EXHIBIT #1
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HB 304

# Montana Sportsmen ALLIANCE

**Voice of Reason on Montana Fish and Wildlife Issues**

TO: House Transportation Committee

RE: HB 304

POSITION: The Montana Sportsmen Alliance SUPPORTS HB 304

The Montana Sportsmen Alliance enthusiastically supports HB 304. There seems to be a trend involving nontraditional landowners, amenity buyers, and private land outfitters to try to keep the public from accessing public lands.

This bill does not infringe on private property rights and supports public property rights. Sportsmen and the PLWA have challenged these closings in court but they are time consuming and expensive.

The bill is necessary because county commissioners are put inbetween a rock and a hard place. The landowners are constituents and commissioners are reluctant to act even when the road is clearly public. These situations are becoming more common place and this is a problem needing addressed. The Montana Sportsmen Alliance recommends a DO PASS.

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