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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the City of Lewistown Urban Deer Management Plan.

I feel this is just pure nonsense. I have never heard of deer threatening people walking on trails or in their yard. What has this town come to?? A reason to allow deer hunting in town. When will it end when someone shoots a person as they mistake them for a deer in their yard. Come on Lewistown, get with the program. If you do not like wildlife, move to a big city. I feel this opens the door to major lawsuits. I personally do not want hunters in my yard and that includes fish and game. Where is our right to privacy and the invasion of private property?

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## #2

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the City of Lewistown Urban Deer Management Plan.

My question is who do we want to be? I grew up in Lewistown in the '60s-'80s, and my husband and I own a resident in town and out of town. We live in MT because of wilderness, wildlife, and the great people of our state! And though we know the aggravation of deer getting into our hard-earned garden and flowerbeds, we want to live with wildlife as much as possible and not in a sterile artificial human-created environment. Okay, maybe me more than my husband at times, but we have decided it is our job to protect our garden and flowers so we invested in a fence around the garden, which did not turn out to be nearly as expensive as we thought once we shopped around locally. We have added more deer-resistant flowers and clip drier sheets around, which last longer than we first feared. During our drought years the flower strategies did not work all season but that is the way it goes.

We have never had a problem with aggressive deer at either resident, but I do know what it is like to be charged by a doe. It is a little scary, but she must have had a fawn and you know to give her space. I have been charged by wild-eyed cow elk while hiking. That was more scary, but you know she is doing her job protecting the calves and your job is to alter your hiking plans and know why you hike with a big dog. I can appreciate concerns about drawing predators to town. My mom was the one who found the cougar hiding in the boat in the garage about 10 years ago. If Mom's yappy dog hadn't rattled him out, I'm sure he would have found his way out of town that night to get away from all the dogs and activity. We do have to protect the public, especially our children, but I'd rather contend with occasional wildlife issues than say the mugger...or worse...in say Central Park. So again, I ask who do we want to be? Do we want to live in a wildlife void area in Montana? Expecting others to take out whatever annoys us at the moment? Or do we want to be educated on the dos and do nots around wildlife using common sense so we can co-exist in harmony? And dealing with the extremes responsibly when they arise. I looked up non-lethal actions in regards to over population of deer and found there is a contraceptive that can be dart gunned into does that is suppose to be good for 3 years. I do not know the cost effectiveness or how you mark a doe that sheds annually so you know who is and who isn't I do know that this is a controversial local topic. I know you know that you cannot please everyone. I also want to remind you that if you over cater to the "complainers-that-just-have-to-complain-about-something", it won't end with the deer. Maybe there is some kind of logical compromise on the lesser lethal action. Thank you for your time!

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