

SENT EMAILS

OCTOBER 20, 2023 through DECEMBER 12, 2023

JEFF BURROWS

Commissioner (Region 2)

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 8:26 PM
To: Ken Schultz
Subject: Re: Crossbow

Thanks Ken.

Jeff

Jeff Burrows

*Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2*

On Oct 31, 2023, at 1:30 PM, Ken Schultz <ken@safflowertech.com> wrote:

Greetings Commissioners and Dustin,

I want to personally thank each one of you for not allowing crossbows into the coveted Archery Season. Crossbows have become a very powerful weapon and should stay in the rifle season where they belong. We will continue to upgrade the PTMAE (draw lock) system to fit the needs of all disabled hunters.

I was able to meet several of you and enjoyed our conversations. Thanks for everything you do for our Great State of Montana!!!

Sincerely,

*Ken Schultz
MBA President
Cell: 406-598-8550*

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 10:56 AM
To: Michael Henry
Subject: Re: Crossbows

Mike,

You are welcome.

Jeff

Jeff Burrows
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2

On Wed, Nov 15, 2023 at 11:25 AM Michael Henry <aquilamt94@gmail.com> wrote:
Mr. Burrows,

Thank you for protecting our archery season from the crossbow invasion. They have plenty of opportunities to use them in the General Season.

Mike Henry
Florence, MT
15 years Bowhunter Ed Instructor

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 2:49 PM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: Re: FW: [EXTERNAL] Region 2 Bighorn Amendment
Attachments: image001.png

Erik,

Formatting approved.

Thanks,
Jeff

Jeff Burrows
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2

On Wed, Nov 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Formatted the language, sir. No content changes. Still need you to check to make sure all is accurate, and how you want it to appear, and approved by you for posting.

Thank you!

~E

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 (via Google Docs) <drive-shares-noreply@google.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 12:15 PM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Region 2 Bighorn Amendment

FWP Commissioner Region 2 attached a document




FWP Commissioner Region 2 (commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org) has attached the following document:



Erik,

Please see attached amendment.

Jeff

 AmendmentTEMPLATE

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Wickman, Erik

From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 2:39 PM
To: commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: SPM Print Order confirmation for SPM-2023-9206

So I guess the answer to your question is “yes”, those emails do go to all commissioners, just through me.

~E

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 2:36 PM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: SPM Print Order confirmation for SPM-2023-9206

Does the fwcomm@mt.gov go to all commissioners?

Jeff

Jeff Burrows

*Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2*

On Nov 17, 2023, at 2:21 PM, Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, commissioners,

The below email shows confirmation that State Print and Mail is printing you all a new set of business cards. This was necessary due to the change in contact phone numbers with your new State cell phones.

These will be done and ready for you when you arrive for the December 13th special meeting (training session) here at Headquarters. If you're not going to be here, say the word and I will ship them to you when they arrive.

Please take a few moments to look them over. If there is information you'd like changed, please let me know. They will send me draft designs before printing and I can make changes if you'd like.

Respectfully,

~E

Erik Wickman
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Assistant to the Director
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From: gsd_systemadmin@mt.gov <gsd_systemadmin@mt.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 2:14 PM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: SPM Print Order confirmation for SPM-2023-9206

SPM Print Order confirmation for Order #SPM-2023-9206

This email confirms receipt of your order. Our SPM Customer Service Team will contact you if additional details are needed and for next steps.

Effective September 1st, any job with a lead time of 5 business days or less will be charged a rush fee. The rush fee will be \$25.00 / hr for any job that can be done in our standard business hours and \$50.00 / hr for any job that will require overtime to complete.

Web Order #: SPM-2023-9206
Order Date: 11/17/2023
Project Name: FW Commission Business Cards
Due Date: 12/1/2023
Quote Required: No

Contact Name: Erik Wickman
Email: erik.wickman@mt.gov
Phone: 4065948921
Address: 1420 East 6th Avenue | Helena, Montana 59601

Pick-up or Shipped: shipped
Shipping Contact Name: Erik Wickman
Shipping Phone: 4065948921

Shipping Address: 1420 East 6th Avenue | Helena, Montana 59601

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1: Business cards | 250

Special Instructions: Template: FWP-01 Title, Credentials: Commission Chair (Region 6), Full Name: Lesley Robinson, Division / Program / Department: Fish and Wildlife Commission, Cell / Mobile Phone: 406.301.0787, Email: commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org, Email2: FVComm@mt.gov, Address: PO Box 200701, Address2: Helena, MT 59620

