

Montana Sportsmen ALLIANCE

Voice of Reason on Montana Fish and Wildlife Issues

To the Senate FWP Committee:

RE: SB-250-AN ACT CREATING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY AND FOR LAND ACQUISITIONS BY THE FWP, ETC.

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

- This is an attempt to eliminate future land acquisitions by FWP.
- Maintenance problems on FWP land acquisitions often times occur due to poor management/maintenance by the previous owner.
- Forcing FWP to use funds strictly for maintenance will have negative impacts on those landowners who wish to sell their land to FWP.
- Land acquisitions by FWP have a positive financial impact on nearby local communities.
- Critical land acquisitions by FWP can have a positive impact on our wildlife populations that have suffered declines due to predation and loss of habitat.

Once again we would like to state our **OPPOSITION** for SB 250

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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