

Hello, I am Orvis Nelson from Homestead, Montana. I and my two operate a cow calf operation along with dryland and pivot irrigation farming and some 900 acres of CRP.

North East Montana has established an excellent reputation with pheasant hunters from almost every state in the US including Alaska and Canada because of the Block Management program and CRP.

These hunters don't do anything that might infringe on their right to return and hunt in the years to come.

Several farmers in the area have been planting pheasants, nearly all of them reporting good success with the plantings. In the past 3 or 4 years we have had good hatches in the wild pheasants as well. Consequently the pheasant hunters have enjoyed seeing and harvesting large numbers of pheasants, and the state harvesting money from the nonresident license.

With the large numbers of hunters we have attracted, I am sure that our wild birds will not be able to produce enough birds to satisfy the birds these hunters come back to harvest every year, and they won't be back unless there are some pheasants around. If we have a year when bad weather wipes out nearly all the wild birds, that is when we will desperately need the guarantee of the 15% Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program budget to restock a foundation flock as well as large numbers for hunters to harvest. This part of Montana has a history of a devastating winter about every so often, and the last several years we have been in a drought situation that has been affecting the businesses in this area to the point that they refer to hunting season as their harvest season every fall with the new money coming into the community for services, motels, bars, cafes, grocery stores, veterinarians, gas stations. Some hunters are also buying vacant farmsteads in the country and vacant houses in these small towns, where we are losing population every year, Keeps them on the tax rolls and utilities connected.

It has been my experience visiting with Fish and Wildlife personnel that they definitely feel that planting pheasants is not economically feasible where they gather information for those opinions I do not know. I do know that some years back we had 200 birds planted on our place and the roosters were banded with a very inexpensive leg band. That fall as hunters obtained their hunting permission slips from us I asked them if they would return the bands to me if it wasn't to much of an inconvenience. 200birds 100 would be banded rooster and we had 13 bands returned. That winter as my wife and I watched the pheasants out our living room window we observed quite a few roosters eating the grain we had fed them with bands on their legs. Simple proof to me that feeding and planting works for pheasants to survive.

LEROY & COLLEEN Sorenson  
97 MARY SANDAVOLD  
98 LEROY  
99 NO PROGRAM WITH A LAWSUIT

2000 06-558 Bird.  
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02 These are the years that  
03 Pheasants have been  
04 planted on our place  
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COMMENT CARD SUMMARY

2006 HUNTING SEASON

BLOCK MANAGEMENT AREA: Nelson 73

	OBSERVED GAME	BAGGED GAME	GAME TAKEN	SATISFACTORY	COMMENTS
1	(Y) N	(Y) N	2 PH	(S) UN	
2	(Y) N	(Y) N	2 PH	(S) UN	Very Nice Landowner
3	(Y) N	(Y) N	2 PH	(S) UN	
4	(Y) N	(Y) N	1 PH	(S) UN	
5	(Y) N	(Y) N	1 PH	(S) UN	Excellent Prospects
6	(Y) N	(Y) N	2 ST	(S) UN	best managed habitat ever
7	(Y) N	(Y) N	1 PH	(S) UN	After Dry season 3.00.02
8	(Y) N	(Y) N		(S) UN	
9	(Y) N	(Y) N	3 PH	(S) UN	GREAT GROUND, Thanks
10	(Y) N	(Y) N	1 PH	(S) UN	
11	(Y) N	(Y) N	2 PH	(S) UN	
12	(Y) N	(Y) N	1 PH	(S) UN	
13	(Y) N	(Y) N	2 ST	(S) UN	Best Habitat we found
14	(Y) N	(Y) N	2 ST	(S) UN	outstanding habitat
15	(Y) N	(Y) N	2 ST	(S) UN	Beautiful managed land
16	(Y) N	(Y) N	2 PH	(S) UN	
17	(Y) N	(Y) N	2 PH	(S) UN	
18	(Y) N	(Y) N		(S) UN	
19	(Y) N	(Y) N		(S) UN	
20	(Y) N	(Y) N		(S) UN	
21	(Y) N	(Y) N		(S) UN	
22	(Y) N	(Y) N		(S) UN	
23	(Y) N	(Y) N		(S) UN	
24	(Y) N	(Y) N	1 PH	(S) UN	
25	(Y) N	(Y) N		(S) UN	
26	(Y) N	(Y) N		(S) UN	
27	(Y) N	(Y) N	PH	(S) UN	
28	(Y) N	(Y) N		(S) UN	
29	(Y) N	(Y) N	1	(S) UN	
30	(Y) N	(Y) N	2	(S) UN	
31	(Y) N	(Y) N		(S) UN	
32	(Y) N	(Y) N	2 PH	(S) UN	
33	(Y) N	(Y) N	PH 2 Day Lim	(S) UN	Very Good
34	(Y) N	(Y) N	PH	(S) UN	
35	(Y) N	(Y) N	PH	(S) UN	
Total: YES		Total: YES		Total: SAT	

