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OCTOBER 20, 2023 through DECEMBER 12, 2023

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Commission Vice Chair (Region 1)

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 9:48 PM
To: Mac Minard
Subject: Elk plan you requested
Attachments: NEW_Differences in Bull Goals 2005-2023 Plans.pdf

Per your request based on your inquiry

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 1:33 PM
To: Ian Williams
Subject: Re: Elk tags

Ian
Thanks for your thoughts. A change of that magnitude would require a real ground swell of a variety of groups to all come to agreement to change from the existing very liberal season structure Montanans have come to enjoy and expect. There just has not been enough folks to suggest this, in fact you are the only one that has forwarded it to me.
Regards
Pat Tabor
Vice Chairman
FWP Commission

On Tue, Oct 31, 2023, 12:47 PM Ian Williams <williamsian921@icloud.com> wrote:

Yes sir Pat I would like all the regions go into draw give out certain amount of elk tag for each region for resident and nonresident it would take three or four years to draw for the region that you wanna hunt elk in the way it is now there's so many nonresident people going in there and shooting all the elk

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 30, 2023, at 8:03 PM, FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org> wrote:

Ian
Can you be specific as to what you want done?
Pat Tabor
Vice Chairman
FWP Commission

On Mon, Oct 30, 2023, 10:20 AM Ian Williams <williamsian921@icloud.com> wrote:

Hello I am a concerned elk hunter I would like to see some things changed on the elk tags in the units you have

Sent from my iPhone

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 8:27 AM
To: Patrick Tabor
Subject: Fwd: FW: Formatted amendments
Attachments: image001.png; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png; image006.png; POTENTIAL AMENDMENT FOR DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING-HD 700Elk.docx; POTENTIAL AMENDMENT FOR DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING-REGION 4 BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT FOR HD417.docx; POTENTIAL AMENDMENT FOR DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING-REGION 7 MULE DEER DOE.docx

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From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Date: Mon, Nov 27, 2023 at 11:23 AM
Subject: FW: Formatted amendments
To: commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>

Good morning, Mr. Vice Chair,

Attached please find the amendments you submitted with adjustments for format only; no change in content.

If you agree with the formatted language, please indicate that approval and I will get these posted on the web.

Respectfully,

~E

Erik Wickman

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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2023 3:38 PM
To: Patrick Tabor
Subject: Fwd: HD 417 limited entry Deer permits

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From: **Matt Wickens** <wickensranch@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Nov 20, 2023 at 8:50 AM
Subject: HD 417 limited entry Deer permits
To: <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>

Proposal for HD417 limited entry Deer Permits (copied from fwp.mt.gov website)

**For the upcoming 2024-25 hunting season in hunting districts (HDs) 410, 411, 412, 417, 419, and 426, it is proposed to: • Change the mule deer general license regulation in HDs 410 and 417 from "Antlered Buck Only" (AB) to limited-entry (LE) permits for both 6-week archery and 5-week general seasons (quota 100, quota range 25-500);*

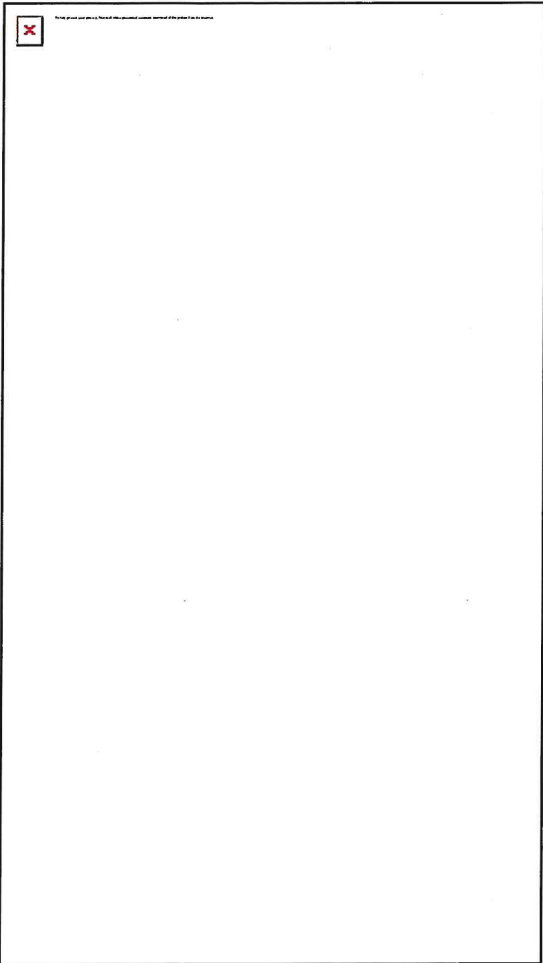
My name is Matt Wickens and I've owned Dog Creek Outfitters in the 417 area for over 20 years. As an outfitter my livelihood depends on the success and abundance of wildlife in our area and I see no need to include the northwestern portion of 417 into a limited deer permit. Outside of the fact that we have a strong deer population in our localized area, if this proposal goes through I will be out of business within a year as about 75% of our income is derived from mule deer hunting. I completely understand the need for limited deer permits on land east of the Stafford Ferry Road but no change in permitting is necessary on land west of the Stafford Ferry Road.

