolves for a reason.
Unlike a large majority of the people who want the wolf hunting and trapping stopped, I have lived with them for over twenty years.
I have seen the damage they have caused to our moose, elk and deer populations, as well as domestic cattle, horses, and other livestock.
Please consider those of us who actually live with wolves, and lives are impacted.
If wolves and coyotes are not a problem why do we still have federal government trappers ?

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Billings
State/Province:	MT
Email Address:	snobunnie1992@yahoo.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Yellowstone wolves bring in over \$82Million in tourist revenues for MT! Federal lands and Yellowstone belong to all Americans. PROTECT our precious iconic essential wolves at all costs. Reestablish science based quotas.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Nicolas Dunn
City/Town: Billings
State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Yellowstone wolves bring in over \$82Million in tourist revenues for MT! Federal lands and Yellowstone belong to all Americans. PROTECT our precious iconic essential wolves at all costs. Reestablish science based quotas.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: Ypsilanti
State/Province: MI
Email Address: jranderegg@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Quotas and extended hunting seasons will result in critically low wolf populations.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The source of data for counting wolves comes exclusively from the hunting community not the scientific community or even trained surveyors. This is a clear conflict of interest. While it may not seem like a big problem, transparency is essential to government operations. This cannot go forward without an independent count of wolves.

In addition, wolves are critical to the natural order of the eco system and help to keep control on smaller nuisance critters, by preying on them. Removal of one animal from the natural eco order will have sever unintended consequences on other wildlife and natural habitat.

There is no biological or scientific need for a wolf hunting/trapping season.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name:	Claire Taylor
City/Town:	St. Louis
State/Province:	MO
Email Address:	belle1415@aol.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

PLEASE! Stop the killings!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Enough is enough! No more killings!!

#591

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

trappers will not cause their livelihood to go away let them decide rather than people who have no dog in the fight

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

wolves should not have been reintroduced.trap as many as possible to reduce predators with dec 15 open date

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Yes

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support this

#593

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The use of traps snares and electronic monitoring devices should end. The laws have eased up and wolves are the only animal they can get away with certain items mentioned above even on private land. They also don't have any age restrictions or laws against killing the collared wolves from Yellowstone when they cross boundaries. In fact they are the only animal that is allowed to be baited with meat to trap.

Q3

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves that set foot over the invisible boundary line of Yellowstone National Park are 5.5 times more likely to die!

Hello, my name is Mary Alvarez, and I live in Lakeway, Texas. I visit the Northern Rockies to view wolves in Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding area. It's devastating to learn that one-fifth of the park's wolves are gone due to horrific hunting and trapping seasons in Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho. Secretary Haaland, you must take a stand and protect America's remaining wolves from slaughter.

By September, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will announce whether the wolves of the Northern Rockies will be relisted but September is a long time away and we can't afford to lose more wolves. I am asking Secretary Haaland to use her authority to issue an emergency relisting for the Northern Rockies wolves now before it's too late.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Alvarez

Q3

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Sincerely yours,

Mary Alvarez

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

FWP is a great organization, please don't cave to the antis!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I strongly support all wolf trapping, I support the December 15th opener. Trapping is so effective because they work 24/7.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop letting the destruction of these creatures we are lucky to still have on this planet. Trapping especially is extreme inhumane and unethical. Im all about lawful hunting to eat etc but there is zero purpose to destroy this mythical creature what threat do they truly pose ? Please don't let this happen

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Lower the quotas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please protect all Yellowstone wolves and make the quota for area 313 in Montana a ZERO wolf killing quota. The Yellowstone wolves need to be protected. Please do what you can to save and protect all Yellowstone wolves. Thank you.

#598

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

More than 75% of Americans oppose trophy hunting and there is no biological or scientific reason for hunting furbearers.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves create less conflict with ranchers than cattle or deers, and there are strategies already in place to handle such conflicts if they ever arise.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

stop hunting and trapping our Nation's wildlife!!!!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My comments are AGAINST the proposed wolf hunting and killing season My comments are AGAINST the commission's proposed and previous year's wolf hunting, and trapping/snaring killing season that you are proposing and considering to put into effect for the 2022-2023. season.

I have a Degree in ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION TECHNOLOGY {EMART}, as well as a Certificate in FISH AND WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT from the CALIFORNIA FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCY. i have much experience in observing and studying wild wolves, as well as learning about them and their ecology from wolf and wildlife biologists, science, and experienced wolf observers and photographers. With my education and experience, I see and conclude that aside from my Commission representative, Pat Byorth, that the Commission has absolutely NO interest in our native wolves, other than your agenda to allow the killing of our wolves, as well as all of our other native wildlife, You only listen to, consider, and appease and rule for the livestock, hunting/trapping/and snaring now, guide and outfitters, and resource extractions communities. you obviously only consider and rule for them, and not us in the non consumptive, LIVE wildlife watcher communities. Everything you are proposing is WRONG, for many reasons. What you have previously proposes as well as now is most definitely not benefiting wolves, but in fact, is an agenda to exterminate them from Montana. With your and our terrible wolf hating Republican State Legislature and Jon Tester's wolf extermination goal is not ethical or ethical hunting of OUR NATION'S wolve. Yes, let me remind you, your and NTFWP's purpose is to protect, save, and have large and healthy population numbers, NOT extermination goals. I f your goal is to politically rule, rather than rule by the BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE, and the Wolf and Wildlife Biologists recommendations, then you have no ethics, and are not qualified, nor belong on the MTFWP Commission.

