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Ravalli County Commissioner:

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Wildlife Division
PO Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620-0701
August 9, 2018

Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is requesting public review and comment on the following item. Supporting information on this item can be found on our website under "Opportunity for Public Comment" at fwp.mt.gov/hunting/.

2019 Brucellosis Proposed Annual Work Plan

In January 2013, the commission endorsed elk management recommendations from a citizen working group for use in areas with brucellosis (the Designated Surveillance Area as described by the Montana Department of Livestock). Annual work plans describe specific management actions based upon these recommendations. The proposed 2019 annual work plan largely restates the 2018 plan to include hazing, limited fencing, limited lethal removal of elk, habitat modifications, and other efforts to adjust elk distribution away from cattle at small scales to mitigate the risk of brucellosis transmission from elk to cattle. The proposed 2019 plan also expands the landownership and dates describing where and when elk may be lethally removed to influence elk distribution away from cattle. The number of elk that may be taken is not proposed to be changed.

To download the document: <https://myfwp.mt.gov/getRepositoryFile?objectID=87265>

TO MAKE A COMMENT

For further clarification or additional materials, you may call the Wildlife Division office at 406-444-2612 or email at fwpwld@mt.gov. Comments will be accepted: online by using the link below; in writing sent to the address above; and by email to fwpwld@mt.gov.

<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2018/brucellosisWorkPlan.html>

COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINE & FINAL ADOPTION MEETING

All proposed items will be accepting public comments until **Monday September 17, 2018 at 5 p.m.** with final adoption at the **October 17, 2018** Commission Meeting.