2: Business cards | 250

Special Instructions: Template: FWP-01 Title, Credentials: Commission Vice Chair (Region 1), Full Name: Patrick "Pat" Tabor, Division / Program / Department: Fish and Wildlife Commission, Cell / Mobile Phone: 406.438.1714, Email: commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org, Email2: FVComm@mt.gov, Address: PO Box 200701, Address2: Helena, MT 59620

3: Business cards | 250

Special Instructions: Template: FWP-01 Title, Credentials: Commissioner - Region 2, Full Name: Jeff Burrows, Division / Program / Department: Fish and Wildlife Commission, Cell / Mobile Phone: 406.438.1148, Email: commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org, Email2: FVComm@mt.gov, Address: PO Box 200701, Address2: Helena, MT 59620

4: Business cards | 250

Special Instructions: Template: FWP-01 Title, Credentials: Commissioner - Region 3, Full Name: Susan Kirby Brooke, Division / Program / Department: Fish and Wildlife Commission, Cell / Mobile Phone: 406.438.0460, Email: commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org, Email2: FVComm@mt.gov, Address: PO Box 200701, Address2: Helena, MT 59620

5: Business cards | 250

Special Instructions: Template: FWP-01 Title, Credentials: Commissioner - Region 4, Full Name: K.C. Walsh, Division / Program / Department: Fish and Wildlife Commission, Cell / Mobile Phone: 406.438.3625, Email: commissionerregion4@mtfwp.org, Email2: FVComm@mt.gov, Address: PO Box 200701, Address2: Helena, MT 59620

6: Business cards | 250

Special Instructions: Template: FWP-01 Title, Credentials: Commissioner - Region 5, Full Name: Brian Cebull, Division / Program / Department: Fish and Wildlife Commission, Cell / Mobile Phone: 406.438.2551, Email: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org, Email2: FVComm@mt.gov, Address: PO Box 200701, Address2: Helena, MT 59620

7: Business cards | 250

Special Instructions: Template: FWP-01 Title, Credentials: Commissioner - Region 7, Full Name: William "Bill" Lane, Division / Program / Department: Fish and Wildlife Commission, Cell / Mobile Phone: 406.438.0143, Email: commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org, Email2: FVComm@mt.gov, Address: PO Box 200701, Address2: Helena, MT 59620

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Wickman, Erik

From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 1:27 PM
To: commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org
Subject: RE: Wolves of the Rockies et al v. FWP et al (Cause No. Cause No: DV-25-2023-654-DK)

Got it! Working the problem...

~E

Erik Wickman

Commission Coordinator

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From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 1:24 PM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Wolves of the Rockies et al v. FWP et al (Cause No. Cause No: DV-25-2023-654-DK)

Erik,

I cannot open word docs on this phone I get the attached screen.

Jeff

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From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 2:51:03 PM
To: FWP COMMISSIONERS <[FWP_COMMISSIONERS@mt.gov](#)>
Subject: FW: Wolves of the Rockies et al v. FWP et al (Cause No. Cause No: DV-25-2023-654-DK)

Good afternoon, commissioners,

The attached documents were sent by Legal to assist with retrieval of the requested information.

Please use these helps if you have any questions about how to complete retrieval. For those of you who have already responded, please disregard this notice.

Respectfully,

~E

Erik Wickman

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From: Reynolds, Regina <Regina.Reynolds@mt.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 11:05 AM

To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>

Cc: Scolavino, Alexander <Alexander.Scolavino@mt.gov>

Subject: RE: Wolves of the Rockies et al v. FWP et al (Cause No. Cause No: DV-25-2023-654-DK)

Hi Erik – thank you for collecting these documents from the Commission. I've attached 2 documents that will be helpful when the Commissioners are collecting and exporting their emails. I've also attached a guide on how to retrieve and save their text messages.

Let me know if you have any questions. I'm happy to assist if needed. It may seem complicated, but collecting them this way will allow us to load them into the E-Discovery software.

Thanks again!

Regina Reynolds

Paralegal

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From: Scolavino, Alexander <Alexander.Scolavino@mt.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 3:58 PM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Cc: Reynolds, Regina <Regina.Reynolds@mt.gov>
Subject: FW: Wolves of the Rockies et al v. FWP et al (Cause No. Cause No: DV-25-2023-654-DK)

Hi Erik,

Can you please work with the Commissioners so we can respond to Request for Production No. 1. As you will see in the document, "correspondence" covers a variety of communications. Please assure all of those are considered when working with the Commissioners. We must provide a response to the Plaintiffs on or before **November 17, 2023**.

