

Private Land/Public Wildlife Advisory Council

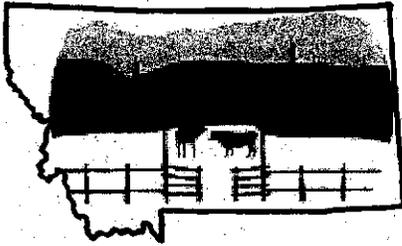


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Dear Stan Meyer,

As chair of the Private Land/Public Wildlife Council I am writing on behalf of the Council to fully support the re-authorization of the FWP Habitat Montana Program. Governor Martz appointed a diverse group of citizens representing landowners, sportsmen and the outfitting industry with a common goal of improving landowner/sportsmen relations. The Habitat Montana Program can be a management tool for the livestock industry to further enhance wildlife habitat while providing a significant financial incentive for families who elect to use it. In addition, all Montana citizens benefit from wildlife resources being protected and enhanced. Before we moved any recommendation forward we agreed to 100% consensus.

The Council agreed to support the Habitat Montana Program with the following rationale:

1. Existing program is successful and has potential to protect additional important wildlife habitat that is seriously threatened.
2. It is the intent of the Council to support FWP in protecting and preserving important wildlife habitat that is seriously threatened.

Please feel free to contact the Council at any time as we welcome any input from the public.

Sincerely

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