PH = pheasant      ST = sharp tail

COMMENT CARD SUMMARY

2006 HUNTING SEASON

BLOCK MANAGEMENT AREA: Nelson 913

	OBSERVED GAME		BAGGED GAME		GAME TAKEN	SATISFACTORY		COMMENTS
1	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	Good hunting
2	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
3	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
4	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
5	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	Good hunting
6	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	
7	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	
8	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	Great place, thank
9	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	
10	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	
11	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
12	Y	N	Y	N	2 PH	S	UN	
13	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
14	Y	N	Y	N	2 PH	S	UN	
15	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
16	Y	N	Y	N	3 PH	S	UN	
17	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
18	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	Good hunting
19	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
20	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	
21	Y	N	Y	N	3 PH	S	UN	
22	Y	N	Y	N	3 PH	S	UN	
23	Y	N	Y	N	5 PH	S	UN	
24	Y	N	Y	N	3 PH	S	UN	
25	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	Good hunting
26	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	Good hunting
27	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
28	Y	N	Y	N	2 PH	S	UN	
29	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	
30	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
31	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	
32	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	Good hunting
33	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
34	Y	N	Y	N	1 PH	S	UN	
35	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
Total: YES		Total: YES			Total: SAT			

Good hunting  
Thank you  
Nelson 913  
Good hunting

COMMENT CARD SUMMARY

2006 HUNTING SEASON

BLOCK MANAGEMENT AREA: Wilson 93

	OBSERVED GAME	BAGGED GAME	GAME TAKEN	SATISFACTORY	COMMENTS
1	Y N	Y N		S UN	
2	Y N	Y N	3	S UN	
3	Y N	Y N		S UN	
4	Y N	Y N		S UN	
5	Y N	Y N		S UN	
6	Y N	Y N		S UN	
7	Y N	Y N		S UN	
8	Y N	Y N	PH	S UN	
9	Y N	Y N	PH	S UN	
10	Y N	Y N	1 PH	S UN	
11	Y N	Y N		S UN	
12	Y N	Y N	1 PH	S UN	I received this...
13	Y N	Y N	1 PH	S UN	
14	Y N	Y N	PH	S UN	thank you
15	Y N	Y N		S UN	" "
16	Y N	Y N	ST	S UN	
17	Y N	Y N		S UN	
18	Y N	Y N	2 PH	S UN	
19	Y N	Y N	1	S UN	
20	Y N	Y N		S UN	
21	Y N	Y N		S UN	
22	Y N	Y N		S UN	
23	Y N	Y N		S UN	
24	Y N	Y N		S UN	
25	Y N	Y N		S UN	
26	Y N	Y N		S UN	
27	Y N	Y N		S UN	
28	Y N	Y N		S UN	
29	Y N	Y N	WT Doe	S UN	
30	Y N	Y N	1 PH	S UN	
31	Y N	Y N	1 PH	S UN	
32	Y N	Y N	1 PH	S UN	
33	Y N	Y N		S UN	
34	Y N	Y N		S UN	
35	Y N	Y N		S UN	
Total: YES		Total: YES		Total: SAT	