Sincerely,

Alex Scolavino
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From: Amy Kirscher <Amy@mswdlaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 3:44 PM
To: Scolavino, Alexander <Alexander.Scolavino@mt.gov>
Cc: Rob Farris-Olsen <rfolsen@mswdlaw.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolves of the Rockies et al v. FWP et al (Cause No. Cause No: DV-25-2023-654-DK)

Good Afternoon,

Attached, please find Plaintiffs' First Set of Combined Discovery Request to Defendants in the above-referenced cause. I have included both a PDF and Word version for your convenience. Please let me know if you have any difficulty accessing either of these files. A hard copy will also follow by U.S. Mail.

Respectfully,

Amy Kirscher
Legal Assistant to Robert Farris-Olsen
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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2023 11:11 AM
To: Arnold, Randy
Subject: Re: CWD detected for the first time in hunting district 213 near Deer Lodge

Thanks Randy.

Another topic for our meeting is Jeff Lukas called me on a proposal he heard at one season setting meeting was to allow the commission to increase mule deer harvest above set quota ranges. I have not seen this proposal, but he said he heard it as a proposal from region 3 or 4 I think.

Jeff

Jeff Burrows

*Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2*

On Nov 23, 2023, at 9:43 AM, Arnold, Randy <rarnold@mt.gov> wrote:

Commissioner Burrows,

With the detection of CWD in HD213, Kirstie Yeager and Liz Bradley are coordinating to gather additional samples through the last few days of the season. Kirstie will be setting up a CWD sampling station in Deer Lodge.

By next season the CWD crew will have surveillance area changes in place for increased testing and monitoring.

Kirstie and Liz are also reviewing the current whitetail and mule deer regulations for the area. Generally, our approach has been to reduce deer densities while increasing sampling rates. We'll want to take advantage of season setting if there are any changes recommended. We can review this topic next Monday.

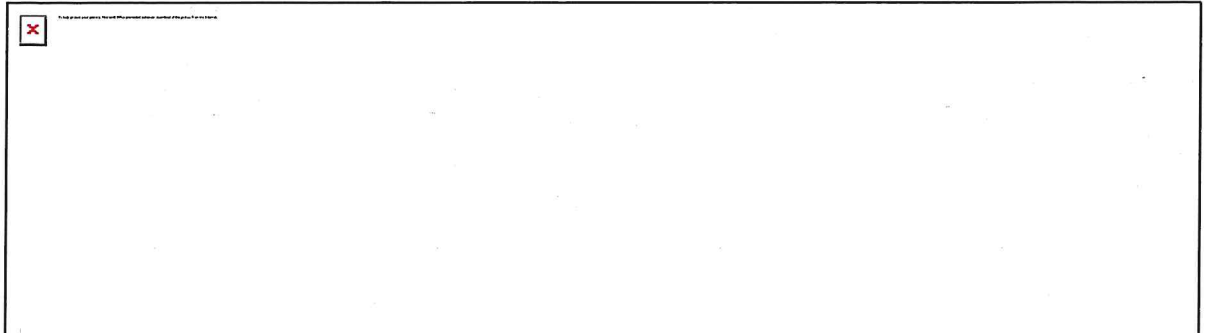
Please let me know if you have any questions!

Hope you have a happy Thanksgiving.

Randy

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From: Montana FWP - Region 2 <montanafwp@announcements.mt.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 5:25:48 PM
To: Arnold, Randy <rarnold@mt.gov>
Subject: CWD detected for the first time in hunting district 213 near Deer Lodge



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 22, 2023

CWD detected for the first time in hunting district 213 near Deer Lodge

DEER LODGE - Chronic wasting disease (CWD) was recently detected in a mule deer buck that was harvested by a hunter in [hunting district \(HD\) 213 \[lnks.gd\]](#) west of Deer Lodge. This is the first time CWD has been detected in the HD and in Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region 2.

The first tests from the sample indicate that the deer is “suspect” for CWD, which means it is considered positive for the disease but will undergo one more follow-up test for confirmation, following testing protocol.

