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SENATE FISH AND GAME.
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Testimony on SB 17
Senate Fish and Game Committee
February 20, 2007

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Molly Immen and I am here today representing Montana Audubon in support of Senate Bill 17.

The upland game bird program has two components: a habitat enhancement program and a pheasant (bird) release program. Montana Audubon feels that habitat enhancement is the most important part of this program because it does much more for birds - in the long run - than releasing them. Research shows that many of the birds released die fairly soon after they are released. Montana Audubon has consistently supported the habitat enhancement program, and resisted the pheasant release program, since the program was initiated in the mid-1980s.

Chapters:

Bitterroot
Bitterroot Valley

Five Valleys
Missoula

Flathead
Kalispell

Last Chance
Helena

Mission Mountain
Polson

Pintlar
Butte • Dillon

Rosebud
Miles City

Sacajawea
Bozeman

Upper Missouri Breaks
Great Falls

Yellowstone Valley
Billings