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Dear Sir or Madam:

For decades Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) has been both proactively and reactively addressing the impacts that wildlife have on private lands. At the same time, the impacts of human activities on wildlife have been just as prevalent and have also required attention. In 2008, FWP published *A Landowner's Guide to Wildlife Friendly Fence: How to Build Fence with Wildlife in Mind*, to assist private landowners by providing information about how to avoid or reduce wildlife damage to fences and to reduce wildlife injury and death caused by fences. Since first printed and made available on the agency web site, positive feedback has been received from as far away as Argentina, Australia, and Nepal. In fact, the unprecedented reception of the publication was so great that the original supply of 7,500 quality-color copies was quickly exhausted. This ground-breaking publication also prompted other western states to recognize the need for such a resource and many now have printed their own versions, often with content used with permission from Montana's guide.

I am pleased to announce that due to demand and feedback, the original publication has been updated and expanded to provide an even more valuable reference tool to help address this important issue. For your review and use I have enclosed one copy of the 2012 edition of *A Landowner's Guide to Wildlife Friendly Fence: How to Build Fence with Wildlife in Mind*. Please feel free to request additional copies at no charge. A PDF version can be downloaded from the FWP website as well (<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/livingWithWildlife/tips.html>). Constructive comments and feedback were drivers for the enhancements to this guide and continue to be sought and encouraged.

With highest regard,

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