

TO THE HOUSE FISH WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE:

RE: HB 33 Revising Large Predator Laws

POSITION: The Montana Sportsmen Alliance hereby goes on record opposing HB 33 for the following reasons:

1. The Dept. FWP has a system in place to deal with large predator problems and relocations.
2. The bill's system of classifying predators is inadequate to address individual situations. Each situation is different and must take into account if the individual(s) involved followed the law and recommended procedures for dealing with large predators.
3. We are in the process of trying to get grizzlies delisted and that certainly requires approaches not endangering that delisting process. Mandating the destruction of large predators with a narrow list of classifications could negatively affect delisting.
4. We think the Dept. FWP has done a credible job managing problem large predators and see nothing broken.

Thank you for registering our opposition.

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