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Dear Director Williams and the Citizens of Montana,

The following pages provide an overview of the Law Enforcement Division’s accomplishments over the last year. Not only did 2017 bring significant obstacles and challenges for the division, it also demonstrated the resolve, determination and flexibility of Montana Game Wardens to adapt to and overcome those challenges. This annual report serves to capture and present that information.

The detection of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Canyon Ferry and Tiber Reservoirs was the first of many new challenges. Game Wardens seamlessly adjusted to the new emphasis on AIS detection efforts, AIS inspection stations and AIS decontamination stations across the state. This critical work will continue to be a challenge as well as a priority for not only the Enforcement Division but for the entire agency.

The recent discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Montana has now set the stage for our latest challenge. The enforcement division has and will continue to dedicate hundreds of hours programmatically coordinating CWD hunts, facilitating and leading sample collection, organizing checkstations and working with landowners, hunters, and other stakeholders for the foreseeable future as the prevalence of CWD is determined.

Perhaps the biggest challenge for the Enforcement Division however, has been the Pittman-Robertson (P-R) funding of personal services (pay). The 2017 legislature funded the division with 30% P-R funds; as opposed to 3 to 9% in previous years. P-R funds are strictly prohibited from being used for law enforcement duties. As such, Game Warden efforts dedicated to proactive conservation law enforcement, state parks enforcement, water safety enforcement and criminal investigation of poaching activity in Montana were drastically impacted.

Arguably, one of the most dangerous jobs in law enforcement is that of a Game Warden. We work alone, without close back up, in areas with limited communication and nearly everyone we encounter is armed. Despite the dangers, risks and hazards of protecting our wild resources and the challenges AIS, legislative Pittman-Robertson funding and CWD has presented, Montana’s Game Wardens commitment and dedication to the mission of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks continues strong and unwavering in serving and protecting Montana, The Last Best Place.

Sincerely,

Dave Loewen, Chief
Law Enforcement Division
OATH OF OFFICE

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect and defend the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Montana and that I will discharge the duties of my office as a Fish, Wildlife and Parks Game Warden with fidelity (so help me God).

LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession: Law Enforcement.
Law Enforcement Division Priorities

OFFICER SAFETY
Our most important resource is our personnel. In 2017, 129 law enforcement officers nationwide were killed in the line of duty, 45 of whom were feloniously killed in the line of duty—including Montana’s Broadwater County, Deputy Mason Moore. The safety of Montana’s Game Wardens has been and will continue to be a priority for the agency and the division. An aggressive training program where safety, proficiency, skill and knowledge are a common theme will continue within the division. Training and implementation of best practices and procedures that keep Game Wardens safe while at the same time keeping conservation law enforcement relevant and on the cutting edge of technology will continue to be emphasized as we move forward.

RESOURCE PROTECTION
Wildlife crime worldwide continues at an epidemic rate. The mission of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks places the protection and preservation of our wild resources as an agency wide priority and the underlying foundation for the work we do. Through proactive law enforcement and sound professional criminal investigations, Montana’s Game Wardens are dedicated to the protection and preservation of Montana’s priceless fish, wildlife and parks resources and providing for safe recreational opportunities. Public involvement with resource protection through the promotion and use of TIPMONT will continue to be an emphasis within the law enforcement program.

PUBLIC SERVICE
Public trust, professionalism and conduct are the foundational tenets upon which our Oath of Office and the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics are built. As public employees, the Game Wardens of the Enforcement Division are committed to upholding and demonstrating this by continuing to deliver fair, consistent and impartial law enforcement without compromising officer safety or weakening officer discretion.

PARTNERSHIPS
Game Wardens are more often the face and voice representing Fish, Wildlife & Parks in our local communities. Continuing to grow and strengthen existing relationships while developing critical new relationships with sportsmen and women, constituency groups, landowners and all Montanans has been a traditional strength of Montana Game Wardens and will continue as we strive to meet the challenges of an everchanging and evolving landscape.

