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William Avey
Supervisor, Helena–Lewis & Clark National Forest
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Dear Supervisor Avey,

The Montana Wildlife Federation, Helena Hunters & Anglers Association, Clancy-Unionville Citizens Task Force, Anaconda Sportsmen's Club, and the Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers are preparing to challenge the Helena-Lewis and Clark Forest's decision to amend big game security standard 4a. However, we take litigation action only as a last resort.

As you are aware, members of our coalition have submitted comment at each stage of the process to amend the Helena National Forest big game security standard. We participated in the Objection process. We offered alternatives to the "Forest Plan Programmatic Amendment for Big Game Security for the Divide Travel Plan."

Please advise if you would be willing to negotiate meaningful changes to the big game security amendment (as adopted March 1, 2015). If so, we would like to schedule a meeting on August 23 to meet with you and members of your staff.

On behalf of our coalition of sportsmen and citizens, we appreciate consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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