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I am Mary Ann Murray, rancher/farmer, from Garfield County and I am speaking in opposition to HB 510. We are opposed to having to post our property with orange paint. It is very time consuming and costly. It takes a minimum of two days and 10 cans of paint at a cost of usually \$3.50/ can. It is very unsightly as well. As for posting with written notice, we too tried that method. We drove the 125 miles, one way, to Miles City and went to FWP and got the free posters. We put them all up and very few were still up 2 days after the antelope season had started. They were ripped off and thrown under cattle guards.

As to the areas of private land where the public road goes through and there are no fences, is a real problem. In our case, there is no easement for the county road. We pay all the taxes, yet must maintain and provide all cattle guard ends yet are not allowed to paint or post the ends. Under this bill we would have to place a conspicuous sign no closer than 30 feet of centerline of the roadway which could be in some of our fields. Why should a landowner have to assume additional costs for the recreation of others? This is private land you are speaking of and therefore should be given the respect to be treated as such. Anyone wishing to gain access should do their homework, find who owns the lands, (there are numerous landowner maps), and seek permission.

The provision addressing adjoining corners of lands where one corner is deeded and the other is public and the person has a right to trespass, the deeded corner needs to seek permission. This is private property and if not handled in this manner would be a "takings". A corner is a very indefinite space. A corner will soon constitute a quarter of the section. If you respect private property and the rights of others you will vote against this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.