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**From:** Suzanne Scourby  
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From: n2elk@charter.net [mailto:n2elk@charter.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2009 12:36 PM  
To: Suzanne Scourby  
Subject: Letter to pass along to wildlife commission

Suzanne; Would you please forward my letter to all the Wildlife commissioners prior to the Elko Commission meeting? Thank -you

Commissioners:

I would like to offer my sentiments to you regarding the upcoming election for Chair of the Commission. This is clearly an important position that will predicate the relationship of the Commission with NDOW, the public and the various NGO's across the state. I strongly urge you to elect a new Chair for the reasons listed below.

At the last heritage sub-committee meeting I was in attendance along with Greg Smith in order to speak on behalf of NBU's desire to obtain three heritage tags for our upcoming 30th year anniversary banquet. The committee generously agreed and the tags were awarded after much discussion. Upon leaving the meeting I ran into Commissioner Lent who personally attacked me with profanity and hostility beyond belief. Commissioner Lent told me it was not over yet and he was going to try to get these tags revoked at the general commission meeting. He went on to threaten NBU by stating that "payback is hell and next year he would personally chair this committee and NBU would be lucky to get a turkey tag". He went on to say that "he thought he had good people in place this year, but evidently he was wrong so next year he would do it himself." I believe this statement clearly undermines his fellow Commissioners, and the system that helps ensure fairness despite individual biases. Commissioner Lent continued on in a loud and profane voice to personally attack Larry Johnson, our current director of NDOW, past directors, as well as current and past Commissioners. Commissioner Lent acted on his threats at the general commission meeting over the next two days, at one point needing reminder from the DAG regarding suppression of personal bias. It is very clear that his intentions are driven by personal vendettas rather than in the best interest of Wildlife and the Public he serves. Commissioner Lent's comments were unprofessional, slanderous, and hateful. He proved to me and those in earshot that he is incapable of separating his individual agenda to recompense past enemies and disagreements from what would be in the best interest of wildlife and the public.

This is a critical time for wildlife in Nevada. It is time to stop pointing fingers and acting with hatred towards each other. We need to work together towards our common goals without individual axes to grind. Our resources and the public deserve this. I urge you to consider these issues when deciding who will chair our board of wildlife at the upcoming meeting. I request this letter be read into the record and I thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Respectfully

James R Nelson, DVM