Quick Overview of HD 417

417 is a large hunting district with very diverse terrain and needs, and should be managed as such.

The **eastern** portion of the unit contains vast areas of accessible public land with limited agriculture (i.e. farmland/homesteads), deer numbers in the eastern portion have plummeted to dangerously low levels primarily due to drought, harsh winters, no supplemental feed (haystacks, shelterbelts, ect.), unlimited public access which has resulted in overuse and the encroachment of elk into what was historically mule deer range.

The **northwestern** portion of unit 417 is very different from the east. The northwestern portion is primarily private land and land-locked public with a higher concentration of farm fields, homesteads, and limited public access. The deer population in the northwestern portion of 417 is strong. It's not uncommon to see 75-100 deer a day while we are consistently harvesting older age class deer.



Simple Solution

Two years ago the northwestern boundary of HD417 was changed, moving the northwestern boundary from the Stafford Ferry Road further west to the PN Bridge Road. I would simply propose to revert back to the original boundaries as it was for many many years. Switching the northwestern boundary back to its original location of the Stafford Ferry Road would not only save the business I have been building for the last 22 years, it is also a commonsense point of division that separates two very different landscapes with different needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Matt Wickens
Dog Creek Outfitters
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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 7:08 AM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: Re: 2024 Tentative Meeting Dates
Attachments: image001.png; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png; image006.png; image001.png; image006.png; image005.png; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png

All work for me

On Wed, Nov 29, 2023, 11:07 AM Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good morning, commissioners,

I have reviewed the attached list of 2024 meeting dates with Chair Robinson and she has requested that I send the list to you for review.

Please check these tentative dates and let me know if you have conflicts with any of the dates. We do have some latitude to move dates around a bit.

If you'd like to call me with your conflicts, that is always fine and you can call me anytime (24/7) on my cell: 594-8921.

If you're comfortable emailing, that's fine as well.

Respectfully,

~E

Erik Wickman

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Assistant to the Director

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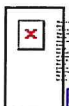
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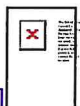
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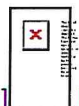
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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2023 4:05 PM
To: Wickman, Erik
Cc: commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org; Wakeling, Brian; Temple, Dustin; Kujala, Quentin
Subject: Amendments
Attachments: POTENTIAL AMENDMENT FOR DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING-HD 700Elk.docx;
POTENTIAL AMENDMENT FOR DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING-REGION 7 MULE
DEER DOE.docx; POTENTIAL AMENDMENT FOR DECEMBER COMMISSION MEETING-
REGION 4 BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT FOR HD417.docx

Erik:
Please find attached three amendments I would like posted
Thanks
Pat

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Wickman, Erik

From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:35 AM
To: commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Big Horn Sheep

Received, sir! Working on it...

