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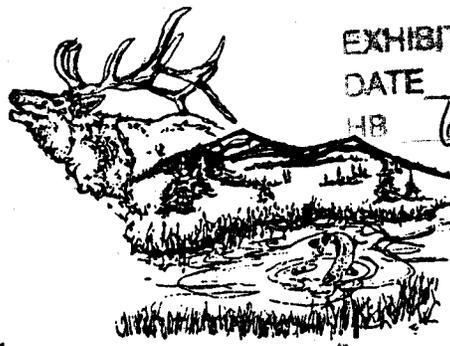


EXHIBIT 7  
DATE 3/15/2011  
HB 607

March 15, 2011

To: Chairman Washburn;  
Members of the House Fish, Wildlife & Parks Committee  
HB 607

Dear Chairman Washburn, Committee Members;

To the Department of FWP's credit since 1974, they have tried to manage wildlife populations through permits and B licenses. If a hunter wishes to apply for a special permit area for elk or deer, they are required by statute to first purchase a license for an elk or deer. If a non-resident hunter then chooses to hunt in an area that requires a permit and that same hunter is unsuccessful in drawing the required permit, they have two options. They can return the combination license for an 80% refund or the most common choice is to go ahead and hunt the area for deer only and discard the elk portion of the license, as it would be illegal to use it in their area of choice.

Since 1974 Montana's non-resident big game combination license has been limited to a total of 17,000 licenses. HB 607 does not create any new licenses beyond the 17,000 cap, yet it would allow those same 17,000 licenses to be distributed in a manner where the consumer can utilize the portion of the combination license they need and not be forced to discard an unusable portion.

HB 607 creates new revenue for the department and gives strength to the permitting process, which is a major tool in the FWP's tool box for managing Montana's wildlife populations. HB 607 will contribute to a strong economy in Montana as well. The redistributed licenses will result in more new dollars coming into our state.

I respectfully ask for your support on HB 607.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brett Todd".

Brett Todd