

Marias River Livestock Association, 72 Sweetgrass Hills Rd, Sweet Grass, MT 59484

Marias River Livestock Association Leadership Informs State Organizations Of Local Concerns with Bears and Bison

Marias River Livestock Association took suggested policy and action steps to the Montana Stockgrowers Mid-Year Convention June 9-10. The following policies brought forth by Butch Gillespie and Bob Thompson on behalf of Marias River Livestock Association were passed as Interim Policy.

Policies brought to these committees can be altered in the committee and then is voted upon by the members present.

MSGA Passes Interim Policy at 2016 Midyear Convention

Endangered Species Committee- Grizzly Bear Conflict Response

WHEREAS grizzly bear presence in human settlements is increasing,
WHEREAS FWP has insufficient staffing for bear management and a history of insufficient response time; and
WHEREAS local Law enforcement is tasked with human safety and are frequently the closest responder, must know how to respond appropriately, and yet keep themselves safe; and
WHEREAS emergency responders going to a bear attack on humans need to know how to stay safe with the possibility of bears in the area; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Montana Fish and Wildlife must manage bears to where human safety is priority, utilizing all tools and methods of aversive conditioning as directed in the NCDE Grizzly Conservation Strategy (April 2013) and the Western Montana Grizzly Bear Management Plan; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED MSGA coordinates with Montana Fish and Wildlife to provide training for law enforcement and emergency responders for responding to bears in human settlements and wildlife human conflicts. This training should be provided on an ongoing basis, reoccurring a minimum of every two years. Affected counties would have the option whether to send deputies and emergency responders to the trainings.

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Public Alert Notification System (PANS)

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TOOLE COUNTY AND PONDERA COUNTY ARE BOTH IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING THE PANS SYSTEM UP AND GOING. IN TOOLE COUNTY YOU CAN REGISTER BY GOING TO WWW.TOOLECOUNTYMT.GOV AND SCROLLING DOWN TO THE PUBLIC ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (PANS). WE HOPE TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON THE PROCESS WITH THESE SYSTEMS IN THE LOCAL AREA.

While we all appreciate the warning and information we receive via radio, the PANS is just one more way to keep people and property safe.

Fence In or Fence Out Laws and Liability May Change

Last year at their convention the Montana Grain Growers passed a resolution to looking into changing Montana laws on Open Range. The Grain Growers goal is to make the entire state a Herd District.

Some people really understand the difference between Open Range laws and Herd District laws, but many of us only have a vague idea of what that means and how it will affect our day to day operations.

There is a whole chapter of Montana law that covers this topic. You can find it at by sampling Googling "Montana Code Annotated" then go to Title 81 chapter 4 Containment of Livestock. If you raise livestock this will be very important for you to understand when the legislation to change these laws is brought forward in the 2017 Legislative Session.

There seems to be adequate law on the books to protect farmers and if a farmer wishes to have a herd district created in his county he is currently able to apply to do so without affecting the whole state.

81-4-203. Open range defined The term "open range" means all lands in the state of Montana not enclosed by a fence of not less than two wires in good repair. The term "open range" includes all highways outside of private enclosures and used by the public whether or not the same have been formally dedicated to the public.

81-4-215. Liability of owners of stock for trespass. If any cattle, horses, mules, asses, hogs, sheep, llamas, alpacas, bison, or other domestic animals break into any enclosure and the fence of the enclosure is legal, as provided in [81-4-101](#), the owner of the animals is liable for damages to the owner or occupant of the enclosure if the owner or person in control of the animals was negligent. This section may not be construed to require a legal fence in order to maintain an action for injury done by animals running at

Marias River Livestock Membership Application

DATE _____

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Marias River Livestock Association
Carrie Sue Lerum
PO Box 56
Galata, Mt 59444

Active Membership is per individual not per ranch or corporation.