CWD is a contagious neurological disease that can infect deer, elk and moose. It is always fatal, and there is no known cure. It was first detected in Montana’s wild herds in 2017. The disease is known to exist in various regions of Montana, with the closest prior detections approximately 100 miles to the southeast of HD 213. To see a map of where CWD has been detected and more details about the disease and management in Montana, visit: [fwp.mt.gov/cwd \[lnks.gd\]](#).

Hunters play a significant role in CWD disease management and understanding by providing test samples from harvested animals. Hunters in HD 213 and nearby areas are particularly encouraged to submit samples in the remaining days of the general hunting season. Surveillance will also continue in 2024 to understand more about disease prevalence in this area and other parts of the state.

The general deer and elk hunting season ends this Sunday, Nov. 26. Hunters anywhere in the state can either take CWD samples from harvested animals themselves and fill out an online hunter submission form and mail them to the Wildlife Health Lab in Bozeman; or they can bring the animal (or head) to an FWP regional office or CWD sampling station. Testing is free, and some sampling stations will close at the end of hunting season. Please see the FWP website for [sampling station \[lnks.gd\]](#) locations and hours: [fwp.mt.gov/cwd \[lnks.gd\]](#).

For the final three days of the general hunting season (Nov. 24-26), FWP will also be taking CWD test samples at a temporary sampling station at the intersection of West Milwaukee Avenue and South Old Stage Road in Deer Lodge from 10am-6pm daily.

CWD is not known to infect humans. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that people not eat meat from infected animals and have their harvested animals tested before eating them if they were taken from an area where CWD is known to exist. For more information on CDC recommendations, please visit go.usa.gov/xAcnc [\[lnks.gd\]](#).

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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 8:53 AM
To: Arnold, Randy
Subject: Re: Scott Richardson game damage

I support and am confident in Rebeccas ability to work with the landowner to come up with a safe effective solution.

Thanks,
Jeff

Jeff Burrows
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2

On Nov 3, 2023, at 8:17 AM, Arnold, Randy <rarnold@mt.gov> wrote:

Commissioner Burrows,

Attached, for your awareness, is a proposed Supplemental Damage hunt in 260. Rebecca is trying to address a large (close to 400) herd of elk concentrated on an agricultural pivot. Current weapons restricted hunters have been unsuccessful at moving these elk.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!

Randy

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From: Mowry, Rebecca <RMowry@mt.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 7:31:03 AM
To: Miller, Kyle <KMMiller@mt.gov>; Arnold, Randy <rarnold@mt.gov>
Cc: Bradley, Liz <LBradley@mt.gov>
Subject: Scott Richardson game damage

Randy and Kyle (and Liz),
The center pivot in HD260 between Florence and Lolo, managed by Scott Richardson, has been experiencing extreme elk presence/damage over the last week or so. Craig Jourdonnais actually contacted me about it this past Tuesday, and said he counted over 400 elk in Scott's field. Then Scott contacted me, telling me that hunting with special weapons (the OTC 201-01 license) has not been effective at moving them. He has been able to get only 4 elk harvested on that license. He said his hunters just can't get close

enough out in the open to shoot them, and they retreat to neighboring properties and then immediately come back to the field when the hunters are gone.

Scott thinks that allowing up to 10 people to shoot elk with a rifle, perhaps several people shooting elk at the same time, will be enough to encourage the elk to leave for good. I chatted with him about it yesterday.

I've prepped a supplemental game damage hunt letter and asked Scott to compile a list of hunters, BUT I wanted to see if there's any possibility we could just allow a subset of hunters who already hold a 201-01 to be able to use a rifle temporarily. That would probably be the easiest thing, I just wasn't sure logistically/legally if we could do that. So Plan B is the supplemental hunt, attached.

Kyle, I put you down as the reviewer for the game damage complaint, since I'm not sure which Missoula warden I should have picked for that (it's out of Shane's area).

Let me know what you think. For reference, we have had rifle damage hunts on this property in the past, and Scott assures me he can manage that safely and effectively.

Thanks,
Rebecca

<HD260SupplementalDamageHunt_Richardson_2023.pdf>

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 1:36 PM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: Burrows expense October meeting

October FWP meeting - 340 miles, 1 dinner

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Wickman, Erik

From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:46 PM
To: commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Burrows Meeting with Groups

Thank you, Jeff! See you Wednesday night!

