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NINEMILE AREA LANDOWNER WILDLIFE SURVEY



Instructions

Purpose: This survey is meant to: (1) gather local knowledge about wildlife crossing locations along the Interstate 90-Ninemile Corridor; (2) increase our understanding of how residents of this corridor live with and feel about wildlife; and (3) improve our knowledge of how to better serve our constituents. The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. All survey answers are confidential. **Please only fill out 1 survey!**

Please answer the following questions as completely and candidly as possible. Use the maps included to mark where you observe wildlife in the area. Use one map for ungulates and other prey animals (deer, elk, moose, sheep, etc.) and another for predators (bears, wolves, mountain lions, etc.). We would appreciate it if you could return the survey and maps in the envelope provided by October 15th, 2010.

Thank you for your time,

Ninemile Wildlife Workgroup (NWW)

PO Box 435 Huson, MT 59846

About You

1. Briefly describe your property (approx. acreage, usage, etc.):

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2. How long have you lived here?

- 0-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-20 years
- 20+ years

3. What do you like and/or dislike about living in the Ninemile region?

4. Are you a _____ permanent or _____ part-time resident?

If part-time, during what months do you live here?

5. What is your vision of or plan for your property in the future (including once you are no longer the owner/occupant)?

6. Do you hunt or otherwise recreate in the Ninemile or nearby Fish, Petty or Sixmile drainages ?

Choose all that apply and note how often you participate in these activities.

Hunt _____	1-5x/year	6-20x/year	>20x/year
Hike _____	1-5x/year	6-20x/year	>20x/year
Road/Mountain bicycle _____	1-5x/year	6-20x/year	>20x/year
Bird watch _____	1-5x/year	6-20x/year	>20x/year
Snowmobile _____	1-5x/year	6-20x/year	>20x/year
Snowshoe/XC ski _____	1-5x/year	6-20x/year	>20x/year
Horse ride/pack _____	1-5x/year	6-20x/year	>20x/year
ORV (4-wheel) _____	1-5x/year	6-20x/year	>20x/year
ORV (dirt bike) _____	1-5x/year	6-20x/year	>20x/year
Other (Specify) _____	1-5x/year	6-20x/year	>20x/year

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7. What are the top 3 *natural resource* issues in the Ninemile (most important to you personally)? **Choose 3.**

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| Wildlife | National Forest land use planning |
| Wildfires | Non-motorized recreation |
| Pollution | Motorized recreation |
| Residential Development | Noxious weed management |
| Timber harvest | Mine reclamation |
| Other (please specify) _____ | |
| Additional comments: _____ | |
| _____ | |

About Wildlife

*****The following questions (numbers 8 and 9) require the use of the enclosed maps*****

8. Where do you see wildlife (other than birds and rodents) ***on or along I-90***? Please draw on or mark the maps and write which species you see there. Please also note how often you see wildlife there, and in what seasons.

9. Where do you see *road-killed* wildlife (other than birds and rodents) ***on or along I-90***? Please draw on or mark the maps and write which species you see there. Please also note how often you see roadkill there, and in what seasons.

10. What changes, if any, have you personally noticed (or heard of from your neighbors) in wildlife movement or wildlife presence in the time you've lived in the Ninemile area?

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11. How important is it to you to have the following wildlife species present in the Ninemile and surrounding areas? *Circle the category that applies.*

Elk	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
White-tailed deer	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Mule deer	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Moose	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Black bear	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Grizzly bear	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Mountain lion	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Lynx	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Bobcat	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Wolf	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Wolverine	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Fisher	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Marten	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Game birds	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Non-game birds	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important

11. What are the top 3 issues with *wildlife and wildlife management* in the Ninemile area (most important to you personally)? *Choose 3.*

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| Residential development | National Forest land use planning |
| Wildfires | Noxious weed management |
| Roadkill | Human/wildlife conflicts |
| Mine reclamation | Timber harvest |
| Barriers to natural movement | Pollution |
| Too many predators | Natural food source availability |
| Motorized recreation | Non-motorized recreation |
| Other (please specify): _____ | |
| Additional comments: _____ | |

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13. What do you or your neighbors do currently to coexist with the wildlife on your property?

Check all that apply.

- Wildlife friendly fencing
- Bear-resistant bird/livestock feeders
- Bear-resistant garbage bin
- Store garbage inside a secure area and put it out the morning of pick up
- Store your BBQ inside closed garage or shed
- Electric fencing around attractants
- I do not feed wildlife.
- I do not put out bird feeders.
- I feed my dogs and cats inside the house.
- Other? Please specify: _____

14. Would you like to learn more about living with wildlife in the ways listed above? Yes No

Would you be willing and able to make some of those changes listed above? Yes No

What other suggestions can you offer that you or your neighbors might do to reduce conflicts with wildlife?

15. How do you feel about current wildlife management actions? Can you think of ways our state wildlife agency (MT Fish, Wildlife, & Parks) can improve in managing wildlife in the Ninemile and surrounding drainages (Sixmile, Fish, & Petty Creeks)? Can the Ninemile Wildlife Workgroup do anything more or different than what FWP is doing?

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16. Do you have ideas for possible solutions or next steps to manage and/or conserve wildlife?
What role could the Ninemile Wildlife Workgroup play in those solutions?

17. What are your hopes and expectations for the future related to wildlife in the valley?

About Ninemile Wildlife Workgroup

19. Do you visit our website (www.ninemilewildlife.org)?

Regularly Sometimes Never

20. Do you read our semi-annual newsletter?

Regularly Sometimes Never

21. Do you read the postcards we send to highlight upcoming events?

Regularly Sometimes Never

22. Are you aware there is currently a Bear Aware alert program for the Ninemile? Yes No
Would you like to join it? If **yes**, please provide an email address (preferred) or phone number
below (we will not distribute your information in any way to other organizations or companies).
If **no**, please view our website or read a recent newsletter to learn more about it.

23. Do you know about our camera wildlife monitoring program? Yes No
(If no, please view our website or read a recent newsletter to learn more about it.)

Would you like to have a camera installed on your property?

Yes No Maybe

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24. Do you have barbed-wire fencing you would like to remove or replace with wildlife-friendly fencing (with volunteer assistance)? Yes No Maybe

Please view our website or read a recent newsletter to learn more about wildlife-friendly fencing.

25. We would like to keep in touch with you regarding wildlife sightings and NWW news about wildlife and wildlife management. This way, we can all learn from each other about what wildlife activities are occurring in our region. Would you be willing to periodically update us with information on wildlife activities on your property and/or anywhere within the Ninemile region? Yes No Maybe

26. What is the best way to keep in touch with you? ***Circle your choice*** and provide the relevant information below if applicable - we will not distribute it in any way to other organizations or companies.

Mail _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Attend NWW meetings (the 1st Tuesday of every month)

27. Would you be interested in receiving email communications from us regarding wildlife and current activities? If yes, please provide your email address below (we will not distribute it in any way to other organizations or companies). _____

Thank you for your time and participation!