This a new membership _____

This is a renewal _____

____ Active Member \$50

Any individual 18 years of age or older, active in the livestock production industry in the counties of Glacier, Liberty, Pondera, or Toole, Montana is eligible for active membership in the Marias River Livestock Association

____ Youth Member \$10

Youth are under 18 years of age and interested in learning about livestock production, promoting the livestock industry and willing to volunteer 5 hours a year.

____ Associate Member \$50

An individual, firm, corporation or partnership, no matter where it's or his/her place of business or residence may be eligible for non-voting Associate Membership



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Livestock Losses Due to Grizzly Bears Continue to Increase

USDA Wildlife Services reported between October 1, 2015 and May 31, 2016 that 94 head of livestock had been killed or deemed probable kill by Grizzly bears in Montana. Since that report, two more calves and two alpaca have been killed to make a total of 98. In 2015, for the whole year (Oct 1- Sept 31) there were only 90 head of livestock killed or deemed probable kill by Grizzly bears and it was a record high year for grizzly conflicts. Grizzly Bear depredation has passed last year's tally and there is still have 3 1/2 months to go!!

Montana's Livestock Loss Board provides compensation for USDA Wildlife Services verified livestock losses due to grizzly bears or wolves. Each year the board receives \$200,000 in state funds to pay for verified death loss claims. Unused funding rolls over to the next year in the event losses are high. Their current account balance is capped at \$300,000 which is hopefully enough funding to cover the increased losses from grizzly bears this year. Because of restrictions to their funding there are no payments for unverified or missing livestock. If you suspect your livestock was killed by a grizzly bear or wolf, preserve the evidence by tarping the animal and any tracks nearby. Call Wildlife Services immediately to request an investigation. Mike Hoggan's telephone number is 289-0492. If you can't reach Mike, call Kraig Glazier at 406-439-5943 or their state office at 406-657-6464.

The Livestock Loss Board also has a loss prevention program. Around \$100,000 will be available for loss prevention grants in September, 2016. These funds can be used this fall or next year in an attempt to reduce livestock losses from grizzly bears or wolves. A fifty percent cost share is required for each grant. The cost share may be in the form of cash paid by you for supplies, in-kind value for your time and equipment, or a combination of both. Examples of loss prevention projects could be installing electric fencing, adding a guard dog to your operation, or hiring a rider or herder during the season when grizzlies are present. Grant application forms are available on the board's website www.llb.mt.gov or by calling the board office. Applications are due by August 12, 2016 and the board will be reviewing the applications the end of August.

If you have any questions, please call George Edwards at 406-444-5609 or contact him by email at gedwards@mt.gov



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United States Cattlemen's Association to Hold Annual Meeting and Producers Forum in Billings

Greetings!

United States Cattlemen's Association leadership and staff are busy preparing for this year's annual meeting: mark your calendars for September 9th & 10th in Billings, Montana at the Big Horn Resort. *This year's meeting will feature a new format:*

Friday, Sept. 9th will serve as the USCA Annual Meeting in which Board of Directors & Officers nominations will take place, policy will be reviewed and drafted and all other official USCA business will occur.

On Saturday, Sept. 10th we welcome all producers and members of the public to attend the 2016 Cattle Producer's Forum. The Cattle Producer's Forum will feature panel discussions and special speakers on global trade, the state of the cattle industry, and ushering in the next generation of cattle producers. Following the day's events, we will honor industry VIP's and friends of the industry at a special awards presentation, and then end with a "Producer's Night-Out" social event. Registration details and hotel information is coming soon, but be sure to mark your calendars now and 'saved-the-date'!

See you all in Billings!

Jess Peterson
United States Cattlemen's Association

Free Trade Requires Stern Look

Opinion (or lack of a strong one) by Maggie Nutter

If you run a ranch you have probably sat down at some point and figured out the minimum and maximum number of cattle you can run on your place and still make a profit. More cows, birthing more calves for you to sell does not always equate in more profit. There are two important numbers input and income. If at some point the inputs- feed, labor, water, and equipment—get higher than the income you receive for the calves and culls at the auction yard, you need to consider changes.