~E

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:43 PM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Burrows Meeting with Groups

Erik,

For the record, below are the groups/organizations I met with this period:

11/28/23 - Park County Environmental Council - Introductions, discussion on wolf hunting around Yellowstone
12/4/23 - Informal Bitterroot working group - SFW, Ravalli Fish Wildlife Association, Mule Deer Foundation - Season setting, non-resident pressure, quotas
12/11/23 - Bitterroot Trappers - One member Foundation for Wildlife Management - Predator quotas/numbers, possibility of FWP participating in collaring data for wolves
12/11/23 - Marc Cooke - Wolves of the Rockies - Talked generally, no specific items

I will include this in my update as well.

Thanks,
Jeff

Jeff Burrows
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwf.org>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 10:00 PM
To: Mac Minard
Subject: Re: Courtesy Note

Thanks Mac.

Jeff

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From: moga@mt.net <moga@mt.net>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 11:15:12 AM
To: CommissionerRegion1@mtfwf.org <CommissionerRegion1@mtfwf.org>; CommissionerRegion2@mtfwf.org <CommissionerRegion2@mtfwf.org>; CommissionerRegion4@mtfwf.org <CommissionerRegion4@mtfwf.org>; CommissionerRegion5@mtfwf.org <CommissionerRegion5@mtfwf.org>; CommissionerRegion7@mtfwf.org <CommissionerRegion7@mtfwf.org>; Lesley Robinson <commissionerregion6@mtfwf.org>; Susan Kirby Brooke <CommissionerRegion3@mtfwf.org>
Cc: Brad Longcake <moga-brad@mt.net>
Subject: Courtesy Note



Commission Members

I wanted to let you know we have issued a notice to MOGA members to use only the State assigned emails and State assigned cell phone numbers for contacting Commission members going forward.

I hope this will help with the transition in communications protocol.

Thank you for the work you do on behalf of Montana!

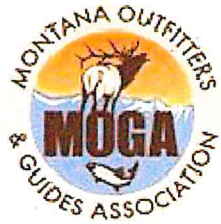
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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 22, 2023 2:00 PM
To: Rick,Diane Miller
Subject: Re: Crossbow Petition Decision

Thanks Rick

Jeff Burrows

*Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2*

On Oct 20, 2023, at 6:55 AM, Rick,Diane Miller <grrizzz@q.com> wrote:

All,

Wanted to make sure you all know how much your decision to deny the latest crossbow push is **appreciated!** I'm sure we have not seen the last of this money driven obsession, but due to your sound judgement, all stakeholders can breathe a sigh of relief.

Again, **THANK YOU** for helping to keep Montana the last great place!

Rick Miller
Colstrip, MT
1-406-749-0292

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 22, 2023 2:00 PM
To: GARY Doran
Subject: Re: Crossbow petition

Thanks Gary.

Jeff Burrows

*Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2*

On Oct 21, 2023, at 9:12 AM, GARY Doran <gnsdoran@msn.com> wrote:

Thank you for denying the petition for crossbow use in the archery season. I appreciate your support in keeping archery season for archers.

Wickman, Erik

From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 11:30 AM
To: commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] December Meeting Info

The Governor's Office has the Public Use Rules for final review. Once we have them back from the GO, I will get them to you.

We are looking for the maps you requested. More to follow on that...

~E

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 10:55 AM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] December Meeting Info

Erik,

Not sure if it is coming later, but can we get the following info:

- 1) Consolidated Public Use ARMS with comments
- 2) Maps for the weapons restrictions areas

Thanks,
Jeff

Jeff Burrows
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 5:36 PM
To: Arnold, Randy
Subject: Re: Season Setting meetings

Randy,

I will be out of town, but will try and be on zoom.

Thanks,
Jeff

Jeff Burrows

*Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2*

On Nov 3, 2023, at 4:05 PM, Arnold, Randy <rarnold@mt.gov> wrote:

Commissioner Burrows,

I wanted to make sure our Region 2 big game season setting meeting was on your radar. We'll be hosting in-person at our Missoula Conference Room, as well as on Zoom, next **Wednesday, November 8th from 6:00-8:00 pm**. We'll be following a similar format as the scoping meetings, with Liz presenting on the statewide proposals and each biologist presenting on the proposals for their respective areas.

We'll be fielding questions, but directing the public to make their comments on-line. It would be great to have you attend if you're available.

Please let me or Liz know if you have any questions!

