

Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group Recommendation Template

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Group's Purpose

The purpose of the advisory group is to forge new relationships among stakeholders and collaboratively develop new and creative ideas and recommendations for issues surrounding elk management in Montana to balance hunter and landowner interests.

Key Issue

This section identifies the "key issue," as identified by the Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group.

Strategically redistribute the elk and redistribute hunters.

Title of Recommendation

This section describes the title, or what we want to call the recommendation.

Intent

This section describes the intent of the recommendation, or what it is trying to achieve.

The intent is to redistribute the hunters and elk to reduce overcrowding and pressure on public land. With less hunters and less pressure on public land elk tend to move off private land. We cannot expect a wholesale shift to happen immediately. But we do know elk do respond to pressure. If we lessen pressure in an area then the elk will want to move to that area. The recommendation would also improve the quality of the hunt and the opportunity to harvest.

Note: The intent of the recommendation must align and address the Key Issue.

Justification

This section describes the "problem" that we are trying to solve, and why we think this recommendation will be able to address the problem.

Public lands are overcrowded, elk have not tolerated the current level of hunter and predator pressure and have sought refuge on private lands. Reducing pressure on public lands may allow more elk to return to public land. Many hunters participate in both the archery only and rifle seasons. By restricting hunters to hunting bull elk either during the archery season* or the rifle season, and by choose your area, you will reduce the number of hunters on public land during a given time period.

*archery hunting would not be allowed in rifle season

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Description

This section describes the recommendation. It explains who is doing what, and the practical actions that will be taken to achieve the intention.

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) will investigate the choice of weapon and/or choice of area for antlered bull elk hunting. This recommendation would not restrict cow elk hunting with B tags in areas over objective.