SENATE FISH AND GAME
EXHIBIT NO. 13
DATE 1-22-13
BILL NO. SB 155

Montana Sportsmen ALLIANCE

Voice of Reason on Montana Fish and Wildlife Issues

TO THE SENATE FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS COMMITTEE:

RE: SB 155-Require EIS for FWP land acquisition

POSITION: Montana Sportsmen's Alliance hereby goes on record **OPPOSING SB 155** this bill based on the following reasons:

- Increased cost to FWP of an EIS vs EA which is currently required.
- Increased time commitment of FWP staff thus leading to either a requirement for more staff or less time availability of current staff for other critical projects.
- Increased time commitment from FWP's legal staff leading to additional costs.
- Due to the amount of time required for an EIS, acceptable properties could be lost to other purchasers.
- Increases the bureaucracy involved thereby making the process cumbersome, time consuming, ineffective and costly.

Once again we would like to state our **OPPOSITION** for SB 155

Thank you for your time and consideration. Montana Sportsmen Alliance Leadership Group

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