Randy

Randy Arnold
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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 12:36 PM
To: Shifrin, Brooke
Subject: Re: thank you for your time!
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.gif; image003.gif; image004.gif

Thanks Brooke, nice meeting you.

Jeff

Jeff Burrows
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2

On Thu, Nov 30, 2023 at 8:49 AM Brooke Shifrin <bshifrin@greateryellowstone.org> wrote:

Hi Commissioner Burrows,

I just wanted to send a quick note thanking you for taking the time on Tuesday to meet with our coalition of organizations working together on wolf management issues in Montana. We appreciate the opportunity to hear your perspective and ideas, and share ours as well. It was nice chatting with you!

Take care,

Brooke



Brooke Shifrin | *Wildlife Conservation Coordinator* | *She/Her*
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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2023 8:15 PM
To: Dane Rider
Subject: Re: Thank You

Thanks Dane

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From: Dane Rider <dane.rider@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 3:54:37 PM
To: CommissionerRegion2@mtfwp.org <CommissionerRegion2@mtfwp.org>
Subject: Thank You

Commissioner Burrows,

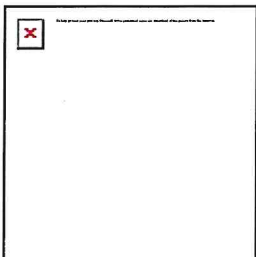
My name is Dane Rider. I represent the Traditional Bowhunters of Montana, and I provided comments at the October 19th Commission meeting regarding the petition to allow crossbows for disabled hunters in the archery-only season. We are incredibly grateful to you for voting to deny the petition. We understand how challenging it can be to decide on matters like this.

Montana has the gold standard of archery seasons in the West. We have abundant opportunities to chase a variety of game, a lengthy season, and a Commission and Department that recognize the unique opportunities that Montana has to offer. We hope the information we provided was helpful for you in making your decision, and we are always willing to be a resource for you regarding bowhunting and other archery-related topics.

Thank You again,

The Traditional Bowhunters of Montana

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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 1:54 PM
To: Jeff Burrows
Subject: Fwd: Tomorrow's meeting to discuss Wolf Management

Jeff Burrows

*Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2*

Begin forwarded message:

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Date: November 27, 2023 at 4:41:35 PM MST
To: Karrie Kahle <karrie@pcecmt.org>
Cc: Brooke Shifrin <bshifrin@greateryellowstone.org>, Matt Cuzzocreo <mcuzzocreo@greateryellowstone.org>, Johnathan Hettinger <johnathan@pcecmt.org>, Nathan Varley <nathan@wolftracker.com>, Kristin Oxford <koxford@greateryellowstone.org>
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's meeting to discuss Wolf Management

See you tomorrow.

Jeff

Jeff Burrows

*Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2*

On Nov 27, 2023, at 3:41 PM, Karrie Kahle <karrie@pcecmt.org> wrote:

Hello Commissioner Burrows,

We are all looking forward to meeting with you tomorrow at 2pm to discuss wolf management. Below is the zoom link for the meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Topic: Conversation with FWP Commissioner Jeff Burrows
Time: Nov 28, 2023 02:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

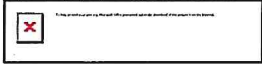
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Meeting ID: 841 6903 0948
Passcode: 810538

See you tomorrow,

Karrie

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Karrie Kahle

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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 9:27 AM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: Re: Virtual Binder Update
Attachments: image001.png; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png; image006.png

Nevermind, sorry, It looks like an old expense report.

Jeff Burrows
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2

On Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 9:25 AM FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org> wrote:
Good Morning Erik,

I was looking at the expense report on the drive, it has 21-22 expenses for Commissioners Byroth and Waller.

Jeff

Jeff Burrows
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2

On Mon, Dec 4, 2023 at 4:41 PM Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, commissioners,

The virtual binder for December 2023 has been updated to reflect all of the recent changes. Please discard any previous versions and use the one that is now available through the Google Drive.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

~E

Erik Wickman

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Wickman, Erik

From: Karrie Kahle <karrie@pcecm.org>
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 9:51 AM
To: commissionerregion2@mtfw.org
Subject: Re: Wolf Management Conversation

That sounds great thanks Jeff! I'll send over a Google Calendar invitation shortly which will contain the Zoom link but I've also copied it below.

Park County Environmental Council is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Conversation with FWP Commissioner Jeff Burrows
Time: Nov 28, 2023 02:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Have a great weekend!

