

# THE POST RIDER

Marias River Livestock Association, 72 Sweetgrass Hills Rd, Sweet Grass, MT 59484

## Prime Rib & Rib Tickler



Saturday, November 18, 2017

Civic Center, Shelby, MT

Social Time 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM

Entertainment by

**Gary McMahan**

Poet, Story Teller & Western Singer

and of course we'll have

Bull Buck Drawing, Door Prizes and

Marias Fair 4-H Award Winner!

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## Marias River Livestock Association's Annual Membership Meeting

October 3, 2017

Ringside Ribs, Shelby, MT

Social Time or Grab Dinner 5:30 PM

Membership Meeting starts 6:00PM

**Election of Officers**

**Terms are up for**

**President**

**Vice President**

**Liberty County Director**

**Toole County Director**

# Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Meeting and election of officers of the Marias River Livestock Association will be Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Social Time (no host) will start at 5:30pm and the business meeting will start at 6:00pm

The Marias River Livestock Association By-Laws state that a nomination committee be formed and a fleet of nominations be selected and published in the newsletter prior to the Annual Membership Meeting. At the Membership Meeting nominations will also be taken from the floor.

The open positions are as follows:  
President-currently position has been filled by Maggie Nutter for two terms. Nominee is Bob Thompson.

Vice-President-currently filled by Butch Gillespie for two terms. Nominee is Trina Bradley.

Liberty County Director-currently filled for two terms by Bob Thompson. Nominee is Casey Buffington.

Toole County Director-currently filled for one term by Paul Turner. Nominee is Paul Turner.

Butch Gillespie is the Chair for the Annual Membership Meeting. He hopes that as part of the business meeting that we can look at our accomplishments over that last 5 years. Butch would then like to hear ideas from officers and directors as well as a fresh look and ideas from members that can give us a critique from outside the inner circle.

As a group we can ask ourselves, where do we see ourselves fitting in and benefitting our industry in the future? Butch see this as a transition period coming up and would like to see us brain storming a bit with new and different ideas, as well as what we need to continue doing.

Butch, "So much to do, and how do we get it done, all with very busy schedules on our own places. A look to the future, with the help of our members might be time well spent."



## Post Riders Brought the News

We hope to continue that with the Post Rider Newsletter

With the first arrival of pilgrims to America there became the need for a system with which to distribute written mail. There was a system put in place in the colonies by the British. Taverns and inns first served as places to which letters were left and people were expected to check to see if there was mail to pick up or have a family or friends check and pick it up and deliver it.

Those who traveled to town were expected to bring back mail or verbal news to the community or families that they may pass by as they returned to their own home.

In the 1880s the US Postal Service experimented with star routes which were rural delivery routes for which private carriers were given four-year contracts. Mail delivery became more reliable and verbal news was still carried by the Postal or Post Rider.

As horseless carriages became more available and reliable, farmers improved roads. Mail delivery by horses, pack mules and buggies faded away.

We thank you for your interest in our newsletter and remind you that [Marias River Livestock Association has a Facebook page to keep you up to date on the issues.](#)

# Old Issue New Person

Marias River Livestock Association is holding a series of meet and greets for Wesley Sarmiento, the newly hired Grizzly Bear Management Specialist. The goal is for people to meet Sarmiento before they have a bear conflict, for the public to learn how they can remove bears from their yards, farmstead or livestock within the boundaries of the Endangered Species Act. He will also offer deterrence assistance for those who need it.

Sarmiento will be at the Sunburst Library on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, the Conrad Library on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Valier Civic Center again at 7:00 PM. All people are welcome.

In the past people have felt angry and helpless when faced with bear in human settlements. Sarmiento encourages people to make those areas unenjoyable for the bear. Bears should respect/fear humans and not want to be around them or their buildings. Sarmiento is ready to give advice, provide tools and answer any questions you may have.

He also encourages you to report any bear sightings to him and to share bear sightings with your neighbors. Keeping the people in your neighborhood informed allows them to take precautions if needed, like keeping family and livestock safe. MFWP does not know where every bear is at a given time. They are only able to track the few with GPS collars.

Last year there were multiple sightings of grizzly bears from Cut Bank all the way out past East Butte. With the increase of bear conflicts with livestock and humans, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) and United States Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) responded by adding another Grizzly Bear Management Specialist to help manage bears east of Highway 89.

Grizzly bears have been moving out of the Core Recovery area for the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem because the population has grown to a number that needs a larger area. Boar Grizzly will kill cubs and sometimes eat them, then the sow bear without her cubs will go into heat. Sows knowing the danger of boars move out of areas that have a high boar concentration. Young sub adult bears, male and female also avoid the big boars and venture off to find their own home range. Sometimes the females will overlap home range with their mother or other females. Often young bears will travel in little groups of 2 to 5 bears.

The USFWS and the MFWP are working to get all the science and management plans in line so that this ecosystem of bears can be delisted. That won't make the bears go away but will allow for easier removal of problem bears. At this point the biggest obstacle



Wesley Sarmiento, Grizzly Bear Management Specialist for east of Highway 89

to the delisting of grizzly bears is litigation by the those who oppose hunting or delisting by Distinct Population Segments and believe that federal protection should not be lifted until the grizzly bear population has recovered in its full historical range in the lower 48 states.

If it is simply a bear sighting in a grain field or your yard or an actual mauling of a human CALL Wesley Sarmiento, Grizzly Bear Management Specialist- 406-450-1097

If livestock is threatened or killed CALL Mike Hoggan, USDA Wildlife Services (406) 289-0492

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## Before You Eat That

Findings in an experiment the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and University of Calgary suggest that it may be possible for the transmission of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in cervid (deer, moose, elk) to primates (monkeys, humans) by eating the meat.

