

To whom it may concern,

I am an avid hunter and fisherman who relies on public land access to enjoy the outdoors in North Dakota. Due to the existing policy, 480 acres of State Trust Land that a couple close friends and myself have hunted for many years was posted in the fall of 2022 thus making it not accessible for deer hunting. This removed a significant amount of the accessible hunting land in my unit. These lands can certainly be used for grazing and at the same time for public hunting and fishing access. I have hunted in grazing lands for many years across North Dakota and Montana and have not once created a negative impact on the ranching or grazing operation. I ask for your support of HB 1175 as it guarantees land access for many people who enjoy the outdoor opportunities this state has to offer.

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