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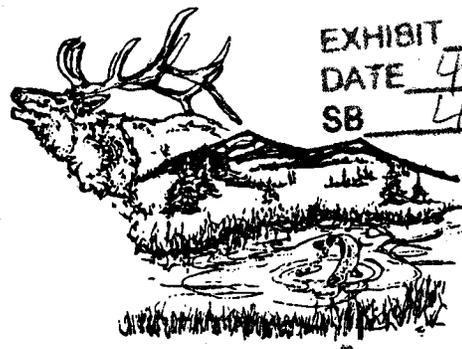


EXHIBIT 5  
DATE 4/3/2011  
SB 400

House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee – SB 400  
Dear Representatives,

In 1905 the newly created Forest Service adopted their mission statement, "To care for the land and to serve the people". That mission statement has served well and is still in effect today. In 1963 Congress passed the Wilderness Act, at that same time Congress recognized the need for outfitters and the Forest Service to be in partnership, so the elements of the mission statement could be carried out, "To care for the land and to serve the people".

In the years 1979 - 80 -81 an average outfitted use was compiled by the Forest Service. For example my permit has 300 use fall days. They are counted against the permit as each client, each day. So if the hunting season was 300 days long, I could have 1 hunter for 300 days or in my case, I run 7 day hunts x 42 clients. That's an average of 5 hunters for 8 weeks.

In the Bob Marshall Complex for the average in 1979 -80 -81 a total of 24000 use days were established. Today that number has declined to between 12000 and 14000 summer and fall use days. The typical fall use pattern today, is the first 4 or 5 days on season opener, the trailheads are busy. After that the backcountry receives very little unguided use, that pattern will remain the same under SB 400 as we are capped at current permitted use levels. A permitted use day is counted whether it is a resident, non-resident, non-hunter, or a fall fishing trip. Again the Forest Service mission is, "To care for the land and serve the people". The Forest Service does not permit me so I can make money, although they understand that as partners, we need to be profitable to provide a quality service within that partnership.

As a Wilderness Outfitter, I pride myself in providing a commercial service that allows citizens from all over the country to experience the backcountry of wilderness areas, whereas without the services of an outfitter they could not otherwise participate. I hosted a client from upstate New York 5 times and each time he left it was more difficult for him to say good-bye. He was after the true wilderness experience, from the camp, the stock, the crew, the scenery, the wildlife, the whole environment. He never harvested an animal in those 5 attempts. A few years later, he called and booked a hunt for his son and grandson. They too, did not harvest an animal. That is 7 hunts for 7 days each, for a total of 49 days hunting. There are not very many hunters that are extremely satisfied with their experience after going to the same place 49 days and not harvesting an animal.

Last April I was awarded the Outfitter of the Year, by the Montana Wildlife Federation. Inscribed on the plaque is "In special recognition of an outfitter that provides exemplary services enhancing the public's ability to equitably enjoy the resources held in common by all people". They understand the value of a wilderness outfitter.

Congress understands the value of a wilderness outfitter and the need for a partnership within the Forest Service, the majority of the wilderness users understand the value of a wilderness outfitter, and the Montana Wildlife Federation understands the value of a wilderness outfitter. I believe it is time for the State of Montana to recognize the value of a wilderness outfitter. SB 400 is a step in the right direction. Please support SB 400.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Sir,

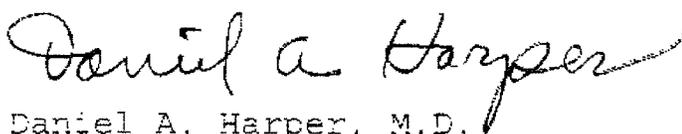
Brett Todd, a wilderness outfitter located at Meadow Creek in the Scapegoat Wilderness, provided assistance to me during my recent moose hunt on 10/02/09. My hunting partner and I met Mr. Todd and several of his guests on the trail toward Parker Lake after I shot a bull moose that ended up in a beaver pond. Mr. Todd expressed concern about getting the moose field dressed as soon as possible to preserve the meat from spoilage. I assured him that we would do that and that we were headed back to our camp to get a block and tackle to extract the moose from the beaver pond.

Upon my return to the pond I was absolutely amazed to find that Mr. Todd had pulled the moose out of the pond onto a beaver dam and the moose had been field dressed. He must have spotted the ribbons marking the kill and without being asked and without seeking compensation he had the moose dressed and the meat protected from early spoilage.

This act of kindness was not anticipated and was greatly appreciated. It reflects well on all wilderness outfitters. His good deed deserves special recognition.

I very much appreciate knowing that people like Mr. Todd still exist in the world and in the woods.

Sincerely,

  
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