With Free Trade agreements- TPP for example- we keep hearing the increase in the amount of trade that the beef and pork producers will see. It sounds good with the assumption that increased trade means increased profits. Here is the problem... What is the other number??

While we see predictions from the USDA, NCBA and the AFBF that with TPP exports will increase and more dollars will flow in to the USA. I wonder if that will translate in to better prices for the US Cow/Calf producer. If we increase exports through these trade deals what happens with the US imports and how does that affect the cow calf producer and the feedlots? Will US Packers simply import Canadian and Mexican beef at a low cost and then export it to other countries? With high US dollar it would make sense as a Packer to bring in less expensive cattle/beef from Canada and Mexico.

“TPP could reverse U.S. beef export trend—

Iowa Farmer Today

May 14, 2016 [By Chad Smith, Lee Agri-Media](#)

“U.S. beef producers have lost more than \$100 million in sales in Japan since Australia and Japan implemented an economic partnership agreement in early 2015. This is not only potential sales, but also actual year over year losses to Australia, which is America’s largest competitor in the beef industry.

The trade agreement gives Australian beef a much lower tariff rate (11 percent) in Japan than American beef gets (38.5 percent), and the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association wants that playing field leveled in Japan and the Pacific Rim countries. NCBA says the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement announced last October will level that playing field immediately...”

A series of article by Harwood D. Schaffer, Research and Daryll E. Ray released this spring spoke to a few of my concerns.

“In the lead-up to the Obama Administration bringing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (the ocean-spanning trade deal between the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Australia, Chile, New Zealand, Brunei, Vietnam, Peru, Singapore, Malaysia, and Japan) to Congress, Agricultural Policy Analysis Center (APAC) at the University of Tennessee, Daryll E. Ray and Harwood D. Schaffer penned a series of columns that examined the effects of seven recent American “free” trade deals on U.S. farm and food exports and imports before and after implementation.

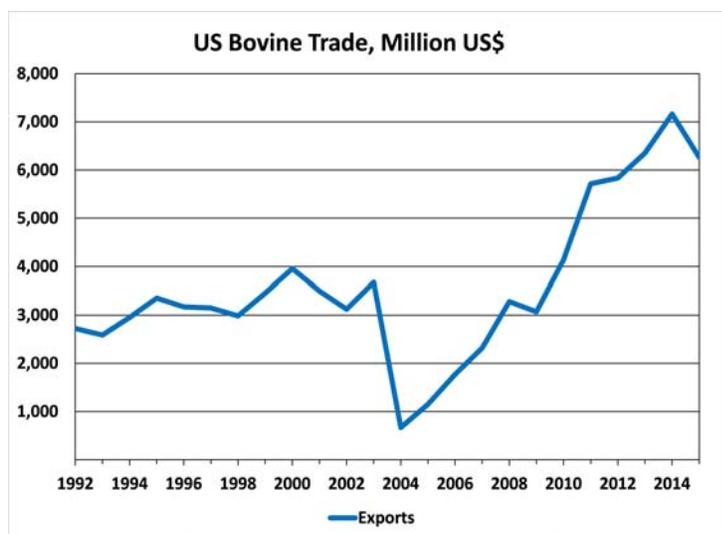
For example, when Ray and Schaffer squared the books on U.S. farm and food exports and imports to and from Canada under the North American Free Trade Agreement, they found that the “cumulative balance of trade” for the U.S. goods from 1997 to 2014 “was -\$30.4 billion.”

That means Canada sent \$30.4 billion more in ag goods—grains, meat, animals, fish, wood, and fur—south than America sent north under NAFTA once the 1994 deal was fully implemented.

Likewise, Mexico sold the U.S. \$9.6 billion more in food and farm goods over the same 18-year period than the U.S. sold Mexico.

In total, they noted, NAFTA brought nearly \$40 billion more Canadian and Mexican farm and food goods into the U.S. between 1997 and 2014 than the U.S. shipped to Canada and Mexico.

