**Policy Points to Consider**

**Recommendations From Summer Conference-**

The Taxation, Labor and Infrastructure Committee:

1. Recommends to the MFBF Board of Directors, that MFBF leads a discussion with other agriculture and landowners groups to identify a proper definition for recreational land.
2. The committee requests MFBF to create a document and summary of BI-2 to share with members.
3. Recommends that MFBF creates an Action Alert to collect comments opposing speed limiters. (Due July 18)

Sheep and Goat Committee:

1. The FB lobbying to maintain OTC Antibiotics or to allow MUMS (Minor Use Minor Species) acts.
2. Microplastic contamination with an encouragement of use of wool and hemp over plastic and synthetic materials. Line 31.3 discussing environment issues laid ground for these.

**Policy Points from MFBF Staff-**

* Should data collected through precision ag equipment be public information?
	+ Some organizations have suggested that data collected through precision ag practices should be available to the public. This is due to the information that could be gathered about crop status and how that could affect commodity markets.
* What do members want ag mental health support to look like?
	+ In state plans such as the state drought plan, Farmer and Rancher stress is recognized as something that needs addressing. We do not have a policy on what we would like that to look like.
* Should water markets be a part of long-term water management?
	+ Recreation groups are asking for water markets to be a part of the long-term water management. This is to help with adapting to low flow times by purchasing water from other sources. This approach has shorter terms and is more flexible than traditional leasing.
* Do we support wolves being counted with Integrated Patch Occupancy Modeling Methods?
	+ This is the current wolf counting method. A detailed description of the method and formula can be found in the 2022 Wolf Report on FWP’s website. There was opposition to the process at the EQC interim committee from groups like Wolves of the Rockies and Trap Free Montana.