I am against the elimination of WMUs, and the consolidation of WMU 313 and WMU 315, and the proposed quota in the proposed 313 WMU, because Yellowstone NP had lost over 20% of it's population in the last hunting/trapping killing season. Park visitors come to the park from all over the country and world to see and watch wolves in the park, and having ANY hinting and trapping anywhere just outside park boundaries has a serious negative effect on wolves, visitors \, and the economies of the communities just outside and near the park borders. Visitors spend millions to come to see wolves in the park, and killing them off, when park wolves spend appx. 98% of their lives inside the park, and have adapted to human presence, making them unethical hunting and trapping targets. Your job is to protect these wolves for ALL USA citizens, not to make it easier to exterminate them, with unethical and cruel regulations. Snaring and trapping are cruel, calling and baiting, night hunting, chasing them on motorized vehicles, are all cruel and unethical, all not considered fair chase, but against the Pittman-Robertson act of 1937 as well. If you do not comply with the PR Act, us in the Environmental and wolf communities will be obliged to file suit, as well as go to the DOI and USFWS get wolves relisted in the ESA. payments to hunters and trappers for their wolf hunting expenses, ie Bounties, should be eliminated, night scoping, hunter quotas of more than two per hunter or trapper is ridiculous, and NO Quotas is outrageous when you nor MTFWP have no idea or facts on the past or current wolf population is, as there are no attempts or efforts to do REAL AND TRUE FACTUAL counts. How can you propose and put into regulations No Quotas when you don't have the slightest idea of the population numbers to make an ethical, scientific, and an informed decision. When you eliminate the WMUs in the districts, then some locations could and will be more or less heavily hunted, trapped, and impacted. Eliminating WMU110 around Glacier NP, will have the same negative impact and effect as around and along YNP borders Keep WMUs 110, 313, and 316, and with no (zero..0) quotas in each, and require MTFWP to do a real and true count before all these deadly regulations are considered and adopted. I am calling for quotas, and an Indigenous Sacred Resource label put on wolves so to be protected, as wolves are a sacred cultural and religious being to them. Wolves are a great resource for the elimination of Chronic Wasting Disease and Brucellosis, as well other diseases. Wolves make elk and deer behave more naturally, and keep their prey populations in check and healthier, by eliminating the old, diseased, weak, and some young as well. Wolves enhance and improve their habitats, as well. Wolves are worth more alive than dead, and killing tem, and so many of them, takes away our right to see, watch, observe, and enjoy them, As for wolves and cows and other domestic livestock, producers are well compensated, and should only get depredation payments for their losses if they are using non lethal coexistence methods and tools. they raise the livestock that they claim to love, to be eaten. they love their animals all the way to the slaughterhouse ad bank. you don't raise an animal you love to be cruelly treated and eaten by other people. Wolves and our other wildlife are being killed for foreign countries like Japan, China, Korea, etc., as record numbers of livestock are being raised, sold, and shipped to foreign countries to be eaten there. No wolf should be killed for livestock depredation on OUR Public Lands, because lots of cows on our public lands eat wild ungulates food sources, and drive them off, so often three is nothing left for wolves but cows and sheep. Ranchers should have range riders and livestock guard dogs (LGD) to protect their livestock. Ideally, .livestock shouldn't be on public land, but on their owner's land. It is also unfair and outrageous that we cannot comment at the August 25th meeting, but only this short not in person comment period. I feel I am wasting my time with my comments, as you probably won't listen to me/us, as usual, and cater to those you have been catering to.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf hunting and trapping

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf hunting and trapping

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wildlife belongs to everyone. Where are the rights of the people who cherish living breathing creatures who have every right to live in peace? The majority needs to be heard not only hunters, ranchers and so called "managers". There are ways to co exist.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Let the wolves live in peace and disperse across the country in their natural way. Protect your herds. I don't understand how an accurate account of wolf population numbers could be true when it is a fact that wolves travel to survive. Stop the unnecessary killing, please.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Preserve Your Tourism Industry. Manage Apex Predator Populations Responsibly.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Yellowstone and Montana wolves bring in \$80 million each year to Yellowstone and the nearby area through wildlife tourism. Yellowstone's wolf reintroduction is a success story renowned the world over. Yellowstone belongs to all Americans--I have visited it myself--and its wolf population should be managed with care. Even once they step outside the park's boundary. As a concerned citizen, I am asking that you do not switch to Regional Units. Keep the Wolf Management Units in order to track the population of these animals and the reaching of quotas with greater accuracy. Please keep the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316, and 110. Please keep the 12 hour emergency window in place for WMUs 313, 316, and 110. Montana has a rare opportunity to show the world it can satisfy the interests of both hunters and wildlife lovers by managing its apex predator populations based on science and data. You already have the greatest national park in the country. Why jeopardize Yellowstone's future...and the future of local communities...by allowing its hallmark animal to be hunted beyond a reasonable threshold?

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Relist the wolves. No more hunting or trapping.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Relist the wolves. There should not be anymore hunting or trapping. And shame on your governor for poaching a wolf and not be held criminally for it.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see comments below regarding wolf hunting. I am particularly opposed to night hunting and find it unethical. It is very disappointing that Montana has now decided politics of a predator is more important than following an ethical hunting practice.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Quotas around Yellowstone:

- I am glad to see the FWP Commission's reestablishing of quotas along the border of Yellowstone Park.

- If the Commission creates a new single unit 313 (by combining 313 and 316), I advocate for a quota of 2 wolves taken from the entire unit.

- However, I prefer that the Commissioners keep two wolf management units, 313 and 316, and lower the quotas to 1 wolf from each unit.

Two designated units allows FWP flexibility and accuracy, pinpointing management in each unit, if needed, as in cougar management.

2) Placing caps on the numbers of wolves that can be killed: I applaud the Commission and FWP's return to using the accepted measuring stick for

wolf populations:

- o Research has shown that harvest must exceed 29 to 48 percent of a wolf population before a decline is observed (Adams et al. 2008, Gude et al. 2012).*

- o However, I favor Lane G. Adams et al, "Population Dynamics and Harvest Characteristics of Wolves in the Central Brooks Range, Alaska," Wildlife Monographs, 2010, which shows that if you take any more than 29% of a wolf population it is not sustainable. (Gude goes further, up to 48%)

3) I agree with the Commissioners that the 313 harvest was disproportionate:

- During the wolf trapping and hunting season in 2021–2022, a disproportionate number of wolves were harvested in former WMU 313 (18 of 85 taken within TD 3) with another 3 taken within former WMU 316. Although this single year of harvest is not sufficient to create any long-lasting biological to Montana's wolf population, vocal public sentiment has favored some limitation on future harvest within this southern portion of Region 3.

