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MONTANA AUDUBON

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House Bill 194
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Committee: House Agriculture

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Vice Chairwoman Clark and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jake Troyer and I'm representing the over 5,200 members of Montana Audubon.

Our mission is to promote appreciation, knowledge and conservation of Montana's native birds, other wildlife, and natural ecosystems to safeguard biological diversity for current and future generations.

We feel the science provided from this forage analysis studies could be very helpful in the future.

However, Montana Audubon is opposing House Bill 194 in its current form because:

1. The agencies that conduct the forage studies should be expanded to provide more options beyond the MSU-Ag department and USNRCS. We feel that broadening our state's options of possible vendors could improve the quality of any potential studies, as well as, provide more diverse data to be utilized for future bison transplants.

We are urging a do-not pass from the committee on House Bill 194.