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I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I have two comments: The first is I do not agree with making the any bull elk tags unlimited. Fine, keep the archery tags unlimited but please do not set the three season, any legal weapon or muzzleloader tags as unlimited. This is already a tough hunt, adding another 5,000 or more additional hunters on the mountain will only make it harder and more crowded. Second is I support Brandon Zundel and his plan/request to extend the archery dates on the any bull units.

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Since it has been changed to be able to use any power scope for a muzzleloader, why can we not change the ability to use a cross bow to everyone, not just people who have a disability? Muzzleloader are getting to where they can shoot almost as far as a rifle.

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The carrying capacity threshold of Elk in Utah has yet to be reached. If we look at trends from the past 30 years only once has the population plateaued in the late 2000s. We have reached our objective population which was just over 70k with a current state population around 81k. However, we are the premier elk hunting state in the Western US. Colorado has a state population of over 260k elk and Montana and Wyoming have over 130k and 105k respectively. Our state population objective I truly believe with the rich Wasatch mountain range and Unita mountain range can harbor and support many more elk than what we originally anticipated. That is not even counting the rich and diverse southern elk herds. I understand the monetary value of having unlimited tags for general bull elk. I fear however this will damage our uphill trending growth of the states elk population. I firmly believe that our state can support closer to 100k elk. I do however have a problem with selling unlimited over the counter tags when you consider a majority of the elk numbers are on limited entry units. You would be selling around 25k-30k rifle tags plus 20k spike tags and all other limited entry hunters. I fear that by upping the percentage of hunters it will be a negative experience for new hunters and old hunters. I propose that you have a statewide limit of 20k over the counter tags for rifle over the next few seasons to see how that affects the states population as we try to get data on what the threshold of elk is for the state of Utah. With Wyoming having a state population of approx. 110k and Colorado over 260k I firmly believe our states threshold is much higher than 72k. However I do not want to grossly overestimate this and have a massive die off from the herds. I believe with a growth rate of 1.08 we should set our state objective near 87-90k for the next 5-7 years to see how it plays out. I am all for giving more hunts with shotgun, handgun, archery on any of the units. I however do not want the quality of our elk in our over the counter units to plummet due to a dramatic increase in tags available. If the data supports it that is another thing. I however want Utah to have the best elk herds in the nation. We already have some of the best limited entry units in the nation. I for one am willing to sit out every other or once every 3 years to have a chance at a nicer general bull. I recognize monetary gain for managing these tags is significant from unlimited quota to only 20k. I am all for the changes in units and dates and new areas. I however oppose the unlimited quota of general bull tags. It will strain the herds and have a much higher winter kill off. The experiences that the hunters will have will be negatively impacted from how many more hunters there will be. I also oppose it because I have yet to be convinced that our population threshold of elk in the state of Utah has yet to be realized.

Please contact me as I can show the herd population increase over the 2000-2014 years from the DWR website showing the threshold has yet to be met on a statewide level some units might be at or near the threshold capacity however.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:	I oppose the plans.
Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?	I oppose the plan unless lowering the threshold of the deer population is to increase the elk herds in the aforementioned units where resident elk herds are.
After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:	I support the plans.
Do you have any additional comments about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans?	I support because the data supports that the population objective was exceeded.
After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:	I support the plans.
Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?	I feel that this plan is very appropriate and I support it. It will be hard to trim it down but over time I believe this is the best for the Units.
After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:	I oppose the plans.
Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?	I think that the objective is far too low for hunters satisfaction. I believe 17k would be a more sustainable goal. The carrying capacity is around 22k based on the data presented and the more gradual rising and falling trend over the population objective over the past 10 years. With the recent wildfires and prime habitat we do not need to dramatically decrease the population objective. I believe it needs to decrease based on the data but not to that extreme. Your proposed plan would cut the population to 61.95% of it's current population objective. I see no need to cut it to that extreme but would prefer a more gradual drop 16,500-17,500.
After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:	I support the plans.
After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:	I am neutral on the plans.
After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:	I am neutral on the recommendations.

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Unlimited anybull tags would be the worst decision ever. Crowding is already an issue. Not everyone in hunt camp needs a tag to enjoy the hunt. I would pay more for a tag and hunt less often than be even more crowded on the mountain. I support the new general anybull areas. Achery season should run the month of September on all elk units in the state!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Stop expo tags put them in the draw!

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

You cant meet the goals so you lower the bar across the state that is not inspiring. The deer heard statewide is in massive decline I have witnessed it with my own eyes. I agree on predator issues. Get rid of the the late muzzy hunts on general units.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

Nine mile deer have been destroyed wake up! The last 5 years have been in massive decline and no change on its management. So sad what our public resourse has become, managed for the private ranch owners to profit off of. Pay to play

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I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?

No doe deer tags ever! Cut tags back to 2015 level

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I oppose the recommendations.

Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?

All hunts should be a 60/40 private/public split, these places are making a killing on selling elk and deer hunts and give some crumbs to the public hunter. 90/10 is Gross!

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I think the changes to north cache and other units are a good idea for better hunter success. I don't like having unlimited any bull tags. I like the cap at 15,000 right now. It's crowded enough. There's already unlimited tags for archery hunters, I like having a cap on rifle/ muzzleloader.

