



# MONTANA FALCONERS ASSOCIATION

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RESOLUTION OF MONTANA FALCONERS ASSOCIATION  
DISCOURAGING FALCONRY HUNTING NEAR KNOWN SAGE GROUSE LEKS  
PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

WHEREAS: Since 1994 the Montana Falconers Association has maintained a strict policy of “discouraging falconry on or near known active sage grouse leks during the month of March ”

AND WHEREAS; on February 23, 2012 the Montana Falconers Association passed a resolution affirming its policy, philosophy, and code discouraging falconry on or near active known sage grouse leks during the month of March,

AND WHEREAS; for many reasons the continued use of and flights by raptors used for falconry through the month of March, as is done in most states, is of critical importance and need to Montana falconers and their sport ;

AND WHEREAS; decades of experience, multiple environmental assessments, peer reviewed literature, and state hunter surveys, all indicate that falconry has no impact on raptors or their prey;

AND WHEREAS; The Montana Falconers Association recognizes that the general public and others may not approve of falconry on or near known and active sage grouse leks in March regardless of the natural and daily interaction between wild raptors and sage grouse on leks and regardless of a complete lack of biological implications;

AND WHEREAS; It is the responsibility of all falconers and all members of the Montana Falconers Association to continue to represent the sport of falconry as ethical sportsmen and sportswomen who demonstrate the highest regard for their Raptors and the prey upon which the sport of falconry depends;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AFTER A VOTE OF THE QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF THE MONTANA FALCONERS ASSOCIATION THAT;

The Association does hereby reiterate and reaffirm this day it’s long-standing policy, philosophy and code against any falconry activities on or near known and active sage grouse leks during the month of March.