COMMENT CARD SUMMARY

2006 HUNTING SEASON

BLOCK MANAGEMENT AREA: NEISON 93

	OBSERVED GAME		BAGGED GAME		GAME TAKEN	SATISFACTORY	COMMENTS
1	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	1 PH	S UN	
2	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		S UN	
3	Y	N	Y	(N)		S UN	
4	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S) UN	
5	Y	(N)	Y	(N)		S UN	Fair
6	Y	(N)	Y	(N)		S UN	
7	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	3 PH	(S) UN	
8	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	3 PH	(S) UN	
9	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		S UN	
10	(Y)	N	(Y)	N		S UN	
11	(Y)	N	(Y)	N		S UN	
12	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	3 PH	S UN	
13	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	3 PH	(S) UN	
14	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S) UN	
15	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	2 PH	S UN	
16	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	4 ST	S UN	
17	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S) UN	
18	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	3 ST	(S) UN	
19	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	ST	S UN	
20	(Y)	N	(Y)	N		(S) UN	
21	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	PH	(S) UN	
22	(Y)	N	(Y)	N		(S) UN	
23	(Y)	N	(Y)	N		(S) UN	
24	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S) UN	
25	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S) UN	
26	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		S UN	
27	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	1	(S) UN	NO
28	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		S UN	
29	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S) UN	
30	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	1 ST	(S) UN	
31	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S) UN	
32	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S) UN	
33	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S) UN	
34	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S) UN	
35	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S) UN	
	Total: YES		Total: YES			Total: SAT	

COMMENT CARD SUMMARY

2006 HUNTING SEASON

BLOCK MANAGEMENT AREA: Nelson 93

	OBSERVED GAME		BAGGED GAME		GAME TAKEN	SATISFACTORY		COMMENTS
1	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		S	UN	
2	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	3 PH	(S)	UN	
3	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		S	UN	
4	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	3 PH	(S)	UN	
5	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S)	UN	
6	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S)	UN	
7	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S)	UN	
8	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	3 PH	(S)	UN	
9	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	1 PH	(S)	UN	
10	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S)	UN	
11	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	2 PH	(S)	UN	
12	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	PH	(S)	UN	
13	Y	N	(Y)	N	7 PH 1 day	S	UN	
14	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	8 PH - 4 day	S	UN	
15	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	2 PH 1 ST	(S)	UN	
16	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S)	UN	
17	(Y)	N	Y	(N)	1 PH	(S)	UN	
18	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		S	UN	
19	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	2 PH	(S)	UN	Good
20	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	1 PH 3 Hrs	S	UN	Nice view - more info
21	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		S	UN	Good view
22	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	1 ST	(S)	UN	Good view
23	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S)	UN	
24	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S)	UN	
25	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	3 PH	(S)	UN	
26	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	2	(S)	UN	
27	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	2 PH	(S)	UN	
28	(X)	N	Y	(N)		(S)	UN	
29	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	1 PH	(S)	UN	
30	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S)	UN	
31	(Y)	N	(Y)	N		(S)	UN	
32	Y	(N)	Y	(N)		(S)	UN	beautiful covered Fox
33	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	PH	(S)	UN	
34	(Y)	N	Y	(N)		(S)	UN	
35	(Y)	N	(Y)	N	1 PH	S	UN	
Total: YES		Total: YES			Total: SAT			

COMMENT CARD SUMMARY

2006 HUNTING SEASON

BLOCK MANAGEMENT AREA: Northern Zone

	OBSERVED GAME		BAGGED GAME		GAME TAKEN	SATISFACTORY		COMMENTS
	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
1	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
2	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
3	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
4	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
5	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
6	Y	N	Y	N	Doc	S	UN	Co. used in area is steady
7	Y	N	Y	N	1 PH	S	UN	
8	Y	N	Y	N	PH	S	UN	
9	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
10	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
11	Y	N	Y	N	with buck	S	UN	
12	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	Thank you
13	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	" "
14	Y	N	Y	N	3 ST	S	UN	" "
15	Y	N	Y	N	1 ST	S	UN	" "
16	Y	N	Y	N	2 ST	S	UN	" "
17	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	" "
18	Y	N	Y	N	2 ST	S	UN	" "
19	Y	N	Y	N	4 ST	S	UN	" "
20	Y	N	Y	N	1 ST	S	UN	
21	Y	N	Y	N	1 PH 1 ST	S	UN	
22	Y	N	Y	N	2 ST	S	UN	" "
23	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	" "
24	Y	N	Y	N	1 ST, 1 PH	S	UN	
25	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
26	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
27	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
28	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
29	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
30	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
31	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
32	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
33	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
34	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
35	Y	N	Y	N		S	UN	
Total: YES		Total: YES				Total: SAT		

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