4) I ask that FWP lower the overall quota in Montana to take no more than 29% maximum harvest that would prevent population decline.

- The Commission contradicts itself: They claim to be committed to this cap by referencing the Adams and Gude papers.(see above*).

- A quota of 450 would exceed the max 29 % percent that is sustainable. (Last year the goal was to take 50%, which the commission took as a mandate from the Legislature, a mandate with no basis in fact, science or even public opinion. The quota was not filled, but there is a good possibility that this year it will be. Last year the total count of wolves last year seems to have been inflated.)

5) Please change back to a 12-hour reporting time (not 24 hrs.) so as not to exceed quotas at the close of the unit or season.

6) I oppose managing wolves by trapping units—keep Wolf Management Units.

7) I oppose trapping, night hunting, hunting over baiting. This is dangerous to the hunters, people who might enjoy walking at night or skiing and really unethical. I find this particularly disappointing.

8) Please restore WMU 110 near Glacier, with a quota of 1 wolf.

9) I ask the Commission to include any 313/316 quotas in the total threshold for Region 3, so that the count should be 72, if the quota is 10 and down from there

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I won't travel there and spend money if you continue to hunt and/or trap wolves. They are necessary for the ecological balance and certainly don't need humans to "help".

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support hunting and trapping of furbearers.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the hunting and trapping of wolves. Seasons should be set to provide the most successful outcome to wolf management.

#607

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment here

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It's in the interest of all Americans to protect the wolves of Yellowstone and the surrounding areas, and with the money that they bring in from tourism it seems short sighted to allow so much killing. Please find a balance that keeps more of the wolves safe from being hunted for sport.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is barbaric and should be stopped. Other countries have outlawed as have a few states in the US. How many people are really benefitting from trapping?

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I have yet to see any scientific data supporting the hunting and trapping of wolves. I moved to Montana 9 years ago. One driving force in moving here was the wildlife, especially wolves. After seeing my first wolf in the wild I was hooked. I am a lover of all wildlife, but wolves hold a special place in my heart. Wolves were all but extinct years ago, and it looks as though we are headed in that direction again. Once an animal is extinct there is no bringing it back. Do you want to be in the history books as a group that aided in the extinction of a species? I think, not in the long run. I have always said, you can tell the character of a person by the way they treat animals.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

No wolves should be hunted or trapped. They are needed for the ecosystem to flourish. Please do not allow the killing of these majestic animals. They have a right to live too. It's their land as well as peoples.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Sirs,
Please protect all animals, especially wolves from this horrible form of torture and killing. Thank you

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Sirs,
I love wolves and don't know why anyone would want to trap or kill them.
I understand there are instances that wolves prey on livestock, and that compensation for the farmer or rancher won't end the problem and a wolf would have to be put down, I understand this.
However, instances of ranchers protecting their flocks or herds on horseback has had great success, and wolf predation is practically non-existent. I believe those ranchers who bait wolves with cattle carcasses should be punished and the wolves left alone. Last year's take of 21 Yellowstone wolves was horrible and heartbreaking, and a vicious minority is to blame, please change this policy to zero.
I read the Missoula and happened upon a recent article about the over population of elk, wouldn't wolves help this and balance the system that seems out of balance? Please protect the sacred wolves.
Thank you

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not believe in any kind of furbear hunting/trapping,quotas depend on what it is if it has to be I definitely think it needs to be by gun with trapping outlawed traps are totally inhumane

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe that wolf trapping ,hunting seasons,and the use of quotas should be stopped at this point in time I believe nature is keeping the population in check if these hunts,high quotas keep up there won't be any wolves or other large predators to see I've always wanted to visit Montana for the parks and wildlife it is my belief that if this keeps up you're hurting your own tourist industry I realize the "big time"hunters don't want it stopped because some people live for killing something just because they can but I believe in fairness and there is nothing fair about trapping at all,we are supposed to be the more intelligent species but compare the way wolves act,survive,and take care of their families they do things to survive we do things for pleasure, as in killing something or trapping it and letting it suffer I believe if the right people would do their research they would come to the conclusion that wolves are an important part of the ecosystem (and I don't mean just a few) the pack system itself seems to work very well without our interference to keep things in check,haven't we progressed enough and learned enough about nature itself in the last 100 plus years to not annihilate the wolf again because I feel like this is where we're headed and it will be a major catastrophe to not have learned from previous mistakes because some people hate wolves

#612

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop hunting and trapping of wolves in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop hunting and trapping of wolves in Montana. Especially those areas surrounding Yellowstone & Glacier National Parks.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a traveler to Montana for skiing (Big Sky), bicycling (West Yellowstone) and hiking (all over), I am deeply concerned about the wolf quota and the risk to the population and the animals under study at Yellowstone. I come to Montana and spend recreational dollars because of nature and the outdoors. If anything close to this quota is approved, I will stop traveling to the state. Why go somewhere for the wild places and outdoor recreation when the state actively works against it? Thank you,

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Lower the quotas and save the animals
Please

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please save the wolves. In all the national parks. All animals deserve to be protected. Thank you

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I think the price of getting a license needs to be way higher. The type of animals you can trap needs to be narrowed down substantially. I personally think that you should not be able to kill any animals in a national park because that should be conserved land for both trees and wildlife.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

All predators should be protected species because without them the food chain goes out of wack, causing overpopulation of specific species and then under population of other prey species due to increased competition, then furthermore erosion due to the over feeding of the now huge prey population. Increasing the numbers of how many wolves you can kill is nothing but a bad idea. Allowing people to hunt wolves at night and bait them is extremely unfair to the animal. Also they hold intrinsic value as individuals because we are not the only animals on this planet that matter and we definitely don't matter more than the wolves.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am a lover of all things wild and I own a home outside Yellowstone NP in Island Park ID. I think the wolf hunts in Idaho and Montana are barbaric . I do not understand people who think the methods of killing wolves is allowable. I'm not okay with any wolf hunt but the wolves of Yellowstone are beloved by the world. The greater Yellowstone ecosystem should be protected from wolf hunting to conserve and preserve our Yellowstone wolves.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am a lover of all things wild and I own a home outside Yellowstone NP in Island Park ID. I think the wolf hunts in Idaho and Montana are barbaric . I do not understand people who think the methods of killing wolves is allowable. I'm not okay with any wolf hunt but the wolves of Yellowstone are beloved by the world. The greater Yellowstone ecosystem should be protected from wolf hunting to conserve and preserve our Yellowstone wolves.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Against any hunting of furbearing animals

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Against all hunting and trapping of wolves in Montana.

