

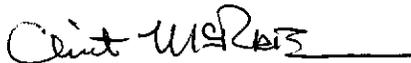
EXHIBIT 21  
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HB 516

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Clint McRae. I ranch with my family on Rosebud Creek south of Colstrip. I ask your support in voting for HB 516.

We have always allowed free public access during hunting season. In the summer of 1988, we were approached by Fish, Wildlife, and Parks to try a new program called Block Management. We were not only interested in the management of hunters, but also the harvesting of big game, namely deer. We realized early on that Block Management could be a tool to keep game numbers in check, and to also share our land with our neighbors in town. After a time, however, we realized that with pressure, the game would move elsewhere, and return after the season had closed. We were trying to be a good neighbor to hunters, and at the same time keep game numbers in check, but realized that big game populations sometimes were not reduced by hunting.

I believe that this bill would benefit not only landowners such as myself, but give the FWP authority to reduce conflict through management practices that is not in statute at this time. This bill would reduce conflict between landowners, the FWP and hunters, and result in a solution that benefits all involved. As a landowner, I urge you to vote for HB 516.

Thank You,



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