



Wildlife Division
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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is requesting public review and comment on the following item. Supporting information on this item can be found on our website under "Opportunity for Public Comment" at fwp.mt.gov/hunting/ or directly by using the link below.

Nongame Check-Off Work Plan

Under the provisions of 87-5-122, MCA, "the FWP Commission shall review and annually approve the nongame wildlife program's projects recommended for funding from the nongame wildlife tax check-off account. The Commission shall provide for public comment during the review and approval process." While final 2019 tax year donations are unknown at this time, the average received by FWP from the 2004-2018 tax years was \$30,000-\$40,000/year. FWP is proposing some combination of the following work in FY21 dependent on the final allocation:

\$10,000	Non-federal match for State Wildlife Grants to support the statewide avian conservation coordinator.
\$20,000	Inventory, monitoring, and conservation work on Montana Species of Concern and species in need of inventory as determined through a formal ranking process.
\$5,000	Wildlife viewing and outreach projects that encourage more Montanans to appreciate Montana wildlife.
\$5,000	Competitive graduate student stipend for nongame research.

TO MAKE A COMMENT

For further clarification or additional materials, you may call the Wildlife Division office at 406-444-2612 or email to fwpwld@mt.gov. Comments will be accepted online by using any of the links below, in writing sent to the address above, and by email to fwpwld@mt.gov.

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

If you would like to receive further public comment opportunities via email communications, please email fwpwld@mt.gov to be put on our mailing list.

COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINE & FINAL ADOPTION MEETING

Comments on all proposed items will be accepted until **Monday, June 22, 2020, at 5 p.m.**, with final adoption at the **June 25th** commission meeting.

- ✓ **Nongame Check-Off Work Plan**
<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2020/nongameCheckoffWorkPlan.html>