#618

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support responsible furbearer trapping.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf hunting and trapping.

#619

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please limit wolf quota to 2.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please limit to 2. Worked for a decade they are good for tourism thus taxes for states

#620

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Not nearly enough tags are allocated to each trapper. Extend seasons. We make almost nothing on fur anymore, and as a valuable method of game conservation we should be given more opportunities and rights.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

- 1) Increase quotas significantly or remove them. The 2021 season was more successful because there are simply more wolves. Let's just stop over-complicating this issue.
 - 2) Extend season or have no closed season. These wolves are incredibly difficult to track and locate, therefore more time is needed to pattern them.
 - 3) Legalize all Night hunting with night vision on ALL public lands.
 - 4) Use Bounties as an incentive.
 - 5) Youth education to draw more interest in wolf trapping specifically.
 - 6) Remove bias wolf hungers from all FWP Boards.
 - 7) Provide population data, statistics and realtime data for trappers to more easily find and trap wolves.
 - 8) Remove setbacks for wolf trapping and inform the public for the safety of their unleashed pets.
 - 10) MT Wolves belong to Montanans, not individuals from New York, New England, Washington, Colorado, California, Yellowstone and so on. Let us manage them as WE SEE FIT.
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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I feel all seasons and quotas should be reviewed for opportunities to increase the use of this sustainable resource.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping and hunting for wolves. The seasons and quotas should be expanded.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the trapping in Montana

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support current wolf trapping and hunting seasons in Montana

#623

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

They look good

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and hunting in Montana.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The quotas are vastly too high for a stable, sustainable wolf population. The only possible logical explanation for such high quotas is to ultimately eliminate wolf populations in Montana. This is not a desirable goal for any conservation measure and ultimately damages environments far more than it helps. Wolves are known to keep ungulate and other prey animal populations in check, producing healthier populations for hunting.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quotas for wolf removal are far too high. The tactics being allowed indicate a stance of total extermination. There is no fair sportsmanship from these rules, only a no holds barred approach to removal. The whole US population is watching in dismay as states like Montana go from being beacons of conservation and tourism to pariahs of conservation, acting out of political motivation to commit genocide of the wolf populations. Not only does this damage the prey populations by removing apex predators, it damages Montana's image as a leader in outdoor recreation, which could have vastly more lasting financial contributions than any gain from less wolf predation of livestock, which generally accounts for a fraction of a percent of total livestock fatalities. Again, this is not conservation, this is extermination. You must cease the indiscriminate trapping of wolves in public lands and set an immediate quota of 0 to allow the populations to stabilize.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

no comment

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf management must be based on sound science. I find no compelling evidence of a need to reduce the wolf population in Montana, especially after the high number of wolves killed last season. An overall quota must not result in population decline.

I strongly oppose the proposed quota of 10 wolves in new WMU 313 bordering Yellowstone. It is outrageous to kill wolves that venture out of the national park. Wolves don't recognize artificial boundaries. Killing collared wolves should be illegal. As you know, hunters use scanners to locate collared wolves; this is unethical.

Please create WMU's bordering Yellowstone National Park with quotas of 0 or 1 and also restore WMU 110 near Glacier NP with quota of 0 or 1.

Yellowstone's wolves are vital to the health of the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and maintain healthy herds of bison and elk. Tens of thousands and likely more likely 100,000+ people from all over the world, including me for the last 15 years, go to Yellowstone every year to watch wild wolves and spend millions of dollars on food, lodging, car rentals, and guides. It does not make economic sense to kill the "cash wolf", as it were. Live wolves are much more valuable to the economy than the small number of livestock killed by wolves.

The killing of 21 Yellowstone wolves in the last season has seriously impacted wolf packs. Losing the alpha and older wolves leaves younger wolves without experienced leaders and teachers.

I further strongly oppose trapping, night hunting, using bait and luring wolves by playing wolf howls.

I urge Montana Fish and Wildlife to please make science-based decisions on how to best maintain a healthy wolf population and protect the Yellowstone wolves.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The methods to determine wolf populations is NOT peer reviewed with IPOM and is inaccurate. Further, Yellowstone wolves help provide over 82 million dollars in revenue for Montana. People do NOT want these precious sentient apex predators destroyed! These lands belong to all Americans, not for the benefit of a select few beneficiaries.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Need to stop killing wolves! The wrre only recently taken off the endangered last & way too any have since been shot. We need them to balance our ecosystem. They are essential to a thriving healthy environment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf trapping needs strict limits. Hunting season quotas need to be adjusted down so as to preserve a healthy wolf population. Without wolves, or even with so few of them, the eco system becomes completely unbalanced. Please restrict wolf trapping & hunting quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The quotas need the be reduced

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quotas for wolf trapping and hunting need to be significantly reduced or abolished in the areas around Yellowstone and Glacier National Park. A neutrality zone should be drawn around these parks as these wolves know no boundaries. These parks are a national treasure and the animals that inhabit these parks are integral to the majesty of nature that embody these parks. Hunting wolves changes the ecosystem in these areas and diminishes the visitors experience. Please stop this terrible practice.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Blair**
City/Town: **Los Angeles**
State/Province: **CA**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See answer to next

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The use of traps snares and electronic monitoring devices should end. The laws have eased up and wolves are the only animal humans can get away with hunting items mentioned even on private land. There are no age restrictions or laws against killing the collared wolves from Yellowstone when they cross boundaries. In fact wolves are the only animal that is allowed to be baited with meat to trap. The wolves need our help to protect them. Let's be good humans and respect their right to survive as a critical keystone predator that is vital to the ecosystem.

