

Guidelines for Elk Management in Areas with Brucellosis Work Group

July 16, 2015 Meeting Agenda

FWP Region 3 Headquarters, Bozeman

MEETING OBJECTIVE: Review, discuss, and assess recent research and management in the context of original fundamental objectives and recommendations.

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome, opening remarks, trap line comments from work group members

9:30 – 10:00 Presentation #1

- Genetic relationships among *Brucella abortus* bacteria isolated from wildlife and livestock—Pauline Kamath, USGS Ecologist

10:00 – 10:30 Presentation #2

- Description of recent cattle infections and Department of Livestock and APHIS investigations of cattle to identify/eliminate infection sources – Eric Liska, DoL Brucellosis Veterinarian

10:30 – 11:00 Presentation #3

- Human dimensions—how stakeholders feel about management actions – Alex Metcalf/Elizabeth Covelli Metcalf, Research Faculty University of Montana

11:00 – 11:45 Update/summarize elk surveillance/monitoring and mgmt

11:45 – 12:00 Review FWP expenditures

12:00 – 12:30 Public Comment

12:30 – 1:00 Lunch (brought in for work group and presenters)

1:00 – 3:00 Work group discussion on potential inputs for commission review

3:00 Conclude