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**48<sup>th</sup> MOGA WINTER CONVENTION**  
**Conservation Tourism Service**

**DELTA HOTEL by MARRIOT HELENA COLONIAL**  
**Helena, Montana**  
*January 12 – 14, 2023*

**Convention Agenda**

**Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am – 9:30 am	Transition Team Meeting	<b>RUSSELL ROOM</b>
10:00 am – 10:30 am	MOGA Board and FWP Round Table	<b>RUSSELL ROOM</b>
11:00 – 3:00 pm	MOGA Board of Directors Meeting	<b>RUSSELL ROOM</b>
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	<b>FOYER</b>
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Outfitter Social	<b>HOTEL BAR</b>

**Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>	<b>FOYER</b>
8:00 – 8:10 am	<b>General Membership Meeting</b> <i>President's Welcome – Dusty Crary</i>	<b>EXECUTIVE ROOM</b>
8:10 – 9:00 am	<b>Executive Directors Report</b> <i>Mac Minard</i>	<b>EXECUTIVE ROOM</b>
9:00 – 9:45 am	<b>Legislative Outlook</b> <i>Mark Taylor – Taylor Luther Group</i>	<b>EXECUTIVE ROOM</b>
9:45 – 10:30 am	<b>Board of Outfitters Updates/FAQ</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Rule Revisions</i></li><li>▪ <i>Q and A</i></li></ul>	<b>EXECUTIVE ROOM</b>

- 10:30 – 12:00      **Mule Deer Management – Issues and Concerns**      **EXECUTIVE ROOM**
- *Estimating mule deer abundance*      (30 min)
  - *Squaring estimates with on-the-ground observations*      (30 min)
  - *Discussion of management options*      (30 min)

*Panel: Eric Albus (moderator), Brett Dorak (FWP R7), Scott Thompson (FWP R6)*

- 12:00 – 1:00 pm      **Lunch and Guest Speaker**      **CAPITOL ROOM**  
*Governor Greg Gianforte*

- 1:00 – 3:00 pm      **Successful Outfitter Strategies**      **EXECUTIVE ROOM**
- *Interplay Between Legal and Insurance – Leslie Frazee*
  - *The Good, Bad, and Ugly of Outfitter Pricing – Zeb Smith*

- 3:00 – 4:00 pm      **CWD Update**      **EXECUTIVE ROOM**  
*Austin Wiesler, FWP and Jen Ramsey, FWP*

- 4:00 – 5:00 pm      **The Economic Impact of Outfitted Tourism in Montana**      **EXECUTIVE ROOM**  
*Scott Vollmer, Director at Large*

- 5:30 – 6:30 pm      **Outfitter Social – no host bar**      **HOTEL BAR**

- 6:30 – 8:00 pm      **MOGA Awards & HADF Appreciation Dinner**      **CAPITOL ROOM**  
*Chris J Francis to MC*

**Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 - 8:00 am      **Prayer Breakfast**      **CAPITOL ROOM**  
*Jim Weber will lead a session of fellowship and thanksgiving*

- 8:30 – 12:00      **Future of Montana Elk Management – a conversation**      **EXECUTIVE ROOM**  
 Moderated by Chuck Rein and Stephanie Prater

*In this session a diverse group of subject matter experts will dissect and discuss major policy recommendations that were developed by the Elk Management Citizens Advisory Group. We expect this conversational session to illuminate the areas of agreement and differences as Montana struggles to map a path forward in elk management. This session is open to the public and has been made possible by sponsorships from MOGA, Wild Sheep Foundation, Montana Bow Hunters Assoc. Montana Stock Growers, Property Environmental Research Center, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Montana Wildlife Federation, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife. Please Join us for this highly informative session.*

- 12:00 – 1:00 pm      **Lunch**      **NATATORIUM**  
*Austin Knudsen, MT Attorney General*

1:15 – 3:00 pm      **Membership Meeting**      **GOVERNOR ROOM**

Breakout Topics:

- **Industry Challenges and Solutions - a peer to peer look toward 2023 - Zeb Smith**      (60 min)
- **New 3% Federal Fee Schedule and Payment - Dusty Crary, Joe Haas**      (30 min)

*We will host two sessions designed to cover topics of extreme interest and importance to the Outfitting industry.*

3:15 pm      **Meeting Close – President Dusty Crary**      **GOVERNOR ROOM**

4:30 - 6:00 pm      *Big Hearts under the Big Sky*      **CAPITOL/STATE ROOM**  
Meet and Greet, Check In, Silent Auction, Happy Hour

6:00 – 10:00 pm      *Big Hearts under the Big Sky* Banquet and Auction      **BALLROOM**  
*Tim Fox, Former Montana Attorney General, MC*  
*Matt Duker, speaker*  
*Jason and Alex Allman, speaker*

*Join us for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Big Hearts Banquet and Auction as we celebrate the past years of service and recommit ourselves to the future.*

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