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact information:

Q2
Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support

Q3
Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf hunting

#631

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: Nicki Mitchell
City/Town: Gardiner
State/Province: MT

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There should be no hunting/trapping Furbearers.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The public comments should be the primary deciding factor in wolf management. Yellowstone and Federal are PUBLIC lands that belong to all Americans. The voices of Americans who spend millions of dollars in Montana and large contributors to the prosperity of the state should be seriously considered. Comments from Businesses which receive revenue from wolf watchers should be heard and heavily considered. Tribal leaders comments should be heard and seriously considered.

There is NO reason to harvest wolves in areas surrounding Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. These are the most viewable wolves in the world and should remain so. It is very unsporting to harvest wolves which spend the majority of their lives within national park boundaries who have never had a reason to fear humans who enjoy observing them in their natural habitat. It is even less respectable to bait them and trap them outside the park and stand at the invisible park boundary line waiting for them to cross the line and shoot them.

It is underhanded to decrease the wolf management units. There is no sound reason for this. The agenda appears to be to prevent the closure of wolf management areas. Wolf management areas should remain as they are and be monitored closely so they can be closed when quotas are met.

There should be no baiting and trapping. It is inhumane.

There should be no harvesting of pups, it is inhumane.

Montanans and Americans who visit Montana should be surveyed. The silent majority wants wolves on the landscape and are not being heard. It is mostly hunters who access FWP website to read and comment.

I pay for fishing license and my voice should matter.

Very few predations have happened and elk numbers need to come down. Wolves help with elk management.

If the wolves are overpopulated, why did hunters need more methods to kill them and still didn't harvest as many as last year? Did they get smarter this year than last year? Or maybe there aren't as many wolves as proposed. The IPOM counting method was developed by the hunting community and is therefore a conflict of interest. It was not developed for pack animals. It is not reviewed by scientists who do not have an ulterior motive or conflict of interest. It is not possible that there were 800 wolves and with a quota of 450 each year that there are still 800 wolves. They do not reproduce that quickly especially with entire packs getting slaughtered or their numbers diminished to the point the pack disperses and does not survive. Current wolf management does prevent wiping out a pack or diminishing to many of its numbers . If 450 wolves are killed 2 years in a row.... it does not seem there would still be 800 wolves in Montana. Please collect your data from 3rd party, unbiased sources with proven accurate counting methods like aerial counting. If you cannot do this and genuinely prove overwhelming overpopulation, wolves should not be harvested. Even IF there really were 800 wolves (but there's not), it would not be overpopulated in light of the 92,000 elk.

We don't want commercialization of Montana lands. It's called the wild west for a reason.

There is no reason save bloodthirsty lust of mankind to kill the wolves. We don't eat them, it's not subsistence. There are too many work opportunities and not enough generates revenue from pelts.

More revenue for the state and local businesses than is generated from the wolf watchers than is generated from hunting/trapping licenses.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I suggest using hunting and trapping to regulate the fur bearing populations to safe and healthy numbers.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There must be balance. The Wolf population has no natural predators to keep them at a safe level.

I am in favor of trapping and hunting to regulate the Wolf population to a healthy level.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Fur is outdated and cruel. We do not need fur to stay warm. This is not about necessity but instead about getting pleasure from killing animals.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please do not allow the senseless killing of wolves. Yellowstone needs wolves. They are part of a healthy ecosystem and help the populations of herbivores and even the landscape. Not to mention they are feeling creatures who should not be subject to inhumane treatment and killing. Wolves are the wild ancestors of dogs. Would we kill dogs like this? Please do not allow the killing of wolves.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please enact a sensible quota on the number of wolves that can be trapped for their furs.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please please please. There has to be a reasonable limit on the number of wolves that can be harvested in The Glacier region. Stop the senseless slaughter.

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I feel that our seasons and quotas were fair last season. I hope they stay close so that we the outdoors men can enjoy and teach our kids what we love.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping in Montana. I think its a valuable tool to keep predators in check and to help protect our wildlife and livestock. I enjoy teaching my kids skills of living off the land. These skills are memories and traditions past on from generations. I feel its important to continue passing these skills on to future generations so they can carry out protection of livestock and wildlife. I also feel that the original start date of December 15 had no impact on the grizzlies in the past.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Tim McKenrick. My family lives near Boulder Montana. I would like to thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. I would like to comment on the proposed trapping regulations. For the general trapping regulations, I am in agreement with most of the proposals. The one that is of concern is the tagging of Marten. I fully understand the desire to monitor the take of marten and where they are taken from, but the reimplement of the tagging after just removing this system is only going to create a nightmare for everyone involved. May I suggest that you announce the intent to reimplement the tagging of marten for the 2023-24 seasons and advertise it this year and next?

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf regulations are another issue. We were told last year that there would be a review of the harvest when the amount of wolves reached a "Threshold" number. The commission changed this "Threshold" to a "quota" not a review number. We were also told that the closure of TD3 was because they did not want to break the WMU's out of region 3. Now we are seeing that FWP proposes the removing of WMU 316 and 313 out of the TD3 and make it a 10 wolf Quota. The harvest in these 2 WMU's last year was 21 wolves. The legislature instructed the FWP to reduce the number of wolves in the state of Montana and gave you the tools to do so and yet just the opposite is occurring. The early start date of the Monday after Thanksgiving was changed to a floating start date and in most wolf trapping areas the date was later than the previous start date of December 15th. The wording of "in or near Grizzly habitat" is too broad of an area to realistically work with. I believe you could remove the "near" wording and shrink the areas to "occupied" habitat and be able to open more area to trapping earlier and work toward achieving the goal of wolf reduction. I understand the politics of the wolves and grizzly bears, but unless you are willing to close fishing, hunting, boating, and bird watching to protect the bears from being disturbed in accordance with the ESA, then its time you work with the trappers and let them help you meet the harvest numbers the legislature instructed you to achieve.

