

GAME DAMAGE IN MONTANA
(historical perspective)

1933—State Legislature passed a bill addressing the damage done to private land by increasing elk populations.

1943—State Legislature passed a bill addressing the damage done to private land by increasing antelope populations.

1945—State Legislature passed a bill addressing the damage done to private land by increasing moose populations.

1947—State Legislature passed a bill addressing the damage done to private land by increasing deer populations.

1949—The previously mentioned laws were repealed and the state legislature then passed the current game damage laws.

2003—State Legislature passed a bill requiring wildlife managed in a sustainable manner based on the carrying capacity of all Montana land.

2003—State Legislature passed an urban wildlife bill.

There have been over 40 pieces of legislation introduced during the last 76 years addressing the damage Montana's increasing game populations have caused and are continuing to cause landowners throughout the state. The problem is worse today than ever before.