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HB HB631

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Rep. Mike Jopek - Re: HB 631 23 Feb. 2007

Dear Rep. Jopek - Our group, as well as The State Lands Coalition, Skyline Sportsmen and Anaconda Sportsmen, strongly support HB. 631. This issue should have been settled years ago. We have the strictest trespass bill in the West, so accessable school trust lands should be clearly marked. This would alleviate conflicts and unnecessary trespass

This same issue has been beat down in the legislature because some landowners and lessees want to control our school trust lands and don't want recreationists to know where school trust lands are located. This selfish attitude creates conflicts and only benifits those landowners that lease to outfitters or are landowner outfitters themselves. They are pocketing money that should be going to our schools as well as harvesting public wildlife on our public lands.

We appreciate your efforts to mark school trust lands for the benifit of our school children and Montana taxpayers.

Sincerely,

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Director

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