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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is requesting public review and comment on the item below. 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.

2021 ANNUAL WORK PLAN FOR ELK MANAGEMENT IN AREAS WITH BRUCELLOSIS

In January 2013, the commission endorsed elk management recommendations from a citizen working group for use in areas with brucellosis (the Designated Surveillance Area as described by the Montana Department of Livestock). Annual work plans describe specific management actions based upon these recommendations. The proposed 2021 annual work plan includes the same aspects as the 2020 plan to include hazing, limited fencing, limited lethal removal of elk, habitat modifications, and other efforts to move elk away from cattle at small scales to reduce the risk of brucellosis transmission from elk to cattle. The proposed 2021 plan maintains previous landownership and date descriptions clarifying where and when elk may be lethally removed to move elk away from cattle. The proposed number of elk that may be taken is unchanged from 2020

TO MAKE A COMMENT

For further clarification or additional materials, please call the Wildlife Division office at 406-444-2612 or send an email to fwpwld@mt.gov. Comments will be accepted online by using the link 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 the proposed item will be accepted until **Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, at 5 p.m.**, with final adoption at the **October 22nd** commission meeting.

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<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2020/brucellosisWorkPlan.html>