Cody Elk Working Group to Present Final Recommendations

CODY—The Cody Elk Working Group will present their final 2013 season recommendations for the Cody Elk Herd Unit in a public meeting on April 24, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Cody. Members of the public are welcome and written comments will be accepted during the meeting.

For the last 10 months, the Cody Elk Working Group has worked diligently in developing a series of hunting season recommendations for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department that address a variety of management issues in the Cody Elk Herd Unit. The group reviewed elk hunt areas 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, and 66 and developed recommendations for each hunt area.

The public meeting will consist of a presentation of the proposed season setting recommendations, an overview of the data and background information used to develop the recommendations, and a question and answer session.

Justin Sanders, chairman of the working group said that he encourages the public to attend the meeting. “These issues affect the entire community and this meeting is another opportunity for people to give the group input,” Sanders said. “This is an opportunity for us to see if there is anything we missed before finalizing our recommendations to the Game and Fish.”

The 12-member working group is made up of Cody area residents who represent sportsmen, landowners, outfitters, local businesses, and the Game and Fish. The group has participated in 17 facilitated meeting and has spent considerable time outside of meetings gathering information, reviewing material, and gathering public input.
The working group must finalize and submit their hunting season recommendations to the Game and Fish by May 1, 2012 in order to incorporate possible changes into the 2013 Resident/Nonresident Application Packet. The group’s recommendations have no impact on the 2012 elk hunting season.

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