Thank you again for your time.

Tim McKenrick, MTA District 3 Director

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **WA**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Zero tolerance for any wolf killing anywhere in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

No trapping or hunting wolves in Montana.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	MT
Email Address:	dcoonfare@msn.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Support it.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf quotas are set too low. I support hunting and trapping of the species.

#639

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Morgantown
State/Province:	WV
Email Address:	mhrs07@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Not supportive of this.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I think this needs to be abolished and the wolves need to be relisted on the endangered species list. I fly to Montana specifically to catch a glimpse of these critically needed apex predators. They are much more valuable to bringing in revenue to your state by being alive than dead.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Newport Beach
State/Province:	CA
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm asking on behalf of my family and I to please limit furbearer quotas and allow these animals to live and prosper.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Being in animal rescue I cherish life. Canines, domestic or wild are amazing animals who can teach us humans a lot about loyalty, love, bravery etc. I am asking with all my heart to please allow wolves to live and raise their young. Please limit your quotas. Allowing these animals a chance to survive and continue to be a vital part of earth.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **CA**
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please don't kill any more wolves.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please don't kill any more wolves.

#642

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Boise
State/Province:	ID
Email Address:	mwwaughn77@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Yellowstone wolves are leaving the park because the un-managed prey base within the park can only sustain so many wolves. Wolves that disburse from the park, are no different, and also need managed. The recovery goal was 300 in the entire Northern Rocky Mountain Population Segment (NRPS)... the 2009 delisting rule states that having more than 1500 wolves within the NRMPS will hinder Big Game management as well as Livestock production... - we have well over 3000. It is time to manage them in all parts of the NRMPS!

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Whitefish
State/Province:	MT
Email Address:	dyonmfg@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and hunting of wolves

#644

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Boulder
State/Province:	MT
Email Address:	cipherrhonan@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

On the topic of the marten, I personally disliked the tagging system for marten, simply because I worked at the Western States Fur Auction and it was a huge pain to read the tags on both ends(Trapper, Fur Intake, Fur Buyer). Maybe instead of tagging the marten, the department write/print receipts for the trapper who harvested the marten. The trapper produce the receipt for verification at the Fur Auction and life could/would be easier and cheaper all the way across the board. I would request that IF the tagging system for marten were to be reimplemented, that you would announce the tagging system going into effect the following year, as it would put a bind on your system and our trappers to tag marten that weren't previously tagged up to this point.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear FWP Commissioners,

My name is Michael McKenrick. I am 16 years old and I am typing this letter to you to show my disapproval of the proposed changes to wolf harvest in Trapping District 3. I'll begin with bad verbage in the proposal. It reads that WMU 313 and 316 would become one and would have a quota of 10. Beginning with "quota", wolf harvest was not to have a quota attached to it. That is what this is saying. Second, if 21 wolves were harvested from that area, reducing that number to 10 is not a good idea. Wolves breed somewhat like rabbits. I'll run some quick numbers. According to HYPERLINK www.nps.gov www.nps.gov, there were 95 wolves in Yellowstone National Park as of December 2021. $95-21=74$, $74 \times (\text{we'll use a small number}) 1.5=111$, $111-10=101$, $101 \times 1.5=151.5$, and so on and so forth. And if we use the same numbers I was using, but with 21 in place of 10, it results in a steady increase rather than a rapid increase. And that's just for the Park area. We in Region 3 were the first district to close, closing in less than 60 days, thus meaning our threshold should be higher, and of the Districts, we were the only ones to reach the threshold. That being said, a decrease in the harvest of wolves is not necessarily beneficial. Not for ranchers, not for the OTHER wildlife, and certainly not for the community of Montana, as we don't get very much from the tourism of Yellowstone. We as District 3 closed first and in the harshest weather conditions, and the Disrict has more potential for wolf harvest if allowed. My next topic is the merging of the WMUs and their quota being excluded from the rest of District 3. The WMUs should be completely discarded and the District as a whole was to be what was counted for the threshold. I believe it is incorrect to reinstitute the WMU 313 and treat it as an individual Trapping District. Maybe add 10 wolves to the District 3 threshold rather than returning WMU 313 as a quota.

Thank you for your consideration and your time and effort.

Faith, Hope and Love; but the greatest of these is Love.

-Michael

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Q1

Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Ban wolf hunting.

The wolf is a keystone animal, and nature will balance itself.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Ban wolf hunting.

The wolf is a keystone animal, and nature will balance itself.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Kalispell
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Email Address:	axxiom2000@yahoo.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping needs to be eliminated. Our pet dogs are being killed and there is too much death of unintended species, it's no longer the 19th century where people need to survive by trading furs.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop forcing taxpayers to fund bounties on our wildlife. MT need to set lower limits on wolf hunts and impose ethical fair chase hunt rules. Allowing night hunts, killing of pups, aerial shooting etc. is not hunting. It's a war on our wildlife. Our wildlife brings an estimated \$85M l'm tourism revenues to our State. Stop destroying our resources.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	NY
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is inhumane and should be decreased

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I have hunted responsibly for 40 years. I am a conservationist as well. I have study wolves in the environment and ecology for many years. Wolves are one of the most important animals in nature. We saw what happened when they were almost wiped out of yellowstone national park. Once they were allowed to thrive many plants and animals thought to be gone forever returned. You don't always get second chances. STOP KILLING THE WOLVES! The are an asset to the natural cycle of Montana's ecosystem. FIND A WAY to live with them as the native Americans did. You have hunting seasons for management but do you ever account for the wolves illegally shot by ranchers, hit by cars, die of natural causes or disease. Let nature manage the wolves. May God bless them and may God condemn all who seek to wipe them out to Hell.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Neola
State/Province:	IA
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Restrictions need lifted before the elk and deer populations gets to low and you lose those resources