This isn’t breaking news; anyone who can read knows that NAFTA has been far more beneficial to international agbiz that works both sides of the border than farmers and ranchers



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who work on either side. What continues to be news, however, is that American farm and commodity groups stubbornly refuse to accept that NAFTA—like all trade deals—is a two-way street.

Ray and Schaffer explain this paved, nearly-flat roadway in and out of the U.S. this way: “As the NAFTA results suggest, high expectations that trade deals will accelerate growth in the value of total U.S. agricultural exports don’t always materialize.”

Now there’s a phrase U.S. trade negotiators might tattoo on their, well, persons because when Ray and Schaffer examined other trade pacts signed by the U.S. since NAFTA what they found wasn’t that “high expectations” for trade “don’t always materialize” but rather that any expectations, high, low or in between, almost never materialize.

For example, overall the 2001 U.S.-Jordan pact is \$224 million under water, the 2004 U.S.-Australia deal has netted U.S. farmers an piddling \$175 million over 10 years, and the 2006 trade pacts with Bahrain and Morocco collectively are about \$90 million in the hole.

The big loser, though, is the 2004 U.S.-Chile pact. In 10 years, Chile has sent the U.S. \$24.7 billion in farm goods more than the U.S. sent there.”

<http://farmandfoodfile.com/2016/02/24/free-trade-free-lunch/>

Maybe I just read too much, but I have always been curious about learning both sides of most issues. It is easy to repeat what is fed to you by any large organization: It takes time to research and think about an issue. The problem is I don’t come to any good conclusion, but the right to think freely and be able to express those thoughts was hard fought for by our armed forces in the past and I don’t aim to let that right go idle.

I have added two key quotes from Schaffer and Ray.

In 2015 the US imported 1.5 million tonnes CWE (carcass weight equivalent) of beef and veal while we exported only 1.0 million tonnes CWE....

Subtracting imports from exports, it is easy to see that in most years we have a negative balance of trade in all bovine products (Figure 3). The US has had a positive balance of trade in bovine products in only 9 of the last 24 years. Over the 24 year period, the cumulative US balance of trade has been -\$19.7 billion.

So the end questions are-- “Will TPP improve exports?” and “How will TPP affect the import issue?”

Figure 2. Value of US imports of bovine products, 1992-2015. Source: USA Trade Online.

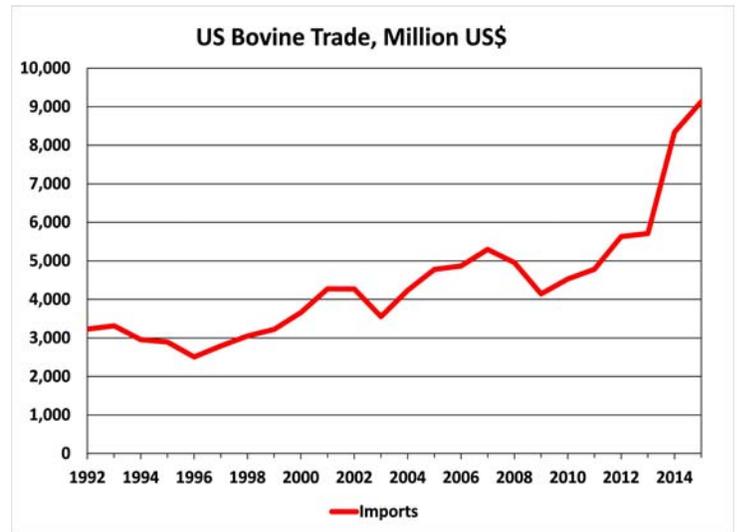


Figure 3. US balance of trade in bovine products, 1992-2015. Source: USA Trade Online.



The US has had a positive balance of trade in bovine products in only 9 of the last 24 years. Over the 24 year period, the cumulative US balance of trade has been -\$19.7 billion.

