## **Comment Received at Public Comment Hearing on December 13**

**Ken Jenkins** – Allowing private landowners to have more licenses is unfair. I would hate to see any change to current practice. I know there is a lot of elk on private land and I think there is already incentive set up by FWP for private landowners to allow hunters on their land.

From: <u>Jared Weaver</u>
To: <u>FWP Licensing Rules</u>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment on proposed licensing rules **Date:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 8:45:01 PM

I would like to comment on the new proposed licensing rules.

Mainly I don't not agree with the new outfitter preference points. Outfitters should not be awarded the ability to garner clients outside of the rules of other applicants. Further, there should not be the ability to pay for both outfitter preference and normal preference points. This allows an unfair advantage for those applying with outfitters. Outfitter clients should have to adhere to the same preference point system as non outfitter clients. This only serves to provide an outfitter and client with the opportunity to play by different rules and allows the outfitters to rely on government assistance to help them secure income. There is no reason to provide additional assistance to outfitters.

Sincerely,

Jared Weaver East Helena resident From: Ron Hudson

To: FWP Licensing Rules

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Licensing

Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 3:51:53 PM

I have been hunting in Montana from Indiana for many years. I hunt with my family who live in Montana. This year I was denied a license. My understanding has to do outfitters being given preference for their clients. I would hate to think that is the case. Out of state hunters without outfitters spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in Montana but I will go to another state if I am denied again. I love Montana but really want to have the option to join my family to hunt next year.

Sent from my iPhone

From: George Gaines
To: FWP Licensing Rules

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment submission

Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 2:44:20 PM

- 1. Nonresidents should absolutely NOT be able to buy an outfitter preference point.
- 2. Resident applicants should receive 95% of the total hunting licenses to be issued for any game species in any district.
- 3. 5% of a district antelope quota should be set aside for the landowner drawing, not 15%.
- 4. Organizations that demonstrate a commitment to the conservation of the species may submit a proposal to THE PUBLIC for a license to be sold by auction or lottery, and it will be voted on on a statewide ballot.
- 5. No applicant, regardless of active or veteran military status, should retain accumulated bonus points if they are successful in drawing a permit for any species.
- 6. Over-the-counter Region 2 multi-district archery whitetail doe tags should be RETAINED, 5 per resident hunter, with season open until January 15