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Jon,

I understand that the website comment section for this is down. I'm the President of the Flying B and obviously this is an issue that we are very interested in. The increasing pressure on the hunting in this area from the "air-strip" hunters is a long standing problem that is getting worse as many air-taxis blur the line between transportation and outfitting and advertise to bring more and more of these hunters to the airstrips on the Middle Fork. However, in dealing with this issue, it is imperative that the final language not limit non-resident/outfitted hunters. As one of the largest outfitters and I would say most responsible outfitters in the affected area, it is imperative to us that a system is not put in place that would limit or affect our ability to serve our members. I believe the solution is simple. The final language should be crystal clear that the current unlimited controlled hunt should be kept in place for Resident Hunters and for Non-Resident- Outfitted hunters. Any limitation would apply to non-resident hunters not hunting through a licensed outfitter. This is simple, straightforward and would help to solve the intense pressure problems at the airstrips without affecting outfitters. There is no need to go to a quota or allocation system for outfitters. I believe this was the intent of the original language and proposal, but somehow the draft language was changed and muddled. It should be clarified. If you have any questions, I would be very happy to discuss these issues with you further.

Take care, Fred

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