Cont from pg 1 Informing State Organizations

**Landowner/Recreation and Wildlife Committee
Bison Ownership and Management**

WHEREAS wildlife is not owned but held in trust for the public; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED MSGA supports legislation that prevents the change of status of private, NGO or tribal owned livestock to wildlife status; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED MSGA support legislation requiring an Environmental Assessment be done any time bison are moved between private, tribal and public managed lands.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED MSGA supports legislation requesting the DOI conduct an EA including a management plan prior to bison entering into Glacier NP.

At the Montana Farm Bureau Federation mid-year meeting Maggie Nutter, suggested policy for consideration at the annual meeting and asked for the MTBF Board of Directors to consider an Action Item.

MFBF approach the Governor and ask first that bison belonging to the Blackfoot Tribe not be allowed to roam free in Glacier National Park or Forest Service land. Second If bison are to be allowed in to Glacier National Park that prior to that happening, a MOU be developed between the State, Tribe, National Park and other involved parties addressing management of such items as population control, disease prevention/control, ownership and private property damage when entering the State of Montana.

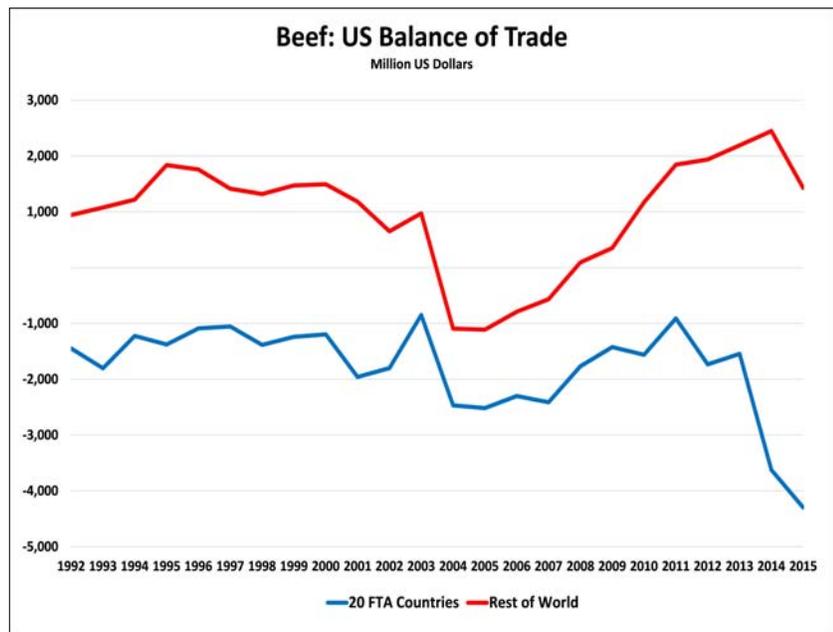
US balance of trade of major meats with FTA and non-FTA countries

Policy Pennings by Harwood D. Schaffer & Daryll E. Ray, May 27, 2016
(Excerpt from May 27, 2016 article)

“While exports are important to US agriculture, US farm groups, trade analysts, and policy makers often neglect the impact of imports on the domestic farm economy. Last week, in looking at beef, we saw that imports left us with a negative balance of trade despite increasing exports; imports grew faster than exports.

If we look at the balance of trade in beef among the countries with which we have an FTA (free trade agreement), we see that the balance of trade has worsened over the last 24 years (fig. 1), going into a steep decline since 2011. On the other hand if we look at the countries with which we do not have an FTA, the balance of trade has remained positive, except for the period following the discovery of BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) in the US herd.”
Link to full article <http://agpolicy.org/weekcol/825.html>

Figure 1. US balance of trade in bovine products, comparing 20 countries with which the US has an Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the countries in the rest of the world, 1992-2015. Data source: US Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, USA Trade Online (<http://tinyurl.com/jsltwao>).



Smart Moves for Cole Redhorse



Mark and Barb Cole with mares and few of the 2016 colts. Over the years Coles have worked to put together an impressive set of mares. Having always had an emphasis on pedigree, conformation and disposition, they believe they have done a good job in accomplishing this quality goal with all of their horses.

