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Comments: What I have observed in commenting on FWP issues is that it's a formality only. The biologists with FWP have already decided what should happen and have to by law give a comment period. We made comments in District One regarding the wolf population and the effect on elk because we live here and we know, but that was disregarded.

What I would like to know is why FWP is one of the largest agencies in MT and who funds them as I am aware the state does not.

So please answer that question. We natives understand the environment and truly got along just fine before the out of state environmentalist biologists came here to tell us how to live. So who is funding the over 1200 full and part-time employees of the department.