TECHNOLOGY
The use of technology clearly plays an increasingly important role in nearly all aspects of modern law enforcement. The enforcement division will continue to explore employ and leverage technology to our advantage to streamline administrative tasks, enhance officer safety, collect relevant enforcement data and enable more efficient use of time.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT
Up-to-date, defendable, enforceable and reliable policy in a ‘develop, implement, review and revise cycle’ is integral in any law enforcement organization. The enforcement division will continue with consolidating and modernizing existing policy, developing needed policy and purging obsolete policy.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES
The division will certainly continue to be faced with new and unforeseen challenges while at the same time being tasked with adapting to the AIS, CWD, and PR funding challenges we currently face. Increased public and agency demand on Game Warden time coupled with an ever-changing work environment will require Montana Game Wardens to remain relevant, keep an eye to the future but never lose sight of our past.
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Enforcement Division

Dave Loewen
Chief of Enforcement

Ron Jendro
Assistant Chief of Enforcement

Commissioned Headquarters Staff
JD Douglas, Warden Captain
Justin Gibson, Training Officer
Phil Kilbreath, Recreation Program Manager
Mike Lee, Commercial wildlife permitting

Noncommissioned Headquarters Staff
Chris Fetherston, Admin Supervisor
Laura Juvan George, Admin spec.
Glen McOsker, Technology specialist
Brian Shinn, TIPMONT program

ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS
- TIPMONT
- Recreational Boating Enforcement
- Special Investigations
- Commercial Wildlife Permitting
- Field Training Evaluation Program
- Statewide training
- Hiring

ENFORCEMENT DIVISION STATS
- Total staff: 111
- Total commissioned officers: 106
- Average game warden time in service: 12.05 years

“Enforce the law without fear or favor.”
—W.F. Scott, Montana’s first Game Warden, 1901
Montana Game Warden

FWP MISSION
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, through its employees and citizen commission, provides for the stewardship of the fish, wildlife, parks and recreational resources of Montana, while contributing to the quality of life for present and future generation.

THE BADGE
The badge worn by Montana game wardens is a unique symbol of our profession and our professionalism. It is a symbol of courage, honor, integrity, truth, justice and service. The badge represents our commitment to selfless service to the people of Montana by the expression of our core values:
- Public service
- Public Trust
- Honoring tradition and heritage
- Working with landowners
- Using science
- Leadership
- Stewardship
- Valuing our team

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REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A GAME WARDEN
- Bachelors degree
- Extensive background investigation
- Medical evaluation
- Psychological evaluation
- Graduation from Montana Law Enforcement Academy
- Completion of Field Training and Evaluation Program
- 1 Full year of probation after hire
Region 1

Region 1 Information
Montana FWP Region 1 Headquarters
490 N Meridain Rd
Kalispell MT 59901
406-752-5501

Block Management..........................735,000 acres
Public land.....................................8,446 square miles
Fishing access sites...........................32
State parks......................................42

Game Wardens
Lee Anderson.................................Captain
Jon Obst........................................Sergeant
Nathan Reiner.................................Sergeant

Chuck Bartos.................................Kalispell
Perry Brown.................................Columbia falls
Ben Chappelow............................Eureka
Chris Crane.................................Whitefish
Troy Hink.................................Thompson Falls
Tamie Laverdure............................Libby
Nathan Muhn.................................Kalispell
Chris Neu.................................Kalispell
Wes Oedekoven.............................Kalispell
Morgan Post................................Polson
Taylor Rockafellow.........................Troy
Justin Slobuszewski.........................Bigfork
Region 2

Region 2 Information
Montana FWP Region 2 Headquarters
3201 Spurgin Rd
Missoula MT 59804
406-542-5500

Block Management...............566,000 acres
Public land ....................7,140 square miles
Fishing access sites.................72
State parks...............................11

Game Wardens
Joe Jaquith............................Captain
Dan Curtin..............................Sergeant
Aaron Berg..............................Sergeant

