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To Whom It May Concern:

The Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association (TVSA) supports legislation for a Big Bull Moose Derby to be held each fall at TVSA. We have always imagined the Big Bull Derby as consisting of two separate portions:

1. **Big Bull Derby** - The Alaska Big Bull Derby will be conducted under TVSA's gaming permit. Members of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Nanooks Rifle Team will sell tickets similar to the halibut and salmon derbies found on the coast. Tickets will be sold at select vendor locations and will be available during a pre-determined time frame (possibly the month of August) but to be stopped on the eve of September 1 of any given year. (The cutoff date may be revised to comply with State hunting regulation season dates.) During the month of September, any derby ticket purchaser who harvests a bull moose legally taken under Alaska laws will be eligible for prizes. There will be several prizes to be offered based on the greatest spread of antlers including Top 3 overall, Top Junior, Top Woman, Top Archery, etc. (Total number of prizes will be determined jointly by TVSA and the Nanooks.) TVSA will provide a measuring station and officials who will perform actual measurements. The greatest spread will be measured and witnessed by the TVSA officials who will not be eligible for prizes. Such measurements will be final. Prizes may include cash, firearms, hunting related equipment, vehicles, etc. Anyone who enters a bull, no matter what size the spread, will also be entered into a drawing for prizes under paragraph 2. below.
2. **Big Bull Raffle** - To increase the number of people who purchase derby tickets, we could also conduct a raffle. Any purchaser of a Big Bull Derby ticket would also be entered into a raffle eligible to win prizes. These could include gift certificates, clothing, cash, etc. The derby ticket holder would not have to harvest a moose in order to be eligible for these drawings. Raffle tickets could be of a different color to differentiate from those purchased for the Derby, and could continue to be sold after September 1. (TVSA officials would be eligible to participate.)

Proceeds from this activity would benefit both TVSA and The UAF Nanooks Rifle Team and would be shared equally. Actual costs incurred by each entity would be documented and deducted from the total revenue prior to division of proceeds.

For more information, please call me at (907) 488-2884. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant L. Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "L".

Grant L. Lewis
President