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SB 380

CHOTEAU, MONTANA 59422

*Seven Lazy P Guest Ranch  
Deep Canyon*

April 16, 2013

Dear members of this committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today in support of SB 380.

As an outfitter along the Rocky Mountain Front for the *past* 53 years, outfitting hunters and guests into the heart of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area, we find it increasingly harder to book when we tell our hunters that they may not receive a license should they choose to hunt with us.

Our clients travel through Choteau on their way to our ranch from the Great Falls Airport, or are driving in from other parts of our country. They spend their money at our local convenience stores, markets, and clothing stores and take gifts home to their families.

These people return, sometimes many times, as they become our friends, and they tell their friends of their experiences they have had in our camps, of their excitement on some mountaintop while they watched a storm move in and the wind pick up, and their hunting plans change because of it.

*"Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit, and as vital to our lives as water and good bread. (Edward Abbey).*

In light of the happenings in Boston yesterday, it is our mission to provide a refuge for anxious and worried folks, if only for just a short time, in this world we live in today.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today.

*Chuck Blyskal*