Karrie



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On Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 3:01 PM FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org> wrote:
Karrie,

Let's shoot for 11/28 @ 2:00. If something changes let me know, I will be flexible and I will do the same.

Thanks,
Jeff

Jeff Burrows

*Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2*

On Nov 2, 2023, at 9:29 AM, Karrie Kahle <karrie@pcecmt.org> wrote:

Commissioner Burrows,

Sorry for my slow response. Would you have any availability 11/28, 11/29 or 11/30 anywhere in the noon-3pm time frame? Just let me know if anything might work and I can get the virtual meeting setup. Thank you so much for your willingness to meet!

Have a great day!

Karrie



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On Mon, Oct 30, 2023 at 9:58 PM FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org> wrote:

Karlie,

Thanks for reaching out, happy to meet. Can you send a couple dates that work and I will accommodate?

Jeff

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From: Karrie Kahle <karrie@pcecmt.org>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 1:43:00 PM
To: CommissionerRegion2@mtfwp.org <CommissionerRegion2@mtfwp.org>
Cc: Nathan Varley <nathan@wolftracker.com>
Subject: Wolf Management Conversation

Commissioner Burrows,

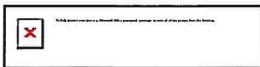
I hope that you are well as we make our way into the winter season. My name is Karrie Kahle and I work with the Park County Environmental Council in Livingston. PCEC along with 4 other NGOs (Greater Yellowstone Coalition, National Parks Conservation Association, Bear Creek Council and Natural Resources Defense Council) have been working together for the last few years regarding wolf regulations and wolf management, particularly in Region 3 and WMU 313 . We in the past have met with several members of the commission to discuss this issue. We would love the opportunity to meet with you. It would be wonderful to get to know you and have a discussion around these topics. If possible it would be great to set up a virtual meeting. Would you have any time available in the coming weeks, prior to the upcoming wolf management public meetings?

We truly appreciate your time and look forward to the conversation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Karrie Kahle

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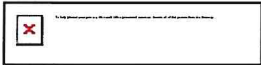
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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 10:51 AM
To: Larry Kolb
Subject: Re: Hunting Boundary Lines Area 204

Thank you Mr. Kolb.

Jeff

Jeff Burrows
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2

On Wed, Nov 15, 2023 at 7:59 PM Larry Kolb <lkolb@us.tsigroupltd.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Burrows,

My name is Larry J Kolb and I'm contacting you on behalf of my family and the Lazy K Ranch located just south of Lolo in area 204. We would like to voice our strong recommendation to move the c current rifle hunting boundary lines from the river bank to the power lines as they were located for so many years.

Having the rifle shooting boundary moved to the river has caused serious safety issues for our ranch and our neighbors. It also has encouraged an increase in poaching from illegal harvesting from the rover. I strongly recommend you move the rifle shooting boundary back to the lower power lin east of the river.

Thank you.

Larry J. Kolb

Cell: 406 -24-09123

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 10:42 AM
To: Wickman, Erik
Cc: Clerget, Sarah; FWP COMMISSIONERS
Subject: Re: Legal Update with Commissioners

Erik,

I cannot make the 21st @ 10:00.

Jeff

Jeff Burrows

*Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2*

On Nov 1, 2023, at 9:10 AM, Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good morning, commissioners,

I am looking for three to sign up for this Legal Update with our Chief Legal Counsel. First three to respond affirmatively will be scheduled. I am working on a second date and will get that option to you shortly.

~E

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Wickman, Erik

From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 8:20 AM
To: commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Legal Update

Got it! Thanks, Jeff!

~E

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From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 7:26 AM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Cc: FWP COMMISSIONERS <FWP_COMMISSIONERS@mt.gov>; Clerget, Sarah <sclerget@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Legal Update

The 16th @ 11:00 will work for me

Jeff Burrows
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2

On Nov 2, 2023, at 7:07 AM, Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good morning, commissioners,

The training on 11/21 is now full. The 11/16 training at 11am is still open to any who are available; limit of 3.

Respectfully,

~E

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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Saturday, November 4, 2023 5:42 PM
To: Denise Boggs
Subject: Re: Management team discusses winter plans for Yellowstone bison after deadly year prior – Daily Montanan

Ms Boggs,

Thanks again for the info and your comments.