Barb and Mark Cole have always had a passion for horses. In 1995 they purchased their first stud, All Reddy Smart, in Texas as a 2 year old. Although they had previously bred to outside studs, this was actually the start of their present program. All Reddy Smart went to work earning over \$16,000 in NRHA and AQHA competitions and making beautiful and well build foals too. Before retiring in 2001 "Tucker" was also a NRHA Gold Certificate earner and AQHA Superior Reining Horse, earning total of 63 points in reining and working cowhorse. The Coles felt very fortunate to have found such a great horse and were devastated when they lost him in May of 2011, just six days before his 18th birthday.

It was a sad time, but eventually they started to look for a replacement and are very pleased with their new stud, Peptos Duke. He is also athletic, has a great disposition and has fit right into the program. Peptos Duke's first babies hit the ground in 2013. Everyone is quite pleased with the new arrivals so far and anxious to see what they will achieve.

The Coles also have Hallmarked Playboy, a stud that they raised and are standing in Alberta, Canada. He has always been a favorite and since he was shown in Canada, they decided that is where he should make his debut. At the 2011 Canadian Supreme, "Poncho" pretty well cleaned house in the Open Hackamore and ended the year as the ARCHA Reserve Champion.

Mark & Barb are pleased to announce a new addition to their Redhorse Program: The Remington & Danni Campbell family, of Doin' It Right Performance Horses. It is yet another expansion of one of the leading quarter horse breeders in the Northwest U.S. and Canada.

Horses have always been a part of their lives. They love to show them and talk horse. Please give them a call or email if you are interested in checking out what is currently available. You may also visit their website at www.ColeRedhorse.com and like them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/coleredhorse.

Read more about Remington Campbell on Page 8

Cole Redhorse holds an annual sale. This year is the 19th Annual Montana Breeders Group Sale on September 4, 2016 in Great Falls, Montana. Hope to see you there!



Mark & Barb Cole are pleased to announce a new addition to their Redhorse Program. Please welcome Remington & Danni Campbell and their handsome son, Haaken of Doin' It Right Performance Horses.

L-R Mark & Barb Cole, Danni & Remington Campbell holding Haaken, with Cole Redhorse stallion, Peptos Duke.

Doin' It Right Performance Horses

By Remington Campbell

Doin' It Right Performance Horses was founded on passion and dedication to making top-of-the-line performance horses both inside and outside the arena. We specialize in colt starting, team roping and calf roping.

My name is Remington Campbell and I grew up in the Great Falls area near a feedlot. I was exposed to the cattle and ranch world from the time my feet hit the ground. When I was five years old I would ride along with the neighbor and help him feed and work cows in his feedlot. Loving the ranch life and having a passion for being around horses I bought my first horse when I was 14. That summer my horse and I went to work on a ranch north of the Milk River and did so for two years.

When I was 16, I went to watch a reined cowhorse show at the Four Seasons Arena. It was there that I met Justin Warneke who, because of a broken hand, asked me if I would be interested in riding colts for him during the summer. I jumped at the opportunity. After apprenticing with Justin for two years, I realized I had a natural aptitude for starting and finishing horses.

To further my knowledge and ability with horses I attended and completed MSU-Bozeman's horseshoeing school. Having developed my own horse training program over the past seven years, I have many repeat clients and a full training schedule all year round. I currently compete in ACTRA, WTRCA and World Series team ropings as well as NRA rodeo. I also show head and heel horses in judged AQHA shows.

I met my wife, Danni, in the spring of 2012. The passion for horses brought us together. She has been working and roping alongside me ever since. In 2015, God blessed us with a handsome son, Haaken. He is as horse crazy as his mom and I. Thanks to Cole Redhorse we have recently relocated to Shelby, Montana, and will continue to train quality performance horses.

Look for Doin' It Right Performance Horses on Facebook.