Terry Althaus.........................Philipsburg
Tom Chianelli........................Missoula
Chris Hamilton......................Missoula
Joe Kambic............................Whitefish
Bill Koppen..........................Seeley Lake
Kyle Miller............................Missoula
Lou Royce.............................Darby
Derek Schott.........................Missoula
Ezra Schwalm.......................Lincoln
Justin Singleterry...............Stevensville
Region 3

Region 3 Information
Montana FWP Region 3 Headquarters
1400 South 19th Ave
Bozeman MT, 59718
406-994-4042

Block Management .......................541,000 acres
Public land .................................10,914 square miles
Fishing access sites .........................87
State parks ................................9

Game Wardens
Adam Pankratz .........................Captain
Matt Wemple .........................Sergeant
Coy Cline .........................Sergeant
Justin Hawkaluk ......................Sergeant

Shane Brozovich ......................Ennis
Bill Dawson ......................Boulder
Regan Dean ......................Butte
Timothy Fawell ......................Helena
Justin Feddes ......................Bozeman
Ben Gleason ......................Bozeman
Josh Leonard ......................Townsend
Brian Lloyd ......................Bozeman
Alex Mattson ......................Helena
Andrew Mohr ......................Helena
Robert Phole ......................West Yellowstone
Ryan Picken ......................Sheridan
Rick Schmauch ......................Dillon
Drew Scott ......................Livingston
Greg Todd ......................Gardiner
Kerry Wahl ......................Dillon
Shane Yaskus ......................Butte
Region 4

Region 4 Information
Montana FWP Region 4 Headquarters
4600 Giant Springs Road
Great Falls, MT 59405
(406) 454-5840

Block Management .....................1,240,000 acres
Public land ..................................7,657 square miles
Fishing access sites ..........................55
State parks ........................................5

Game Wardens
Dave Holland ......................Captain
Brett Logan .........................Sergeant
Kyle Andersen .................Sergeant

Shawn Briggs ...............................Lewistown
Rod Duty ........................................Choteau
Trenton Farmer .........................Great Falls
Trey Gacke ......................Lewistown
Keith Knighton .........................Great Falls
Mike Krings ...............................Conrad
Kqyn Kuka .................................Great Falls
John Lesofski .........................White Sulphur Springs
Brady Murphy .....................Augusta
Zac Norris .........................Stanford
Jim Smolczynski ......................Fort Benton
Tegan Winters .............................Cascade
Region 5

Region 5 Information
Montana FWP Region 5 Headquarters
2300 Lake Elmo Dr
Billings, MT 59105
406-247-2940

Block Management..........................611,500 acres
Public land ..................................3,279 square miles
Fishing access sites.........................47
State parks......................................6

Game Wardens
Harold Guse..........................Captain
Chris Anderson..................Sergeant
Brad Balis..........................Billings
Derek Fagone.......................Big Timber
Matt Heaton......................Red Lodge
Randy Hutzenbiler..........Roundup
Matt Ladd..........................Billings
Paul Luepke......................Great Falls
Skyler Mitchell............Cooney SP
Nick Taylor......................Harlowton
Courtney Tyree.............Billings

Warden districts
Region headquarters
Region 6

Region 6 Information
Montana FWP Region 6 Headquarters
54078 US Hwy 2 W
Glasgow, MT 5959230
406-228-3700

Block Management..........................1,366,570 acres
Public land.................................7,335 square miles
Fishing access sites.............................16
State parks........................................1

Game Wardens
Ron Howell.................................Captain
Shane Reno.................................Sergeant

John Huberty...............................Fort Peck
Ryan Linder...............................Plentywood
Andrew Matakis.............................Havre
Ben Morin.................................Malta
Chase Sanderson.............................Malta
Todd Tryan....................................Glasgow
Region 7

Region 7 Information
Montana FWP Region 7 Headquarters
352 I-94 Business Loop
Miles City, MT 59301
406-234-0900