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:21 AM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Cc: commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org; Wakeling, Brian <Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov>; Temple, Dustin <dtemple@mt.gov>; Kujala, Quentin <qkujala@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Big Horn Sheep

Erik:
One last amendment to get in. Please handle accordingly. Once again forwarded from my personal computer as my state computer doesn't give me license access to using any of the microsoft tools
Thanks
Pat

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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 12:00 PM
To: Marc Cooke
Cc: Kim Bean
Subject: Re: Commissioner Tabor, Kim and Marc

This works great, see you then

On Wed, Nov 29, 2023, 10:36 AM Marc Cooke <marc@wolvesoftherockies.org> wrote:

This is the Zoom information necessary for Thursday's Zoom at 4:30 p.m. If you have to reschedule please just call me r send me an email and I will take care of the rest. Thanks, Marc

Commissioner Tabor, Kim and Marc

Thursday Nov 30, 2023 · 4:30pm – 5:30pm (Mountain Time - Denver)

Kim Bean is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Guests

Marc Cooke - organizer

kim@wolvesoftherockies.org

commissionerregion1@mtfw.org

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 1:38 PM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: October Expenses

Erik

Per your request I'm just providing info for you to complete the spreadsheet.

10/18 travel to Helena starting at 11:00 am, lunch and dinner per diems

10/19 Commission meeting and travel home, breakfast and dinner per diems

Last month of cell phone reimbursement

Thanks

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission

Wickman, Erik

From: Wakeling, Brian <Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2023 8:33 AM
To: commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org; Kujala, Quentin
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Reduction of wolf trapping

Interesting question! I'm not sure I have a ready answer, but we can pursue with Legal to get some feedback.

BFW

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2023 7:58 AM
To: Kujala, Quentin <qkujala@mt.gov>; Wakeling, Brian <Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Reduction of wolf trapping

Gentleman

This question has been raised several times. How might I respond? Please advise.

Thanks

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission

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From: Chris Morgan <c.morgan11@icloud.com>
Date: Thu, Nov 23, 2023, 6:24 PM
Subject: Reduction of wolf trapping
To: <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>

Commissioner Tabor,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving with friends and family.

In light of the recent ruling by judge Malloy I thought I'd run something by you:

Does the commission have the authority to allow incidental catches of wolves in coyote traps to be kept? I'd be willing to go into more detail and provide whatever necessary if it's something that can be done. I don't want to waste any more of your time than necessary if it isn't.

Thanks,

Chris Morgan
Montana Trapper's Association
VP West

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2023 3:12 PM
To: Patrick Tabor
Subject: Fwd: Restore HD 700 Elk Quota
Attachments: image001.png; Hunting District 700 Fact Sheet.docx; Proposal to restore HD 700 Elk Quota.docx; R7 Mule Deer Doe on Private Land only.docx; Comments on MD does on Private Land.docx

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From: <moga@mt.net>
Date: Tue, Nov 21, 2023 at 1:13 PM
Subject: Restore HD 700 Elk Quota
To: <CommissionerRegion1@mtfwp.org>
Cc: <moga-will@mt.net>, Bill Wood <bill@treedupoutfitters.com>, burdett500 <burdett500@yahoo.com>, Cayuse Hills Outfitters <cayusehillsoutfitters@gmail.com>, Chris J. Francis <cjf@c-francis.com>, <chrisfaber@montanaoutfittingcompany.com>, Dusty Crary <7lazyp@3rivers.net>, Eric Albus <ealbus@nemontel.net>, <huntwithcody@yahoo.com>, Joseph Haas <haas.joseph1@gmail.com>, Rod Paschke <paschke@midrivers.com>, <vollmerscott@yahoo.com>

Commissioner Tabor

MOGA has been working diligently with several other organizations and the Department to forward proposals and comments regarding season setting. Unfortunately, there is not a vehicle for members of the public to get ideas before the community directly for consideration and comment. Therefore, we need to rely on individual Commission members to request an item be added to the Commission meeting agenda. Thank you for considering this request.

1. ESTABLISH Elk QUOTAS FOR HD 700-20 & 700-21.

I am requesting you use the authority granted to you and request an Increase either-sex season elk quotas for HD 700-20 (rifle) from 200 to 250 and HD 700-21 (archery) from 660 to 800 and by so doing reinstate the Commission approved levels from February 2022. I have attached a copy of the specific proposal and supporting material.

