

SB 380 Senator Chas Vincent
Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Committee
March 14, 2013

Talking Points:

- **SB 380 – a simple bill:** 1500 nonresident B-10 (elk/deer combination) licenses in a new category, separate from the 17,000.
- Set price - \$825 + nonresident hunting access enhancement fee (\$10).
- All licenses are on a drawing – none set aside or reserved for clients of outfitters.
- Commission is authorized to require limited entry permits where appropriate.
- Any applicants unsuccessful in a drawing for these licenses are shifted over to the general pool – thus contributing to selling all licenses
- Revenue directed to: 87-2-526 (5) – Come Home to Hunt fund – used solely for acquiring public hunting access to inaccessible public land, which may include obtaining hunting access through private land to inaccessible public land.
- Would be willing to amend the bill to direct funds to 87-1-242 (1)(a) - \$77/license
- Would be willing to amend the bill to set a fund limit, which triggers revenue from SB 380 to FWP general license fund

SB 380 – with big benefits:

- Positive economic impact for small towns and airport cities, and a fund dedicated to securing public access to public lands
- Wilderness outfitters and hunters pump new money into local economies, helping to maintain tourism as Montana's #2 industry.
- There are 86 operating outfitters in wilderness areas. Not all would utilize this license as no part of the license is valid outside wilderness areas specified in SB 380

- Some groups will oppose bill as catering to "special interests" – we're all "special interests" if we log, or mine, or farm and ranch. "Special interest" is another word for a unique business.