Jeff

Jeff Burrows

*Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2*

On Nov 2, 2023, at 11:54 AM, Denise Boggs <deniseboggs@hushmail.com> wrote:

Who are the unreasonable ones? Gianforte and the Commission

Fact: There has never been a documented case of bison passing on brucellosis to livestock. So what is the great concern over brucellosis? It is a political red herring. It is about grass. It is about catering to the few ranchers instead of the greater public that support bison. FWP stands for Wildlife, not livestock.

Fact: Male bison don't carry brucellosis. So why must they be quarantined for a year before transfer to a tribe? If the state wants bison out of the Park it would be more efficient to get them to the tribes as quickly as possible.

Fact: The tolerance zones have been working for years. Don't you think it petty for Gianforte to threaten to revoke them unless the Park Service gives in to his blackmail? And he doesn't have the authority to do it - just blustering like his pal trump.

Ethics and decency..... Sorely lacking in Gianforte and since the commission signed that blackmail letter, it appears it doesn't either.

<https://dailymontanan.com/2023/11/01/management-team-discusses-winter-plans-for-yellowstone-bison-after-deadly-year-prior/> [dailymontanan.com]

Remember the plants, trees, animal life who all have their tribes, their families, their histories, too. Talk to them, listen to them. They are alive poems."

~Joy Harjo

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 9:23 AM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: Mileage FWP Region 2 Meeting

Erik,

11/27/23 - 95 miles for Region 2 meeting in Missoula

Thanks,
Jeff

Jeff Burrows
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2

Wickman, Erik

From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 3:52 PM
To: commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org
Subject: Re: Phone

I will ask the question, Jeff. No guarantees but I'll do everything I can.

~Erik Wickman
Commission Coordinator



Sent from my iPhone

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 3:44:45 PM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Phone

Erik,

Is there any possibility in getting an iPhone for commission phone? I hate this phone, when you have been an iPhone user forever this phone is not intuitive.

Jeff

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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 5:44 PM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: Re: Public Comment - Public Use Rules
Attachments: image001.png; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png; image006.png

Erik,

Can I get some clarification, the language that Mr Marbut and many of the comments take issue with is below. It appears to me that the language has been removed in the consolidated rule.

NEW RULE XIII (ARM 12.12.113 WEAPONS (1) Except as posted by the department, discharge of any weapon as defined in 45-2-101, MCA, such as firearms, explosives, air or gas weapons, paintball guns, arrows from a bow, spears or spear guns on or over either land or water is prohibited in public use sites.

Thanks,
Jeff

Jeff Burrows
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2

On Mon, Dec 11, 2023 at 10:35 AM Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good morning, commissioners,

Attached please find the raw public comments on the Consolidated Public Use Rules ARM.

For your review and consideration,

~E

Erik Wickman

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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2023 11:01 AM
To: Dorian Boling
Subject: Re: Public comment

Mr Boling,

I have read all your emails.

Thanks,
Jeff

Jeff Burrows
Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2

On Nov 24, 2023, at 1:43 PM, Dorian Boling <dorianboling@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello commisioners,

I really hope that you all have read my emails and I hope to see crossbows allowed for 2023 for those that have the PTMAE - permit to adapt archery equipment (there are less then 300 of us that currently have the permit so I hope our voices matter more then those who do not deal with upper body disabilities) So us who actually use the equipment and those that help us have a choice of equipment that is best and safest for our choice of hunting style.

Thank You
Dorian Boling

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2023 11:05 AM
To: Chad Hoover
Subject: Re: Resource

Mr Hoover,

I am not opposed to looking into that idea further. I have heard increasing concern on this issue of non-resident harvest of does and small bucks.

Thanks,
Jeff

Jeff Burrows

*Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Region 2*

On Nov 18, 2023, at 6:02 AM, Chad Hoover <chad@hooveroutfitting.com> wrote:

Dear Jeff,

Hunters perceive money spent on a tag should result in a dead animal. The more money spent increases the need for results. This is a fact. I would propose to change the culture with the new e-tag system. Understandably the state needs to continue making the same dollar amount. Consider separating the hunting license. One would be a hunting permit and the second would be a harvest permit. One might consider it the old trophy fee. I would consider it a harvest fee. This would be an opportunity to capitalize on our resource and put it more in the catch and release category. Potentially an additional \$250 harvest fee would limit killing immature bucks on the last day of the hunt. In state hunters are more often allowing the immature animals to live. Non-residents do not have the same preservation mindset. We have caused this problem ourselves. Please consider new solutions.

Respectfully,

Chad Hoover

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