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

No quotas till the wolf populations are at a manageable level

#649

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Kalispell
State/Province:	MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not disagree with any of the proposed changes in the 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support wolf hunting and trapping as a management tool to help protect our ungulate populations. The only changes I'd like to see are getting rid of WMU's and ONLY needing to report the district the wolf was taken in.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	kalispell
State/Province:	MT
Email Address:	levimfreeman36@gmail.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am 100% in support of trapping and furbearers in Montana.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana, including wolves. I support reporting a wolf harvest only in the trapping district it was taken. This will reduce people tampering with wolf traps and messing with wolf sets when they can't pinpoint the location of the harvest.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: Boulder
State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Dear FWP Commissioners,

I am a member of the Montana Trappers Association and I volunteer at the Western States Fur Auction as well as many associational events. I understand the reason for Marten tagging, however 1 year of non-tagging of Marten causes 2 possible problems. Either you will have 21-22 harvested being reported in 22-23 and impacting the harvest counts or it will render unsold 21-22 harvested Martens unsellable in 22-23. I am suggesting that you wait another year to reimplement the tagging of Martens and let the trappers know your intent to do so, so that they can sell previously harvested Martens accordingly.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Gardiner**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **j.sunderraj@hotmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

My only comment regarding the furbearer regulations is to be cautious with fisher quotas. Five seems like a high quota for a species that is as rare as fishers are.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Although wolf numbers in Montana have recovered and the population in that can sustain harvest at this point, I think that the new regulations regarding wolves implemented last season that are carrying over into this season are unwise. Wolves are native to Montana according to the best available science, and the majority of elk counts are above objective in the state. Due to this, it is excessive to continue to allow harvest measures such as baiting, hunting at night, and snaring. We saw fewer wolves harvested last season that the season prior, indicating that these methods likely don't significantly increase take, but instead make the state look bad. As we have progressed in wildlife management, methods of management based solely on the numbers of the species in a large area, such as the state of Montana, should not be the only consideration, but also the biology and economic impacts of species. It also would be wise to more closely regulate hunting season in smaller areas based on the health and status of the resident populations. For example, in wolf management areas like 313 and 316 from last season, wolves predominantly living in Wyoming were harvested as they left Yellowstone National Park. Harvesting these wolves may push Wyoming closer to not meeting recovery goals. These wolves also bring millions of dollars into the local economy, and are worth more alive than dead. In controversial cases like this, it is a good practice to compromise, and I would recommend reducing the quota in the now combined unit to 4 or 5 wolves. This would allow for those seeking to harvest wolves a chance to get their wolf, but would preserve the local economy which is heavily impacted by tourists who come to see wolves. In addition, this would ensure that the harvest of wolves that are counted toward the Wyoming population would be limited, allowing that state to safely meet its recovery goals.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Linda Hendrix**
City/Town: **New Richmond**
State/Province: **WI**
Email Address: **halflog@hotmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are an essential species and should be protected. I would not visit your state knowing what you are doing to the wolf. Wolf viewing brings in 82 million dollars. Wolves curb CWD. Snaring is archaic and inhumane. Night hunting as well. Consider the desires of nonconsumptive users /tourists who want to visit your state for its natural beauty and wildlife. Protect the wolf...

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	TX
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The wolves have great value in supporting the health of the entire ecosystem and also supporting healthy deer and moose populations (protecting them from Chronic Wasting Disease) Please keep the wolf populations healthy by maintaining adequate numbers. Please also eliminate all trapping which is inhumane and catches a lot of non-target species. Thank you.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please see comments above

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Q1

Contact information:

Name:	Leslie Cizmas
City/Town:	College Station
State/Province:	TX
Email Address:	Leslie.Cizmas@icloud.com

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The wolves have great value in supporting the health of the entire ecosystem and also supporting healthy deer and moose populations (protecting them from Chronic Wasting Disease) Please keep the wolf populations healthy by maintaining adequate numbers. Please also eliminate all trapping which is inhumane and catches a lot of non-target species. Thank you.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please see comments above

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Mike Freeman**
City/Town: **Kalispell**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **mikefreeman0818@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am ok with furbearer recommendations and 100% support trapping of all furbearers in Montana as a tool for wildlife management.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support all trapping in Montana including wolves as a predator management tool to help save our ungulate populations. I also support doing away with wolf management units and going to the use of trapping districts. When reporting a wolf tag the only location that should be used is the trapping district it was taken in which will help reduce antis stealing wolf traps and messing up wolf traps if they dont have the pinpoint location of the harvest.

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Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Richard Booher**
City/Town: **Hungry Horse**
State/Province: **MT**
Email Address: **mtngroan@gmail.com**

Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping!

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf hunting!

#658

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Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town:	Drummond
State/Province:	MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Looks good. My game came was showing a few different lions & 4 wolves around my property. Found lion killed deer last year and my son found a lion on a fresh elk gut pile. HD 292

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Top of Granite County is still part of the Lynx protection zone. Haven't seen one yet. Other than that everything looks OK. Need to do everything we can to keep wolves in check.

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support proper management ways of trapping and trapping wolves .

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district. I do feel trapping should be a little longer for wolves but feel that with the doing away with wmu is a start in the right direction

#660

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support proper management ways of trapping and trapping wolves .

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district. I do feel trapping should be a little longer for wolves but feel that with the doing away with wmu is a start in the right direction

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: MT
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support proper management ways of trapping and trapping wolves .

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district. I do feel trapping should be a little longer for wolves but feel that with the doing away with wmu is a step in the right direction to controlling these animal populations

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Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: CA
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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

With regard to the furbearer proposals, I write to support the proposed reduction in quotas for bobcats in Region 1 and 5 and in marten pelts.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comment regarding trapping and wolf seasons.

I am a frequent visitor to your state as someone who has family nearby and who loves to come visit the open space to watch wildlife, especially wolves and bears.

I urge you to prohibit snaring on public land. Snaring can result in endangered species and non-target species being caught. Moreover, snaring can be especially painful. It should be limited to private land and then should only be permitted with express permission from the landowner. Snares should be required to have a 275 pound rated snare breakaway, diverters, relaxing lock and a stop for a minimum loop size of 10".

