

**BREAKS ARCHERY PERMITS – 2005 DRAWING RESULTS**

(per Gary Bertellotti)

District	Resident	Non-Resident	*OTC	Total
410-21	854	438		2376
417-21	146	48		331
620,621,622-21	569	372		1636
700-20	767	239		1115
Totals	2336	1097	2025	5458

**BREAKS ARCHERY PERMITS – 2006 DRAWING RESULTS**

(per Gary Bertellotti)

District	Resident	Non-Resident	*OTC	Total
410-21	706	349		2143
417-21	67	28		207
620,621,622-21	358	291		1649
700-20	664	209		1053
Totals	1795	877	2380	5052

**BREAKS ARCHERY PERMITS – 2007 DRAWING RESULTS**

(per Graham Taylor)

District	Resident	Non-Resident	*OTC	Total
410-21	1394	515		1909
417-21	189	52		241
620,621,622-21	1165	550		1715
700-20	760	272		1032
Totals	3508	1389	(included)	4897

Three year average = 5135 (total permit holders)

65% = 3338

90% = 3004 resident permits

10% = 334 non-resident permits

The total number of hunters has declined by 561 from 2005 to 2007; (5,458-4,897).

*\*Over the counter sales*

## Testimony in support of HB 361

Chairman Brenden and Committee Members,

I would have been at the hearing today but can't be away from home for the time it takes to go to Helena because we are calving. I would ask for your support for HB 361. All that this bill does is reset the permits for archery elk hunting to the 2007 levels. The process that was used to implement the permit restrictions was nothing less than flawed. The one group that was left out was the landowners.

The problem is that the FWP Commission since being mandated to get elk numbers down to objective levels stopped using its regulatory authority to manage game and has started using it as a tool against the landowners. Reducing the season to only 5 weeks, reducing permits to eliminate non-resident hunters, threats of antlerless only seasons; this is all being done to gain access to private lands and to stop a landowner's ability to lease his hunting or operate a outfitting business on their own land.

This action by the Commission has caused economic harm to these 30 hunting districts (\$9 million in lost revenue). Everything I read about this legislative session is about creating jobs. If these limited permits are allowed to stay in place then what will happen is jobs that are already in place will be lost.

These areas that were placed under limited permits now support 20% of the elk in Montana. Most of these are on private land at a huge cost to the landowner. We have been reduced to only having 4.5% of the non-resident hunters with either sex licenses being allowed to hunt in these 30 districts (2010 numbers).

The resident hunters that support these limited permits only do so because it is not them who are being limited out. If you asked them to limit themselves to one area to hunt, to be restricted to either archery hunting or rifle hunting, or reduce the numbers so that they only get to hunt these areas once every 2 or 3 years they would not support the limits. These areas have thriving elk herds and can handle the archery hunting without permits.

HB 361 only resets the permit levels to what they were in 2007 and allows a fair process including all groups involved to participate in the outcome. That I believe is the law. I would ask for your support on HB 361.

Mark Robbins,

Landowner, rancher, and outfitter