

Citizens for Balanced Use Newsletter

Important Meetings To Attend And Action To Take!

Dear Citizen,

CBU understands the connection we all have between multiple use recreation and industries such as agriculture and resource development. When active forest management, responsible resource development or grazing rights on our federally managed public land are restricted or removed, removal of multiple use recreation is not far behind. The attacks on our ability to access these lands has escalated in recent years and CBU can not emphasize enough the importance of recreation supporting agriculture and the resource industries of our state and our country.

Today the U.S. House will vote on an important piece of legislation aimed at reducing our fuel loads in our forests and putting people back to work. With this legislation comes the opportunity for access to these federally managed public lands for multiple use recreation. HR 1526 will do several things in providing jobs, reducing frivolous lawsuits, and bringing our forest back to a more healthy state.

The environmental groups will attack this legislation as being bad for the environment when in fact they are only trying to protect their organization and continue blocking any active forest management. They don't care about the environment, they only care about the money they raise from people with little understanding of truly caring for the land and our wildlife.

Please consider writing an editorial to your local paper in support of HR 1526.

- HR1526 will create 200,000 jobs nationwide and 5000 jobs in Montana
- HR1526 will require 50% of the sustainable yield or new growth to be harvested annually.
- HR 1526 will require litigants on any projects proposed to post a bond acceptable to a judge in the amount of expected litigation fees.
- HR 1526 will limit the project EIS to 100 pages.
- Unlike Senator Tester's wilderness bill, HR 1526 is permanent and does not expire in 15 years.
- HR 1526 will provide funding for our schools.

We need HR1526 and CBU thanks Representative Steve Daines for bringing this much needed and sensible legislation forward!

Bison Meeting

FWP Director Hagener has appointed a working group to develop a state wide bison management plan. The meeting for this group will be in

**Lewistown at the Yogo Inn
beginning at 10 am
on September 26 and 27.**

Here is the list of members appointed and invited by our new Director of Fish & Wildlife.

Senator Jim Peterson	
Senator Taylor Brown	
Senator Mike Phillips	Turner Endangered Species Fund
Representative Mike Lang	
Larry Wetsit	FWP commission
Richard Stuker	FWP commission
Tim Baker	Gov. office
Jeff Hagener	FWP Director
Mike Volesky	FWP Deputy Director
Arnie Dude	FWP
Tom Flowers	FWP
Pat Flowers	FWP
Ken McDonald	FWP
Lauri Hanauska Brown	FWP
Rick Potts	CMR
Eric Liska	DOL
Jamie Connell	BLM
Kieth Aune	Retired FWP, member Wildlife Conservation Society
Janine Marie Souvigny	Conservation Voters, Greater Yellowstone Coalition
Steve McEvoy	Environmental activist
Chris King	Rancher in Winnett, past member of PLPW
Dale Veseth	Rancher bordering American Prairie Reserve
Mike Fox	Fort Belknap tribal council, President InterTribal Bison Cooperative
Tom France	NWF
Dick Dolan	APF
Jay Bodner	Mt. Stockgrowers
John Youngberg	Mt. Farm Bureau
Leslie Robinson	Phillips County Commissioner

As you will see by these members there is a concerted effort on the part of the director to force free roaming bison on private property owners. Only a few token members have been given the opportunity to participate on this committee. This is a public meeting and I urge CBU members and supporters to attend. Like I said previously, multiple use recreation must support agriculture and resource industries. Attacks on private property affect all of us and we need to stand together. Part of the new bison plan is to bring bison out of Yellowstone Park and all the way to Big Sky for year round occupancy. This will ultimately affect or remove many types of recreation in the Gallatin National Forest in this area including winter snowmobiling in Taylor Fork and Buck Creek.

Grizzly Bear Meeting

FWP is trying to force more Grizzly Bears on private property in Montana with little or no population controls or options for private property owners. There has been little attempt by FWP to provide adequate notice to Montana citizens on this plan or hold public meetings in those areas most affected. Legislators, county commissioners, businesses, sportsman, home owners and recreationists are coming together to discuss this action at a public meeting to be held

September 23

7:00 PM

Twin Bridges Fairgrounds Pavilion

FWP has provided scarce information regarding public meetings on this plan and concerned citizens are gathering to discuss this issue. People will be in attendance to answer questions and it is important that the comment period on this proposal be extended. Every year more and more people are killed and injured by Grizzly Bears and more livestock and big game is killed as Grizzly bear populations and range have expanded. It is important that we all stand together before we become prisoners in our own homes and we no longer are able to protect our private property. Attend this meeting for more information or submit comments to FWP in support of extending the public comment time period.

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