Remington Campbell, son Haaken and wife Danni with Cole Redhorse stallion, Peptos Duke. Remington and his family have relocated to the Shelby area. They will be training performance horses and starting colts. This talented couple is a great addition to the community.

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Petition to consider listing Northwestern Moose under ESA

Friday June 3, 2016 the US FWS filed an Evaluation of a Petition to List the U.S. Population of Northwestern Moose (*Alces alces andersoni*) as an Endangered or Threatened Distinct Population Segment (DPS). The population of Moose being considered are in Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. The population of moose in these states has been drastically declining due perhaps to parasites and wolves.

So what does that have to do with us?

Currently the Montana FWP is conducting a 10 study on the Montana moose population. The following is the e-mail conversation with Nick Decesare, Research Wildlife Biologist, MFWP, who is conducting the study. I will add that Nick is always willing to share information and has presented updates on his study at the Whitlash Hall for MRLA twice in the last few years. He would welcome any question you may have.

Maggie,
I think a fair amount of the motivation to list moose is coming from the steep declines they've seen in Minnesota. With respect to our studies, thus far we aren't seeing anything of that magnitude in Montana. In our 3 study areas we are seeing generally one that may be declining somewhat (Big Hole), one that looks close to stable (Cabinets), and one that seems to be increasing (Rocky Mtn Front).

In the Big Hole there appear to be some parasite/disease factors affecting survival rates of the adults, but thus far I wouldn't put it into a category of extreme concern that would warrant listing status. For more info we know have a webpage where we've been posting annual reports and such, or let me know if you have any other questions:

<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/diseasesAndResearch/research/moose/populationsMonitoring/default.html>

When we met a few years ago I probably mentioned that we were also interested in looking at genetics to see if we could identify differences among the different moose populations or subspecies within Montana, including those expanding into the Sweet Grass Hills

and further east along the Canadian border. The listing petition concerns the northwestern subspecies, which is thought to span from about the Yukon over to Michigan, and traditionally hasn't been thought to occur in Montana, until possibly recent times with the moose expanding into your area and further east.

Our genetics project is still underway, and has grown substantially such that we know have moose genetic samples spanning from Alaska down to Colorado and over to North Dakota and Saskatchewan.... So no final results yet but we should have some info about that coming soon too, with possible implications regarding the genetics component of this petition to list the northwestern subspecies.

... our initial research question was just to see if there was evidence that the moose in the US Rocky Mountains (traditionally called Shiras moose) are genetically different than those further north in Canada. It has included getting some samples from moose as far east as North Dakota so yes I think we may end up with some information that may be of relevance to the USFWS when our results come back. As of now we still have a batch of about 100 samples at the genetics lab waiting for lab analyses.... So nothing final in terms of results yet.

Interestingly in North Dakota their eastern populations of moose bordering Minnesota are declining, but their western populations closer to Montana are increasing. In terms of what the petition could mean for landowners in Montana, it would be tough to say as of now. USFWS will have to review the evidence to determine what/where that subspecies of moose really is or isn't, as well as what their status is across the US portion of that subspecies' range.

Keep in touch!
Nick DeCesare



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large contrary to law. In the case of trespassing animals in a herd district, the liability and damage provisions of [81-4-307](#) apply.

81-4-301. Herd districts -- creation, size, and location. (1) Herd districts may be created in any county in the state of Montana:

(a) upon petition of owners or possessors of 55% of the land in the district and providing that 25% or more of the land in the district is in actual cultivation or being used for residential purposes; or

(b) upon petition of owners or possessors of 75% of the land in the district.

(2) Herd districts must contain 12 square miles or more, lying not less than 1 mile in width, outside of the incorporated cities, except that herd districts may be created containing not less than 6 or more than 54 square miles, lying not less than 2 miles in width, when the territory joins and is contiguous with the boundaries of a city having a population of 10,000 or more and the territory to be created in a herd district has a suburban population of not less than 200 people.

(3) In formation of a herd district the entire holding of any owner or lessee must be included unless the owner or lessee consents that less than the owner or lessee's entire contiguous holdings be included in the petition.