2. Restrict Mule Deer Doe Harvest to Private Land in R7

I am also requesting that a proposal that restricts mule deer doe harvest in R7 to private land. Commissioner Lane (R7) is reluctant to submit it under his name, however, I think he agrees it is a worthy enterprise to release it for public reaction and comment. I have attached a copy of the specific proposal and supporting material.

As you know, the process is that a Commissioner may request this item be added to the December 14 agenda. By doing so it will allow the public to see and comment on this proposal. Further, your request does not imply support or consent for the proposal. We would want the public comment to inform your position.

Thank you for your willingness to assist in this matter and let me know if you require anything further.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mac Minard

Executive Director

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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 4:36 PM
To: Marc Cooke
Cc: Kim Bean
Subject: Re: Time to chat
Attachments: fb3a441c.png; fb3a441c.png

Marc:

Yes, but we likely need to do it this week, as I am traveling heavily starting next week leading up to the Commission meeting. Anytime except for 10:30 am tomorrow and totally free Thursday and Friday

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

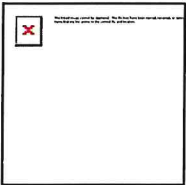
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On Tue, Nov 28, 2023, 9:48 AM Marc Cooke <marc@wolvesoftherockies.org> wrote:

Commissioner Tabor,

We would like to discuss several items on the agenda for the December 19th commission hearing. Would it be possible to set up a Zoom chat? If so, please let me know what time would work best, and we will do the rest.

Thanks for your consideration, Marc



Marc Cooke

Wolves of the Rockies

Stevensville, Montana

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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 7:07 AM
To: Patrick Tabor
Subject: Fwd: Wild Sheep Proposal
Attachments: image001.png; image001.png; Unlimited Sheep Proposal.docx

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From: <moga@mt.net>
Date: Wed, Nov 29, 2023, 2:19 PM
Subject: Wild Sheep Proposal
To: <CommissionerRegion1@mtfwp.org>
Cc: Lyndsey Medsker <Lmedsker@clearskiesstrategic.com>, Brian Solan <bsolan.bs@gmail.com>, <moga-will@mt.net>

Here is the potential proposal.

1. Require the forfeiture of bonus points when an unlimited license is purchased.
2. Limit application and purchase of unlimited license to every other year per individual

These two things combined are intended to slow the number of applicants while preserving the unlimited nature of this unique opportunity.

I am sharing this with Biran Solan with Montana Wild Sheep Foundation.

Mac Minard

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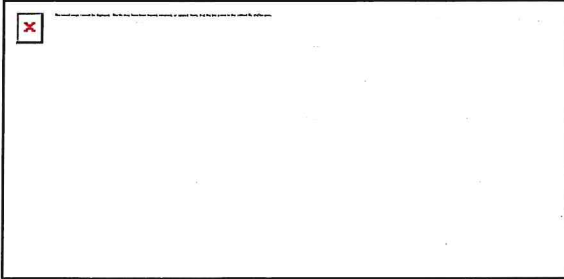
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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 1:04 PM
To: Tabish, Dillon
Cc: Anderson, Lee
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Next week's meetings
Attachments: image001.png; image001.png

See what old age gets you? I had the right dates on my calendar just not on the email. See you then!

On Mon, Nov 13, 2023, 8:33 AM Tabish, Dillon <Dillon.Tabish@mt.gov> wrote:

Good morning, Commissioner. The season setting meeting is Tuesday at our office and the CAC meeting is Wednesday. Both meetings will start at 6 pm.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Dillon Tabish

Regional Communication and Education Program Manager

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From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>

Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 4:29 PM

To: Tabish, Dillon <Dillon.Tabish@mt.gov>

Cc: Anderson, Lee <leeanderson@mt.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Next week's meetings

Dillon

Just a heads up that I'm planning on going to both meetings next Wednesday Thursday.

Thanks

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 11:05 AM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: November Expenses

Erik:

I had the following days for FWP matters for calculating daily stipend:

11/14 Region 1 meeting regarding Biennials

11/15 Region 1 CAC

11/27 Commission Folder review, preparations of amendments

11/28 Pre Commission meeting

11/30 Conference calls with MOGA, and Wolves of the Rockies

\$500 total, no other out-of-pocket expenses

Thanks

Pat

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