Block Management ..................2,206,410 acres
Public land..........................7,075 square miles
Fishing access sites..................21
State parks............................4

Game Wardens
Jack Austin..........................Captain
Todd Anderson.....................Sergeant
Chris Kerin.........................Sergeant
Brooke Johnson.....................Glendive
Ryan Karren.........................Sidney
Ryan Kasson.........................Jordan
Connor Langel......................Colstrip
Zach Phillips.........................Baker
Kyle Queer..........................Broadus
Jordan Straley.....................Decker
The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Enforcement Division enforces the laws and rules regulating fishing in the state of Montana through the use of effective, professional conservation law enforcement.

The 2017 legislature passed legislation expanding the FWP Aquatic invasive species (AIS) program in response to the discovery of invasive mussels in Montana. This discovery, changed the nature of FWP Warden’s summer field work, putting a much larger emphasis on the AIS program. Wardens spend their time enforcing regulations in three main areas:

1. Enforcing regulations pertaining to AIS quarantine areas.
2. Enforcing mandatory inspection for traveling watercraft.
3. Enforcing mandatory inspection before launch for out of state boats.

Montana Game Wardens enforce the rules and laws regulating fishing in the state of Montana. Wardens patrol the field, contact anglers, check licenses and ensure compliance.

Additionally, the Fishing Access Site Program is part of the Fisheries division. Wardens patrol Fishing access sites, investigate crimes committed in the sites and insure users are following the regulations.

Fishing Access Sites at-a-glance:

- Montana has 336 fishing access
- Approximately 3.9 million people use a FAS annually. FAS are used for fishing, boating and other recreation
- Approximately 40.7% of FAS users do not purchase a fishing licenses

### FWP WARDEN EFFORTS

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### FISHERIES CITATIONS ISSUED—TOP FIVE

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### COMPARISON OF ANGLERS CONTACTED AND TOTAL ANGLING CITATIONS DETECTED BETWEEN 2016 AND 2017

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* Warnings do not include verbal warnings.
Wildlife Enforcement

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Enforcement Division enforces the laws and rules regulating the take of wildlife in the state of Montana through the use of effective, consistent, and professional conservation law enforcement.

The enforcement division has a variety of tools available to accomplish their wildlife duties.

Warden doses routinely patrol large districts contacting hunters/trappers and responding to complaints.

The enforcement division has a corps of dedicated criminal investigators whose duties are to investigate and help prosecute large wildlife crimes.

FWP WARDEN EFFORTS

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TOP 10 HUNTING CITATIONS

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<td>Hunting During Closed Season</td>
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<td>Shooting From the Road</td>
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<td>Unlawful Use of Equipment</td>
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COMPARISON OF HUNTERS CONTACTED AND TOTAL HUNTING CITATIONS DETECTED IN 2016 AND 2017

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<td>Hunters Contacted</td>
<td>30,088</td>
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<td>Hunting Citations</td>
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Parks Enforcement

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Enforcement Division enforces the laws and rules regulating State Parks and Fishing Access Sites in the state of Montana through the use of effective, professional conservation law enforcement.

**Montana State Parks at-a-glance:**
- 55 State Parks in Montana
- 2.66 Million visitors to Montana’s State Parks Annually
- 4 Parks FTE in FWP Enforcement

**State Parks Offer:**
- Water Based Recreation
- Camping
- Native American Cultural Heritage sites
- Historical sites
- Urban Parks

**FWP Warden Efforts**
- 3,405 hours spent performing 2,100 Park Patrols
- 7,266 Park users contacted
- 180 Park cases investigated

**TOP 10 STATE PARKS CITATIONS**

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<td>Fishing Without a License</td>
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<td>Destroying State Property</td>
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**COMPARISON OF TOTAL PARKS PATROLS AND PARKS CITATIONS IN 2016 AND 2017**

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<td>Parks Patrols</td>
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<td>Total Citations</td>
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<td>168</td>
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Recreational Boating Safety Program

The Objective of the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Recreational Boating Safety Program is to save lives, reduce boating accidents, and to protect and enhance recreational boating opportunities for Montanans through the positive use of law enforcement and education.