(4) The petition must designate the months of the year when the herd district is effective, and upon presentation and filing of the petition, properly signed, giving the outside boundaries and description of the proposed district and the post-office address of the petition signers, with the clerk and recorder in the county in which the district is being created, the county commissioners of that county, upon receipt of the petition, shall set a date for hearing protests and verifying the petition signatures and shall give not less than 20 days' notice of the hearing by three publications in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the proposed district. At the hearing held pursuant to the notices, the county commissioners shall examine the petition and shall cause a map to be made in order to determine the shape and regularity of the boundaries of the proposed district. The commissioners may then establish the district, but the district shall be established only in a manner that the district will be reasonably regular and symmetrical in shape or practicable in relation to the geographical

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Diemert Ranch Herefords – 432-3412

www.ngrbulls.com/diemert_ranch_herefords.htm

Enneberg Angus Ranch – 845-4901

Flesch Angus – Sale March 2016

www.fleschangus.com

Gillespie Show Cattle – 337-2943 or 949-4453

www.gillespieshowcattle.com

Hawks Angus – Private Treaty 432-5355

www.hawksangus.com

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Timber Coulee Columbia – 937-2775

Turner Angus – 434-2823

www.TurnerAngus.com

Save the Date

July 5 North Country Cattlewomen, 7:00pm, Froggies, Valier
Come check it out, New members are always welcome

July 7 NCDE Forest Service Grizzly Bear Habitat Workshop
Double Tree Inn Missoula MT, 1- 4 then 6-8 pm

July 21- 24 Marias Fair - Be Bear Aware Education Trailer

July 28-31 Lewis and Clark Days, Cut Bank
Be Bear Aware Education Trailer

Aug 3 Interagency Bison Management Plan Committee,
Bozeman MT

Aug 6 Grizzly Days, Dupuyer
Be Bear Aware Education Trailer

Sept 8 & 9 Women Stepping Forward- Big Horn Resort, Billings

Sept 9 & 10 U.S. Cattlemen's Meeting and Producer Forum
Big Horn Resort, Billings

Sept 14, 15, 16 MT Sheep Seminar Ewe Sale and Ram Sale,
Miles City

Oct 3 Marias River Livestock Association Fall Membership Meeting

Oct 21 & 22 Farmers Union Convention, Great Falls

Nov 12 MRLA Prime Rib and Rib Tickler



Please watch for the Be Bear Aware Education Trailer this summer. It will be at many of the local summer celebrations and at the Marias Fair.

Fence Law from pg 10

features of the district. It is not required that the boundaries of a district follow section lines to meet the requirement of reasonably regular and symmetrical boundaries.

(5) Should it appear to the county commissioners after the hearing that the signatures attached to the petition were genuine, they shall immediately declare the herd district created and established. After making the declaration, the county commissioners shall give notice by four weekly publications in a newspaper nearest the district of the creation of the district, also stating the period that the district will be in effect. A district may not be in effect until 30 days have expired after the order.

(6) If the signature of lessee appears on the petition creating or abolishing any herd district, the owner or owners of the land may appear either in person or by agent and enter their protest and the board of county commissioners shall remove the name of the lessee from the petition, and a person may not withdraw the person's name after the hour set for hearing the protest.

What changing the laws can affect is liability in the case of car/livestock or train/livestock incidences you may want to speak to your insurance agent about this. Changing the laws could affect responsibility for building and maintaining fences and the type of fence you may use.

There are other groups that plan to bring forward legislation that will speak to the legal definition of a fence. There is code in Title 81 Chapter 4 part 1 that describes fencing expectations in Montana.

There is concern that certain organizations would use this opening of the fence laws to advocate that all fences be wildlife friendly. If you use any woven wire fence or low barbwire fence to contain sheep or goats you may be concerned about those types of changes.

If you have thoughts of the changing of these laws please contact Maggie at 937-2751 or e-mail nutter@nrotherntel.net.

Thank You!
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