Trapping signage should be required at all trail heads and in high use recreational areas to prevent accidental trapping of dogs and the like. Likewise, there should be required disclosures and signage for traps and snares on block management areas. There should be required 150' trap setbacks on all open and "closed" public roads. For the public's safety, all wolf trap setbacks in Sanders county that the Commission that have been removed should be reinstated. Finally, the use of snares on elk and deer high use wintering grounds should be banned.

To avoid the accidental trapping of grizzly bears before or after hibernation and of upland hunting bird dogs, the wolf trapping season should not run from January 2 through February 28.

Basic decency demands mandated 24 hour/daily trap checks to avoid increased suffering and injury as well as from non-target species being maimed or killed. Trappers should be required to pull all snares and traps within a 12 hour notice of closing or the end of the season. Further, the number of snares and traps which a single individual can set and the number of snared wolves a trapper can snare should be limited.

With ethical hunting and the doctrine of "fair chase" in mind, wolf regulations should once again include the ban on locating and shooting wolves from aircraft. Night hunting, including using thermal, infrared and night vision scopes should be prohibited. Baiting and pre-baiting should likewise be banned as against fair chase.

One out of every three wolves were killed in Yellowstone last year. This should be of great concern because these wolves are a huge boon to the local economies and are not a threat to any livestock or big game outside of the park. Consequently, please return the previous quotas for Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks to one wolf each.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Because of the large amount of human and pet, especially dog, traffic in trapping districts 1 and 3, I propose increasing the furbearing setbacks to 1,000-foot setbacks from both edges of the trails and roads required for all ground set traps in Trapping Districts 1 and 3. People visiting these areas do not expect and are unprepared for their pets to be caught in a trap intended for other animals.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Regarding wolf management, I advocate for a maximum of one wolf per WMU 313 and one wolf per WMU 316 these WMUs are retained separately. If combined, I advocate for a maximum of two wolves to be taken from WMU 313 and 316 combined.

I live in Bozeman and two different times in the last several years, I have paid local Montana outfitters to take my family and me into Yellowstone National Park (YNP) for the opportunity to view wild wolves under the guidance of experienced wildlife outfitters.

Although viewing specific types of wildlife is never guaranteed, we were able to view wolves both times. One time were able to spot wolf pups in the distance near their den with a young adult male safeguarding the pups.

Unfortunately, the likelihood of seeing wolves in the park is greatly diminished due to the killing of 24 YNP wolves during this past season. That's about 20% of the Park's wolf population, a grave detriment to the ability of wildlife outfitters to secure customers, to wildlife researchers to conduct their work, and to the economies of gateway communities.

Speaking in support of YNP gateway communities, especially Gardiner following this summer's devastating flood and the outfitters whose business has collapsed or been severely reduced, you owe it to Montana to seriously consider the negative impact of wolf hunting in WMU 313 and 316 and other areas near YNP. Whether you have any interest in survivability of wolves and other wildlife in and around YNP, it's incumbent upon you to take actions that will assist Gardiner and other gateway communities to regain the tourism and customer base lost during and after recent major flooding. These communities need to be able to tout that they are back in business. The opportunity to see wolves and other wildlife in the park plays a major role in marketing that "they are back" to the public.

With a recent economic study reporting that wolf-related tourism contributes at least \$82 million annually to towns in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem, wolves are worth millions of times more alive than dead. No one will come to view wolves in YNP if their numbers continue to be severely decimated.

Carefully read the reports of the benefits of wolf-related tourism and vote for either no wolves to be taken in WMU 313 or a maximum of one wolf per WMU 313 and one wolf per WMU 316.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Just here to comment on wolf hinting.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop hunting the wolves before thier populations are destroyed. They have a very strong family bond and killingbthe alphas can completely destroy a pack. These are beautiful animals that are part of the circle of life and are beneficial to population control. Please leave them alone.

#665

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I advocate for expanding the 500-foot setbacks in Trapping Districts 1 and 3 in high use recreational areas. Too many pets are at risk from injury with traps set within 500 feet of trails. I urge you to expand the setbacks to 800 or 1,000 feet.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I have gladly paid to be guided by local naturalist guides to view wolves in Yellowstone National Park (YNP) and I advocate for either no wolves to be killed in WMU 313 or a maximum of one wolf to be killed in the 2023 season in WMU 313.

Living in Bozeman, I have seen the economic devastation in Gardiner, Livingston, and Red Lodge because of the recent devastating floods. Setting a maximum of one wolf per WMU 313 and one wolf per WMU 316 would show your determination to help communities and local businesses near YNP regain economic strength. Wildlife outfitters rely on the presence wildlife for their businesses to thrive. Results have shown the economic value to businesses and gateway communities of having viable wolf populations in YNP. While wolves enter and leave YNP frequently, predation of cattle by wolves near YNP is negligible. Wolf-related tourism is far more economically beneficial to gateway communities and to the state than is wolf-hunting. Wake up and follow the money. Eliminate or severely limit wolf hunting in WMU 313 to either no wolves or one wolf in the 2023 hunting season.

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf killing and trapping is Evil and wrong. Cruel evil metal traps are inhumane, evil and despicable. Ban metal traps. Leave the wolves alone. Let them live their lives.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

PLEASE stop the unnecessary trapping for fun and fur. It was a thing. It's not any more.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

PLEASE STOP the proposed changes to annihilate 460 wolves —this is close to half of Montana's estimated entire wolf population! Eliminating "wolf 'management' units" is a recipe for disaster; that will in effect eliminate entire packs of wolves in certain areas while allowing others to thrive with little or no hunting pressure. This isn't a good idea for anyone... much less for the wolves survival. Common sense would say that trapping and snares should have ended a long time ago with the fur trading companies.

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe that snaring of any kind should not be allowed owing to fact that many non target animals are caught.

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe that the wolf quotas are not allowing for a sustainable wolf population and that they should be reduced to around 100 until proper studies can be made to determine a value for a sustainable population.

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support hunting wolves

Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping