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Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?

I support tag cuts and overall population objective decreases to improve the health of the herd. Good moves overall and great plans to study more and learn more about deer in these areas.

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The any bull unit is already over ran in the uintah's and all this is going to do is drive more people there and get more killed. I took my 12 year old daughter and it was so over ran we was getting shot at. Till this [REDACTED] is under control I will by out of state permits. Unlimited tags is ridiculous and is going to get people killed and leave no wildlife for future generations.

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Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

There is so many people it doesn't matter. Just hunt extended and put a doe in the freezer.

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Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?

I recommend you leave the hunts the way they are do not make Elk hunting unlimited tags for all general Elk hunting! That would wipe out all the Elk herds!

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After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:	I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)
Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?	I oppose allowing unlimited any-bull elk hunts. The general season is too crowded already. I also support Brandon Zundel's proposal for a longer archery elk hunting season as it is done in other western states, to allow the archery hunt to coincide with the peak rut.
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After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:	I oppose the recommendations.
Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?	The CWMU program favors the wealthy, and allocates public resources (wildlife tags) to rich large landowners and outfitters. Private / Public split of 90/10 is a joke. Tag allocations on these units need to provide more hunting opportunities to the public, not the wealthy. We need a plan to create more equity in hunting in a state where a lot of the best habitat is locked up in private lands. Private landowners who post their lands should pay higher property taxes.

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DO NOT make the change to unlimited bull elk tags on the any bull units. This is a bad management strategy. Too many people and not enough elk. I strongly OPPOSE this rule change.

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To all it may concern,
I would highly discourage and am against the permanent blind idea proposed in the R657-9 amendments. It would restrict hunters access and ability to hunt these areas as well as be a huge expense to maintain. The drawing system proposed to hunt said blinds resembles that of other southern and eastern states in which these policies are highly unfavored and produce unfavorable results for both the Divisions and the Hunters. Permanent blinds would also damage the habitat. Allowing select groups to build these blinds will give favor to them and would create a disadvantage to the common citizen. It would be unjust to create such favor. I am actively against this proposal and encourage all to do the same. I frequent the proposed areas on a weekly basis and would be more than happy to give further feedback. Please contact me with any further questions.

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I am opposed to the recommendation to allow blinds on the Spur WMA.

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Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I support unlimited anybull tags. I think we need an over the counter opportunity in utah.

I think we should monitor the new primitive weapon hunts closely to see if they should be continued or not.

I like the idea of more rut archery hunts for elk. I think the state could issue more LE tags for elk if we put archery during the rut instead of any weapon.

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I think that building blinds on public land is a very unwise thing to do. You have to get a permit, and then basically anyone can use because it's on public land. I just think it's very unwise, and don't like the proposal at all.

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No unlimited bull tags!

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Deer units should be kept with a higher buck to doe ratio. Increasing opportunity doesn't mean more tags, it means increasing populations and harvest ready bucks and bulls.

Our deer population in the la sals and abajos is shrinking drastically. As a kid you could pick a meadow and see 20-400 deer anywhere on the mountain. But we keep increasing tags, we have CWD, too many bears. Coyotes and cougars have been addressed but when you realize there aren't any acorns or pine nuts or anything for bears to eat and every fawn you see has been killed by a bear and you count more bears per day than deer, there is an issue. I've come to the conclusion that either the board or the division has become money hungry and stopped managing for the health of the heard and continued managing for the divisions pocketbook.

Elk being increased to unlimited tags doesn't help the hunter if there are no elk to hunt, the bulls are getting smaller and the herds are also shrinking. Use the money you're gaining for wildlife habitat projects and increase populations. Quit getting irresponsible biologists and communist gamewardens, I'm talking to you Adam, and start managing for the health of the wildlife! We as hunters would rather go several years without hunting in order to conserve hunting for the future. Also I heard about managing la sals as a bear unit, don't do that unless you are willing to give land owners 5 free tags a year and allowing the to keep the hide.

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The unlimited any weapon elk tag is a terrible management plan. This is counterintuitive to the last management plan. And counterintuitive to the ideas of having wilderness areas for the elk to hide. Keep the numbers of tags capped to reduce the amount of people in the wilderness areas. Please consider limiting the amount of any weapon bull elk tags. There needs to be a cap on out of state sales on any weapon bull elk tags also. Provide the opportunity to in state local residents only.

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Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

Change Dedicated Hunter bag limit on every unit to 1 Buck deer harvest in the 3 year program. Raise the Dedicated Hunter program fee to \$ 300. The Sportsman that have been a part of the Dedicated program for 15 plus years, will most likely agree with these 2 ideas. I Guarantee it. Being a Dedicated Hunter means to me, that I will be selective in my harvest, I will do extra work to help Mule Deer, I will pay extra to hunt Mule Deer. That is what a Dedicated Hunter should be !!!!!!! Please, Please, make these changes.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

A trophy elk is worth the wait through the draw system. Don't ruin elk hunting in Utah like you have with overselling the deer hunt. No to unlimited permits!

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?

In the field this year for 3 days on Nebo and saw around 75 doe and fawn, but no bucks. The buck to doe ratio here has been horrendous the last 3 years. The region is also oversold. Way too many hunters chasing after non existent bucks. But this appears to be to successful management strategy for the state

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Have you ever hunted during the general season in any other state? General season in Utah is horrible because there are so many hunters. If you need more revenue as that seems to be the motivation, then raise the price. I would like to see Utah reduce the number of general tags not increase them and raise the price to eliminate whatever sort of funding gap that the DWR seems to have.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I support the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I am neutral on the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I appreciate your willingness to take feedback from the public, it's good to know the DWR takes the thoughts and concerns from hunters seriously. My thoughts are as follows:

1. I think the proposed boundaries and new areas for any bull elk units are great. Elk hunting in Utah is either a waiting game or a rich man'a game so having addition areas available for the public is fantastic.

2. The proposed changes for deer hunts are fantastic. As an archery hunter, I'm excited to hunt deer a bit later in the year, I think this will help archery hunters have more success.

3. My only complaint/suggestion is in regards to the archery hunt dates for any bull elk units. I think you would keep the elk population healthy and strong if you extended the archery dates into the rut. This would increase the likelihood of hunters success in any bull units but would also help the elk population get older and healthier as fewer hunters buy archery tags. And if I can be honest, hunting elk with a bow during the rut is just bad and the ultimate hunt!

Thanks again for giving us the option to provide feedback. Hopefully this helped.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I support the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Why don't you guys just let everyone hunt everywhere and kill everything they want to! Cause you are reining every unit in the state and can't figure out why the youth don't want to hunt if because it not fun to hunt for days and not see anything!!!!!!!!!! If you put the Southwest desert north to a anybull unit one year and there will be no elk left there either!

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?

Quit killing all the does the hunts already suck now! Why don't you go to a 3 point or better so we could have decent animals to hunt!!!!!!

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I oppose the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I am absolutely against the proposal of unlimited any bull permits. Hunting is all about the experience, and not about harvesting an animal. That experience means being able to hunt without being surrounded by hundreds or thousands of other hunters. There are some places in the state that look like a pumpkin patch during the general season elk hunt. Couple that with the plethora of off road vehicles and lack of places to camp and your hunting experience just dwindled away. Adding unlimited tags will only add to that problem. Additionally, the increase in the amount of hunters is going to affect the elk population and make what is already a challenging hunt almost impossible to harvest an animal. I have discussed with this with over 20 avid hunters and not one of them agrees with this plan. I sincerely urge you to reconsider this proposal.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

i oppose allowing unlimited multiseason any bull tags. this proposal reeks of motivation to collect more hunting fees. these units traditionally have few elk to begin with and the 15k tags have sent plenty of hunters into the field to chase elk that are few and very far between. I also oppose the creation of a multiseason any bull tag unit on the northern part of the southwest desert unit. Having hunted that unit for cow elk, introducing more hunters into that tiny unit will only drive down chances for success, especially when hunting pressure from deer hunters this past year ruined the early cow hunt by running the hunts concurrently. please use some wisdom in your efforts to manage the elk on these units. Your current management methods make it appear you want nothing other than to exterminate the elk on these any bull units.

Another issue is the number of elk residing on private property with no opportunity for public land hunters to utilize the management tags on that property. Is there no way for the state to incentivize the private landowners with the overabundance of elk to allow hunters on their land? Those elk belong to the public, not just the private landowners. Period.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?

The mature bucks I've seen killed in the muzzleloader hunts on the Nine Mile Unit have been full of fat until this year, which has had a drought.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I oppose the recommendations.

Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?

due to the poor treatment of public land hunters by CWMU managers over the years I strongly oppose the creation of or expansion of any CWMU for any reason. I've witnessed harassment by managers when public land hunters were driving through on PUBLIC roads. I've watched them take CWMU hunters onto public land adjacent to the CWMU. My nephew was harassed and had the DWR called and reported on him because he was looking through his binoculars from adjacent private property owned by his grandfather onto the CWMU. I've seen public property rendered inaccessible and public roads gated off because private landowners, some of which CWMU owners, decided they could control access to public land. When you start prosecuting abuses by the private landowners, I might support the idea of CWMUs. Personally, I detest them, as do the vast majority of hunters I know.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

No to the unlimited any bull tags.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Unlimited any elk permits is a ridiculous proposal. This is like back in the day when you could go and buy deer tags over the counter. Everyone did it and the population suffered. Then YOU implemented the draw. It has changed the population for sure. I hunt over by Millburn Utah and the quality of deer over there is great compared to when my father was growing up. In the last six years, I have noticed small groups of Elk working their way into the area that I hunt. This is exciting. But if you give unlimited permits this will seriously affect the population. You can not honestly think that this will not. If you want to lower the allotted points for a Bull elk tag GREAT!! If you want to increase the number of permits say by 10-20 % Great! But to give unlimited NO WAY! I have nine points for Bull Elk, I have NEVER been disappointed for not drawing out yet. because I know this helps the population and will eventually help me to harvest a mature bull. DO NOT OPEN THIS TO UNLIMITED TAGS!!!

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

Does not pertain to me.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans?

Does not pertain to me.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

Does not pertain to me.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?

I understand trying to manage the whole state is pretty tough. But I will say in the area that I hunt by Millburn there is more deer in the past three years than ever before. In addition, they look very healthy and strong. I wish this area was a smaller area so we could get a better/ more accurate sample.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?

Does not pertain to me.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

Does not pertain to me.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Does not pertain to me.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I'm a huge supporter of opportunity, however, saying that unlimited general bull elk tags wont have a biological impact is naive. Between better optics, improved weapons, trail cams, baiting, gear that lets people go farther and stay longer, this is a recipe for the elimination of the bulls on the units that are made up of primarily public land. I do support the addition of the new units, anyone who has hunted the general elk hunt realizes that 15,000 hunters need a few more units. So if that proposal could be split, I would support adding units and perhaps increasing the cap to 20,000. In reality the cap at 15,000 is a good number with the addition of the new units.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

Mule deer have a lot going against them right now, unfortunately most of it is beyond the divisions control. I applaud their efforts and hope that we as a society can change before mule deer hunting is a fond memory.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?

In 2015 all the southern units were changed to be managed at 18-20 bucks per 100 does. Limiting opportunity for more and bigger bucks. After 2 extreme droughts and 1 hard winter many of the bucks died anyway, and the hunting this year was a far cry from 2013-15. I would like to see some of the units return to the 15-18 buck/100 does to provide increased opportunity.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

I am opposed to the elimination of the management buck hunts on the Henry mountains.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I DO NOT agree with the idea of issuing unlimited any-bull elk permits. While recognizing the need for increased opportunity for family's and future hunters in the field, personal experience has led me to believe that overcrowding during a hunt is one of the greatest methods of discouraging new hunters from participating. Past seasons have already found me in close proximity to other groups despite my best efforts to find space apart and on one occasion witnessed three groups shoot at the same elk and then argue over the claim of the kill. The herds in these areas already receive extreme pressure from a three season hunt and adding unlimited tags will only exacerbate the issues of overcrowding and animal stress.

I also strongly disagree with changing the nine mile LE anthro unit to an open bull unit. This unit has in the past demonstrated its potential for producing mature bulls and healthy herds. Nine mile anthro continues to be a sought after LE area that would be shamefully decimated if the proposal goes through.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

**After watching Chad Wilson's
presentation about the 2021 CWMU and
LOA recommendations:**

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments: I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments: I support the proposals and amendments.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations: I support the recommendations.

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**After viewing the waterfowl
recommendations and R657-9
amendments:**

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

**After viewing the 2021 big game
proposals and amendments:**

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

The only topic opposed, as outlined in this video, is the changes with any bull permit numbers. Mr. Covy Jones argues that there are sufficient refuge areas for elk, elk populations will not be affected, and that hunting heritage will be better preserved. I do not disagree with these arguments, however, I disagree with the ramifications this change would make. Here are my arguments against making the permits unlimited.

Mr. Jones states that the hunt drawing is "a great way to manage", but that it "creates a system where there is a lot of disappointment and a lot of wait". The goal is conservation of wildlife. The goal is not to ensure everyone is pleased when draw results come out or that they can buy an over the counter elk tag. Proper conservation will lead to quality hunting opportunities. If unlimited elk tags are given out for any-weapon hunters, the quality of the hunts will decrease. Mr. Jones is correct about sufficient refuge areas (tribal land, wilderness, private lands). If more hunters are in the field, that is where the majority of the elk will go when they get pressure. This equates to hunters not having ample opportunity to even see an elk, let alone have a good chance at harvesting an elk. Second point is that though it may seem as though this change will help preserve hunting heritage to ensure that every new hunter or every family has the opportunity to hunt elk each year, this could have the opposite effect. If new hunters are not seeing elk because there are numerous hunters pushing elk to refuges, the low-quality hunting opportunity may not preserve the hunting heritage as hunters may lose interest. Really, this point is talked about by Mr. Jones when he says that spike unit permit numbers will not be increased because those units are managed for quality. Note that quality on limited entry units not only refers to large bull elk, but also to great herds and opportunity to see and hunt elk. Any bull elk units should also be managed so people have a great opportunity to see and hunt elk.

Though this plan is being suggested to please hunters, I do not believe it will have that effect. When there are more hunters, the quality of the hunt will decrease. People would be better served if this hunt went to a drawing system where they were ensured an equal probability of obtaining a tag as the next person compared to having the opportunity to hunt elk every year but have a low-quality hunt. I agree that something needs to be done to overcome the challenges of obtaining an elk permit when they become available over the counter, but unlimited elk tags for any weapon hunts is not the solution. This may temporarily satisfy an individual that they have a tag, but for the vast majority of hunters, their hunt will not be high quality when there are more people afield. Unlimited tags for archery hunters seems to work as archery is not as popular as any weapon hunts, but unlimited tags will not work for any weapon hunts.

Everything else in the proposals seems great. One suggestion for limited entry hunts is to consider opening additional LE units for archery during September. The proposed units for archery hunters during in September are not the greatest. One suggestion to overcome this would be to rotate

years for which hunt would take place during the elk rut in September. For example, one year any weapon hunts would take place on LE units during September and the following year, archery hunts would take place during September. This would allow for different hunting groups to have that wonderful opportunity to hunt elk on a LE unit at the time of year any elk hunter dreams of.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations: I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I specifically oppose the proposal about unlimited any bull elk tags. I don't know how this can be a viable option. It will only serve to make what is already a tough hunt even tougher with many more people hunting. The hunt is already challenging and not an easy one.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I specifically oppose the proposal about unlimited any bull elk tags. I don't know how this can be a viable option. It will only serve to make what is already a tough hunt even tougher with many more people hunting. The hunt is already challenging and not an easy one.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

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After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I oppose the recommendations, the amendments or both.

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?

I oppose allowing permanent blinds because it allow some hunters greater access and usage than others. Those who have permission and have built the blinds would want exclusive use. This would reduce opportunity for those who didn't build the blind.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I support the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

In favor of all changes.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

would like an even higher buck doe ratio

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Not sure

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I support the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I appreciate the changes made to elk hunting. The supply-demand issue is difficult. Thanks for maintaining an opportunity for families/friends to obtain multiple permits on a regular basis with non-draw permits. I do worry about some of the complexity of the elk and deer hunts. Most people will not expend the time/effort required to understand the myriad of options...which is not a problem unless there are people who feel overwhelmed/intimidated by the complexity and elect to not participate out of fear of making mistakes. Not sure if that is currently an issue.

Great adaptive and creative adjustments to pronghorn, bighorn, bison hunting. It is understandable that the Zion bighorn unit could not support an archery hunt. Is there another desert bighorn unit that could support an archery hunt?

Thanks for preparing for the potential issue with dedicated hunter permits. I think the dedicated hunter program is one of the best programs the DWR has enacted. I wonder if the DWR has had the opportunity to take a deep dive into the ramifications of dedicated hunter program. Specifically, I wonder if permit holders harvest fewer deer than they would through the general hunts...but at the same time spend more time hunting and have more satisfying hunting experiences. If so, I feel that the DWR should increase the maximum percentage of DH permits above 15%. Spending more time hunting, enjoying the hunting more, making positive contributions to management, and killing fewer bucks...if this is the case, it is exactly the type of thing that we need to increase hunting opportunity and increase average buck age at the same time.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

I will offer Covy a better chair for his home office so he doesn't develop back problems from that cheap green camping chair.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans? I appreciate the surveying efforts. Seems very well done. Specifically for the fact that it potentially reaches anyone who applies to or hunts the unit in question and not just the people who live near the unit. General deer units are a statewide resource, not a local resource. Everyone trying to hunt general units are in the same point pool, are invested, and care about the unit they hunt no matter where they live in Utah. I am frustrated that all the Southern Utah units were changed to 18-20 bucks per 100 does in 2015 without getting input from the rest of the state. As a result, the rest of the state has to make up the slack and provide more hunting opportunity by having more 15-17 B:D units. There are very few opportunities to hunt public land in Northern Utah in 18-20 B:D units. I hope that the survey results will be available through the DWR website.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans? Great, great survey efforts. Again, everyone who applies to a unit should have the opportunity to voice their opinion about how the unit is managed. I hope the survey results will be available online.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations: I support the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I am a avid hunter and just finshed up my elk hunt. I Purchased the multi season elk tag because it is available to me. After this year and last year's hunt I believe I would like to see that changed back to the way it was to pick your hunt. There were too many people in the field and not enough game. So for you to go with unlimited tags, I don't agree with whatsoever. However, I love the date changes! Maybe now the archery elk hunters can hunt the rut! At least some of it.
Your problem with the draw is you did not follow original plan. You need to fix our draw system. If you do it would work for all and everyone would be grateful and happy!

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I support the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I oppose the unlimited any bull tags. The quality of this hunt will especially go downhill during the rifle season-- clogged roads, limited camp spots (which leads to people making new camp spots), and hunter crowding in the woods.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I greatly oppose the idea of making over the counter any bull elk tags unlimited. This hunt already has a super low rate of success and making it unlimited would make the success rate fall even more. The past few years the elk hunts I have been on are a zoo and worse than the deer hunts. Disclaimer, I call it how I see it and I don't mean to offend but this seems like an attempt for the DNR is just greedy and wants more money. I fear that if this happens there won't be any elk in a generation and the hunting community will have to pull together to save the elk herd just like was done for the American Bison a century ago. Perhaps a better idea is to increase the tag amount from 15k to 18k or even 20k.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I do not think Utah should allow unlimited bull elk tags on the general season units with any legal weapon. These units already experience many crowding issues due to limited numbers of elk in publicly accessible areas. I think this will decrease the quality of hunting and cause even more elk to seek refuge on private lands where they are un-hunttable to middle class hunters like myself. I like that some units are being opened to any bull hunting, but I don't think this will help the crowding that already exists and I think the changes will only make it worse in years to come.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

Mule deer are a precious resource. Keep the wolves and non-residents out.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans?

I am neutral because I don't have the \$\$ to hunt the majority this region. Just lining Morgan County's pockets.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

Keep the wolves out!

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?

Don't know much about these areas. Don't have the gas \$ to hunt here.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I oppose the recommendations.

Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?

I oppose any plans helping to enrich landowners via public wildlife permits.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I oppose the recommendations, the amendments or both.

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?

My name is Darin Noorda.
I am the social media coordinator with the Utah Waterfowl Association. We have a Facebook group that is over 9,000 members. We are the largest online group representing Utah waterfowl hunters.
We polled our group in regards to the permit to build permanent blinds on the Willard Spur.
Here are the results.
Are you in favor, Oppose or indifferent on the permits to be obtained to build a permanent blind on the Willard Spur
In Favor: 24 votes
In Different: 57 votes
Oppose: 483 votes

Our online Facebook poll shows how unpopular this motion is. I voice my concern with the 483 other members that voted in our poll to NOT allow the construction of permanent blinds on the Willard Spur.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I am neutral on the proposals and amendments.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

**After watching Chad Wilson's
presentation about the 2021 CWMU and
LOA recommendations:**

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Please do not give out more general elk tags. In the northern region hunters are already stepping on each other which defeats the purpose (enjoyment vs access). Everyone already has EQUAL chance first come first serve. There are many years as an avid hunter that I did not purchase elk permit in time for that year. The quality of hunting has already been declining (hunters in field vs number of animals). I understand the reasoning to have more "access to hunt" but lets put more thought about this to the sportsman. Im sure there are ways to make everyone happy. I think the Utah sportsmen would be willing to hunt every other year or pay higher fees or whatever it took to have a higher quality hunt where you could actually go get out in the woods without tripping over several other hunters. Is the issue bringing in more fees? If so raise prices to get quality back or create system to "create access" thru points or every other year (or something) to keep the permits at or under 15,000.

The Deer population in the North is also something that should be addressed. I believe most sportsman I am surrounded by (who spend months out of year in the mountains) have been noticing that the deer situation needs serious attention. Wouldnt it make sense to take measures to limit what few deer there are now thru less harvest objective (along with any other action) to give the Muleys a fair chance to get back to a healthy herd? Thank You

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

Lets get our Deer herds up please

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans?

Lets get our Deer herds up and also keep a limit on the number of general elk tags at 15k cap. Extra tags has a spill over effect into all the other hunts with the unneeded pressure and just ruin it for those who do have the equal chance of getting the 15k tags. The north is plenty CROWDED already and all the sportsman I know have the same thought.....there are way too few Deer and Elk in the North.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I am neutral on the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Hi I am concerned about an unlimited general elk hunt. My concerns are safety, and over hunting.
I do understand that there will be more areas to hunt but I think it would be a better option to slightly increase tags and/or get rid of the multi season tag, this seems like the problem with the tags selling out quickly.
As a hunter I have bought the multi season tag every year since available. But if this passes I would not buy one being afraid of my safety on the rifle hunt.
I would promote a draw for multi season, rifle, and muzzle loader. And unlimited archery would stay in place.

I am fine with everything else proposed with big game.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I support the proposals and amendments.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

My name is Cory Huntsman, I live in Erda in Tooele County

I support all of the Divisions recommendations for the big game hunts this year. I do however have one unit that I'd like to ask the DWR to consider splitting for the 2022 season. The Oquirrh/Stansbury deer unit is currently two separate cougar units, soon to be two separate elk units and they are two completely separate mountain ranges. The habitat, terrain and overall landscape of each mountain range are almost polar opposites as well. I believe last December's deer collaring on both ranges had vast differences in body fat percentages also. Stansbury deer were among the low end of the state & the Oquirrh deer were among the higher fat percentages.

What I'd like to propose is to give the biologists an action item that would allow them time to collect data and logistics on splitting this unit into two separate units. I have spoken with our local biologist as well as several deer hunters that hunt both mountain ranges. Every person that I have spoken with that this would directly effect have all been in full support of the idea.

Thanks,
Cory Huntsman
801-875-5367

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I support the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I would like to see a decrease in tags, not an increase. It seems that the herds are already over hunted and having more people with tags wont help with providing additional quality opportunities for hunting.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

This is no good.... give unlimited bull elk permits is no way okay they are all ready on the down hill side cause of you guys... Not only no but [REDACTED] no.... Get the money out of things. Take trail cameras and limit the Outfitters or guides in this state as well the hunting is be coming a joke for us in many ways and this is no way making it better..... No no no on this and with the deer season being later can be a bad thing as well. Just think about it.....

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

No

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I oppose the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I am neutral on the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

For the general season bull elk hunt my thoughts are the bow and rifle hunt are both long enough but the Muzzle loader hunt should be longer. It is only 9 days right now and I believe it should be a minimum of 14 days if not 21. Being an emergency response official for wildland Fire it is not hard to miss the whole hunt and feel as if it needs to be longer ! I am speaking for a lot of folks! Thanks !

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?

Y'all think there's that many deer? y'all need to go have a look around ?

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?

