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RE: Feedground Stakeholder meeting notes

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While reading through the plan what we found was that virtually all the material/issues we discussed repeatedly throughout this process were ignored so its hard to see how the G&F found them valuable.

The two basic problems with the process are the ‘sideboards’ created by Nesvik which destroyed the process from its very start. Secondly and relatedly, was the ignoring of basic wildlife management principles and ethics.

Its not of much use to reiterate the material provided over the last few years since when we did provide it it was ignored.

The basic fact that elk feedlots are the exception (only in a part of western Wyoming) proves that the only reason they remain is due to ranchers and outfitters profit interests. As we mentioned in comments a

year ago, Colorado has a way higher elk and human population with much more cut up land ownership and there is no feedlot operations.

G&F is displaying typical drug addiction symptoms instead of doing the right, moral and professional thing to do which is eliminate the feedlots.

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A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community.

It is wrong when it tends otherwise.

Aldo Leopold

From: WGFD Elk Feedground Info <wgf-elkfeedgroundinfo@wyo.gov>

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Dear Stakeholders,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Elk Feedground Management Plan Stakeholder Meeting in Pinedale on August 30, 2023. Your continued involvement is extremely valuable to this process. As a follow-up to last week's meeting, here are a few items for your information and review:

Stakeholder Group Meeting Summaries:

You can find a summary of each of the stakeholder group discussions attached. These summaries are not meant to be comprehensive notes from each group's discussion. Rather, it is intended to provide each stakeholder a glimpse into the comments and concerns of the other stakeholder groups.

Comment Period:

Comments on the **DRAFT PLAN** are due by September 10, 2023. As a stakeholder, please use **THIS LINK** to provide your comments.

Draft Plan Revisions and Commission Approval:

Following the comment period closure on September 10, the committee will begin their final revisions on the draft plan. Initially, the committee planned to present the final plan

to the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission at their November 2023 meeting. However, to ensure enough time for revisions, the committee now intends to present the final plan at the January 2024 Commission meeting.

Thank you for your continued interest and involvement during the final stages of this process. Please reach out to the Steering Committee at wgf-elkfeedgroundinfo@wyo.gov if you have questions.

With appreciation,

Wyoming Game and Fish Department

Elk Feedgrounds Steering Team



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