*"These findings suggest that CWD, under specific experimental conditions, has the potential to cross the human species barrier, including by enteral (intestinal) feeding of CWD infected muscle," Health Canada reported.*

Prions, which are the misshaped protein culprit in CWD, mad cow disease (BSE) and the human form, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease all cause the degeneration of neurological tissue. All three diseases are fatal after a progressive decline in health.

Cooking in a normal oven or BBQ will not destroy prions. You would need to incinerate the prion containing meat maintaining a temperature of 900 F for four hours, which is a little well done for most people's taste.

During the Big Game Hunting Season, Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) is offering free CWD testing of animals harvested. They suggest that any animals killed in areas known to have CWD be tested prior to consumption and those that test positive not be consumed. Wyoming's suggestion conforms with what is suggested by the federal Center for Disease Control for not consuming sick animals.

At this time there are no confirmed cases of CWD in Montana though both Alberta and Wyoming have the disease in their deer and elk herds.

MFWP has been conducting surveillance for the disease and the mingling of Montana mule deer with deer from Alberta and Wyoming. This summer MFWP formed a Chronic Wasting Disease Citizen Advisory Panel to help advise on the surveillance and working plan for CWD. There will be a meeting in Lewistown in October where the public is welcome to listen and learn.

### BULL BUCKS PLUS 2017

**Apex Angus** – Sale March 6, 2018  
[www.apexangus.com](http://www.apexangus.com)

**Bobcat Angus** – Sale Jan 28, 2018  
[www.bobcatangus.com](http://www.bobcatangus.com)

**Connelly Angus**– Feb. 27, 2018 [www.connellyangus.com](http://www.connellyangus.com)

**Diamond D Angus** – Sale Nov 9, 2018,  
[www.diamonddangus.com](http://www.diamonddangus.com)

**Diemert Ranch Herefords** – 432-3412  
[www.ngrbulls.com/diemert\\_ranch\\_herefords.htm](http://www.ngrbulls.com/diemert_ranch_herefords.htm)

**Enneberg Angus Ranch** – 845-4901 Private Treaty

**Flesch Angus** – Sale March 9, 2018  
[www.fleschangus.com](http://www.fleschangus.com)

**Gillespie Show Cattle** – 337-2943 or 949-4453  
[www.gillespieshowcattle.com](http://www.gillespieshowcattle.com)

**Hawks Angus** – Private Treaty 432-5355  
[www.hawksangus.com](http://www.hawksangus.com)

**Holden Hereford** – Sale March 12, 2018  
[www.holdenherefords.com](http://www.holdenherefords.com)

**Kicking Horse Ranch Gelbvieh** – Sale March 15 2018  
[www.kickinghorseranch.com](http://www.kickinghorseranch.com)

**Superior Livestock Video Auction** – 450-4586  
Steve Reverts

**Tomsheck Angus** – Bulls & bred heifers by private treaty  
937-3726

**Timber Coulee Columbia sheep** – 937-2775

**Turner Angus** – April 2018 434-2823  
[www.TurnerAngus.com](http://www.TurnerAngus.com)



## Save the Date

**Sept 20, 7:00PM** Meet and Greet for Wesley Sarmiento, new Grizzly Bear Management Specialist and Sarah Zieke, the new Bear Technician, Sunburst Library, Sunburst

**Sept 26, 8:00AM** Montana Board of Livestock Meeting, Rm 319, Scott Hart Bldg, Helena

**Sept 27- 28, 8:00AM** Environmental Quality Council, rm 172, Capitol Bldg, Helena

**Sept 26-28,** Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture Conference, DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel, Billings [www.womensteppingforward.org](http://www.womensteppingforward.org)

**Oct 3** [Marias River Livestock Association, Annual Meeting and election of officers. Ringside Ribs in Shelby](#)

**Oct 4** Meet and Greet with Wesley Sarmiento, the new Grizzly Bear Management Specialist. Conrad City Library

**Oct 13-15** Young Ag Leadership Conference, Helena, MT register on the Montana Farm Bureau website [www.mfbf.org](http://www.mfbf.org)

**Oct 17** Marias River Livestock Association, Board Meeting, 6:30PM Ringside Ribs, Shelby

**Oct 18** Meet and Greet with Wesley Sarmiento, the new Grizzly Bear Management Specialist, Valier Civic Center

**Nov 12 -15** Montana Farm Bureau Annual Convention, Billings MT [www.mfbf.org](http://www.mfbf.org)

**Nov 18** Prime Rib & Rib Tickler, Civic Center, Shelby, MT

**Nov 30- Dec 2,** Montana Woolgrowers 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Billings MT

**Dec 12 -14,** Montana Stockgrowers Convention, Billings Montana

## If History repeats it's self,

**what does this court ruling on wolf delisting imply about the Yellowstone Grizzly Delisting?**

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017 the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a 2014 ruling that put wolves back on the endangered list after the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) delisted the predator in 2011.

"A unanimous three-judge panel on the nation's second highest court ruled the USFWS "failed to reasonably analyze or consider" the impact of partial delisting and the species historic range loss when it de-listed wolves in 2011."

"The USFWS argues that wolf populations in the Great Lakes region have recovered enough to warrant delisting and states should be put in charge of management, but in 2014, U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell ruled the FWS can't declare a "distinct population segment" of a species recovered and then drop protection within that zone on a map."

**Current litigation against USFWS for delisting Yellowstone Grizzlies argues the same point. Grizzly were delisted in the full lower 48 states, they do not yet cover their historic range and USFWS can't declare a "distinct population segment" without considering the effect on the whole populations.**

**Our tax dollars being sucked up to pay USFWS attorneys and then the Attorneys for the NGO's that are suing due to the Equal Access to Justice Act.**

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