**Boating Fatalities in Montana:**
- 136 people have died in boating accidents in Montana since 1998
- 67% of the fatalities occurred in accidents involving non-motorized watercraft
- 33% of the fatalities occurred in accidents involving motorized watercraft.
- 77% of the victims were male, 23% female.
- 61% of the fatalities were not wearing a PFD at the time of the accident
- The leading cause of death in Montana boating accidents is drowning at 88%

**FWP WARDEN EFFORTS**
- Wardens Contacted.................................................................12,725 Boaters
- Wardens Conducted Boating Safety Patrols..............................198
- Wardens Conducted Public Presentations..................................26
- Wardens Investigated Boating Accidents.................................18
- Montana Fatal Boat Accidents in 2017........................................2
- Boating Calls for Service..........................................................116

**BOATING VIOLATIONS DETECTED**

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**COMPARISON OF BOATS CONTACTED AND TOTAL BOATING CITATIONS DETECTED IN 2016 AND 2017**

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2017 General Enforcement Efforts

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### 2017 BY THE NUMBERS

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<td>Landowners contacted</td>
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<td>Hours spent patrolling Block Management areas</td>
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<td>Public assists</td>
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<td>Commercial inspections conducted</td>
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<td>Check stations conducted</td>
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<td>Game damage responses</td>
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### TOP TEN CITATIONS BY LOCATION

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<td>US Forest Service</td>
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<td>Lake</td>
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<td>Fishing Access Site</td>
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<td>River</td>
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### TOP 5 CITATIONS ISSUED BY GAME WARDENS

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<td>Fail to obtain landowner permission for hunting</td>
<td>259</td>
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<td>Unlawful possession of game animal, bird or fish</td>
<td>122</td>
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<td>Insufficient personal flotation devices</td>
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### TOP 5 WRITTEN WARNINGS ISSUED BY GAME WARDENS

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<td>Failure to stop at invasive species management area check station</td>
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<td>Failure to obtain landowner permission to hunt</td>
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<td>Fishing without a license</td>
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<td>Insufficient Personal Flotation Device</td>
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### 2017 ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WARNINGS VS. CITATIONS

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<td>Written Warnings</td>
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<td>Total Public Contacts</td>
<td>91,325</td>
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* Warnings do not include verbal warnings.

### REGIONAL PITMAN ROBERTSON EFFORTS JULY 1 THROUGH DEC 31ST

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<td>4,561.65 hours</td>
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<td>2,303.9 hours</td>
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<td>R2</td>
<td>5,627.75 hours</td>
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<td>5,017.8 hours</td>
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<td>R3</td>
<td>7,234.5 hours</td>
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<td>R6</td>
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As of July 1, 2017 all captains, sergeants, wardens and investigators are tasked with completing 640 hours of Pitman-Robertson eligible activity each year. P-R funds cannot be used for Law Enforcement Activities.

### Pitman Robertson Eligible Activities

- Urban Wildlife (bear, bison, deer, elk, lion, moose, other)
- Game Damage
- Public Meeting
- Hunter Access
- Division Assist
- Non-enf Training
- Hunter Education
- Public Contacts
- PR Admin
- Wildlife Human Attack Investigation

WILDLIFE & SPORTS TREE

RESTORATION
2017 New Game Warden Hires

Trenton Farmer
Great Falls

John Huberty
Fort Peck

Ryan Kassin
Jordan

Keith Knighton
Great Falls

Nathan Muhn
Kalispell

Zac Norris
Stanford

Kyle Queer
Broadus

Justin Slobuszewski
Bigfork

Gregg Todd
Gardiner
A career as a Montana Game Warden requires:

- Bachelors degree
- Good moral character
- Interest in the outdoors
- Willingness to work anywhere in the state

Contact Warden Training Officer Justin Gibson at 406-444-4726