I don't hunt waterfowl yet so I can not make an opinion on this.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

opening up the Any Bull tags to unlimited is absolutely silly. the mountains were already overran this year with hunters. This will absolutely destroy the hunt. to the point I'll have to go to another state to even stand a chance. Whoever came up with this clearly needs to get in the field for hunting. This last year was especially bad as suddenly "everyone" is a hunter because of Covid. As this can be good it also appears that DNR has forgotten about it's core hunters who have been grinding the hills and are simply trying to make money by giving everyone a tag. A better idea is to just mail every Utah resident a tag and save us the effort of having to log in and purchase one. Actually if you could just include it in our state taxes then I know I'll save some time and just wait for the mail.

A better idea would be to find another way to open up private land.... that is a huge challenge.

Seriously.... how is this even being proposed? (face palm)

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

I'm ok with improving the Wasatch unit. the hard part is you can only get a tag every three years or so. kinda hard to get the family and kids involved in hunting when it's only possible to go every three years.... maybe open up Wasatch to rifle or muzzle loader near millcreek?

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans? I don't hunt here.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans? I don't hunt here.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations: I oppose the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

No to unlimited bull elk tags. This hunt has a 10-12% success rate and making the tags unlimited will make this an impossible hunt. I still dont understand why the new deer hunt was created; does not make sense to me.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I strongly oppose making the any bull tags unlimited. Making this tag unlimited will take a difficult hunt to an impossible hunt. Seems like DNR is getting greedy and just want more money. Perhaps a good compromise is to increase from 15k to 18k.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

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**After viewing the waterfowl
recommendations and R657-9
amendments:**

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

**After viewing the 2021 big game
proposals and amendments:**

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Removing the cap for any bull general season permits is a horrible idea. I strongly oppose it.

As much as there is a carrying capacity for animals there should also be a carrying capacity of hunters. Hunting in areas loaded with people doesn't improve anyone's experience. In fact it does the opposite leaving you feeling frustrated and ripped off.

By removing the cap the increased pressure from significant amount of people and their ATV's UTV's will push these animals to the most difficult to access areas. In general families with younger kids who want to experience hunting will not be able to because the pressured animals will go to where you kids can't physically get to. There is a difference between having a tag and being able to successfully hunt. Allowing unlimited tags does not expand the opportunities for families- You are over saturating the area shrinking the opportunity as more people will be after the elk in the area. You are all familiar with bull to cow ratios - well think Hunter to Bull Ratios.

Further, there are multiple parts or aspects to "hunting" having a tag is just one of many aspects. The opportunity cost of dishing out unlimited tags will ruin all of the other parts of "hunting" sure you can get a tag - but your experience will leave you angry and frustrated and ripped off. Those feeling will not leave you feeling connected to your hunting heritage".

I strongly support a cap on any bull general season areas. I support a cap on all Archer, Riffle, and muzzleloader tags as well.

I support an even stronger cap on out of state hunter tags. I also would support increasing the out of state tag cost for elk and other big game tags. The number of out of state hunters is increasing year over year. I hunted elk in Idaho last year as an out of state hunter. The number of out of state hunters outnumbered the in-state hunters. Everyone was flustered by the experience. It's not if it's when this pressure comes more and more to Utah as social media, youtube and podcasts, grows the popularity of big game hunting. Utah needs to dramatically increase the cost and add a cap to out of state hunters.

If you want improve the opportunity for families, and improve our ties to our hunting heritage, increase the number of youth tags. I would also support the youth any bull tag to changing to No out of state hunters. The tag is difficult enough to draw not adding in thousands of out of state youth to the mix. Nothing is more frustrating than seeing my daughters not be able to draw a tag in state when we know of several out of state youth who drew the tag. I wish the UTAH DWR would focus on Utah youth first to achieve their goals of connecting to our hunting heritage and expand opportunities for families.

The only stated goal his recommendation does by removing a cap is making elk hunting more difficult. Looking at current success rates-clearly elk hunting is difficult enough already. Please don't downgrade and pollute

the experience by making it available to everyone and anyone.

Regards,
Don Worthington

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

I hunt with a large group with many years of experience , we hunt a lot and cover a lot of ground. Deer & Elk seasons that overlap, selling more and more permits for animals that don't exist and adding more seasons just to make a few dollars is not a good management plan. You are driving people away from hunting-- Especially the Youth Hunters , your herd counts and harvest statistics are a JOKE ! Also domestic cattle are EVERYWHERE !! TOO MANY !

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

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After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?

CUT Tag #

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?

Cut Tag #

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

Cut Tag #

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?

I don't hunt water fowl

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

*There are to many hunters on some/most of the any bull units. This is causing the elk to move to the private land or to the spike only units earlier.

* also with this there are already units that are unsafe for the hunter how do you plan on commentating the hunter and their safety do to the extra mass of extra people. (Orange is not the solution)
On opening the morning when the sun rises you have people on both sides of the mountains shooting both ways and wildlife running in Chaos Trying to get away causing an unsafe hunt.

* if there's an unlimited number of any bull tags You will see the decline in spike tags being bought. Because there are a lot of people buying spike tags when that is the only the only tag left. I can personally vouch for that and know of several others that I've done the same thing.

I personally don't think the Unlimited amount of tags is I good idea. I vote NO!

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

I don't hunt deer haven't drawn a tag

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans?

