

COMMISSIONERS:

1/20/12

ENCLOSED IS A LETTER TO Hon.
Gov BRIAN SCHWETZER DATED 2/19/11
My VIEW POINT ON THE WOLVES HAS
NOT CHANGED. WE NEED TO DO
WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET THE
WOLVES TO A MANAGEABLE LEVEL!

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Re: WOLVES

I HAVE LIVED IN DARBY ALL OF MY LIFE. I AM 69 YRS OLD AND HAVE HUNTED 59 ELK. THE 1ST AT AGE 16 IN 1958. ALL HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE UPPER BITTER ROOT OR ON THE EDGE OF THE BIG HOLE VALLEY. ELK MEAT HAS PROVIDED MANY MEALS FOR OUR FAMILY AS WELL AS MANY DAYS OF RECREATION.

I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE ELK POPULATION IN THIS AREA AS LOW AS IT IS NOW. IT IS DEPRESSING TO HUNT FOR DAYS AND FIND MORE WOLF SIGN THAN ELK SIGN. THE LICEN SUTERS CANT CHANGE PUTTING THEIR DOGS ON A TRACK. SEVERAL WHO HAVE TRIED HAVE FOUND THEIR DOGS KILLED AFTER BAY TREED. MOST OF THE DOGS ARE WORTH THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. SEVERAL FAMILY DOGS HAVE BEEN KILLED W/IN A FEW MILES OF DARBY. ITS PRETTY HARD TO FIND A LIVESTOCK RANCHER WHO HAS NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY WOLVES. IT IS HARD TO FIND ANY THAT HAS BEEN COMPENSATED. I AM ALSO CONCERNED W/ THE INTESTINAL PARASITES THE WOLVES CARRY.

THE STATS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. WE CANNOT SUSTAIN THE ELK HERDS W/ THESE WOLF NUMBERS AND SUCH LOW CARI/COW RATIOS. WE ABSOLUTELY NEED TO LOWER THE WOLF NUMBERS.

ITS TIME FOR MONTANANS TO TAKE CHARGE IF WE ARE TO HAVE BIG GAME HUNTING FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

I APPRAUD YOU FOR STANDING UP TO THE FEDS.
GOOD LEADERSHIP NEEDS NO APOLOGY! YOU HAVE MY VOTE, OH, DID I MENTION THAT I AM A REPUBLICAN.

REGARDS,

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