I don't hunt deer haven't drawn a tag. The last time I did there were way to many hunters

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans? I don't hunt deer haven't drawn a tag.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans? I haven't drawn a tag

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans? I haven't drawn a tag

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans? I haven't drawn a tag

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations: I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I oppose the recommendations, the amendments or both.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Really like everything think it's awesome but the unlimited elk tags is a terrible idea we own ground in snowville and the elk take a step on public and are being chased and shot at beyond image it's only going to be worse when the fences are lined with hunters. The problem is the elk live on private property and then the land owners complain because the elk won't leave because if they do leave it's getting chased and shot at on public. I would be all for a set amount even if it's way more but unlimited is ridiculous

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I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans?

I don't understand why the deer numbers are so low in the box elder unit. The buck to doe ratio is still terrible even after the 500 less tags. Don't know what is killing all the deer but I think some serious attention needs to be put on the box elder unit

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

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Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

From; Rob Hardy, Outfitter at X Factor Outfitters...
Really excited about the LE archery elk, rut hunt, and HAMS hunt, I think you'll see high demand for this, and in the future, I believe that all the LE archery elk, should have those exact dates...
I also applaud the changes for the unlimited anybull tags, with the addition of additional units...
I sincerely believe that herd objectives are way to low, for elk, and deer, and believe that cow and doe hunts, should be dropped altogether, and that they should be managed by incident through the depredation pool, I think you'd be very surprised to see just how many more animal's we can handle on the landscape, and will see hunter satisfaction, increase greatly

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

Kill more lions and bears..
Quit dropping herd objectives, if anything, you should be raising them, even if you have to have 1 to 3 year closures, I Guarantee, all these lands historically, and I'm talking 20 to 30 years ago, held more than double the deer, and elk

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?

Quit dropping herd objectives, they should be raised, not lowered

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?

Definitely against dropping herd objectives, especially on the boulder, that unit should be a LE unit, and can hold large numbers of deer, and elk, there needs to be some serious predator management done there, historic numbers for deer even 10 years ago, were huge, now you're lucky to see a buck

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Good morning board.
I watched the central Rac I oppose having unlimited elk tags
I support what was presented at the Central rac of putting a cap at 20,000 elk permits i feel we need to take baby steps on this.
I support youth anybull hunts going unlimited tags yeah the first year will be a zoo but those permits will fall off quick after the first year of doing it..
I support the Archery hunt running an extra 9 days threw the youth hunt that will get them the RUT there asking for.
I would also like to see 3 corners go to an anybull unit it doesn't produce that well this will also help crowding issues as well.
Thanks for all that you guys do be safe out there.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

Good morning Rac board
I sit here as a concerned sportsman i really feel like we are going in a downward tail spin! There has to be something to bring our deer back and i really feel like on of the solutions would be getting rid of scopes off of Muzzleloaders These muzzy are capable of shooting out there at 400 yards no problem i have a walmart gun that can achieve that, I really feel this will lower the success rate on harvest.
During the archery hunt i watched 9 bucks they where just 2 year old deer 3 got shot during the archery and the rest got shot during the muzzleloader hunt and 4 where shot at 350 plus i know if it was just open sights there is no way that could have been done. A guy named levi reed over here in lapoint is building muzzy to shoot out to 500 yards no problem i really think this will help our deer herd thats a rifle in my book just think we need to strongly look at this Thanks for all that you do

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I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans?

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After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?

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After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?

Good morning Rac board

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After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

Good morning Rac board

I sit here as a concerned sportsman i really feel like we are going in a downward tail spin! There has to be something to bring our deer back and i really feel like on of the solutions would be getting rid of scopes off of Muzzleloaders These muzzy are capable of shooting out there at 400 yards no problem i have a walmart gun that can achieve that, I really feel this will lower the success rate on harvest.

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After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I support the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I am neutral on the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I think many of the proposals are great. However, I am unsure about offering unlimited any bull elk tags. I think the idea of offering any youth that would like an any bull elk tag the opportunity is great, but I'm not sure it's necessary for all hunters. I saw that there were people waiting hours and hours when the any bull permits opened to try to buy a bull elk tag. I think that shows that the demand is very very high among most hunters. If the DWR proposed offering 15,000 any bull tags to adult hunters and unlimited regular any bull tags to youth hunters (or first year hunters) I think that would provide opportunity for almost everyone, while not overwhelming the state with Elk Hunters.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Limited entry late season muzzleloader hunts should not be available to non-residents.
Please keep the multi-season elk hunts. It is very beneficial to those of us who depend on the meat throughout the year. I personally know of 8-10 people who benefit from these hunts in this way.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans?

It would be nice to have more information on how to join the committees. I own 7,000+ acres in the chalk creek area and this is the first I have heard of these committees.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I oppose the recommendations.

Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?

This coming from a landowner with 7,000+ acres.... CWMU split should be 60/40 across the board. Outfitters are profiting way too much from selling the private tags while neighboring landowners suffer from this.

East Fork of Chalk Creek, Ensign Ranches and Two Bear permit numbers should not grow. There are not enough deer / elk in the Chalk Creek area as it is already.

Deny Avintaquin Creek elk permits. This is only opening the door for more landowners with less than 10,000 acres to pursue elk tags. Deny the Skull Valley cahnge application on the same basis.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

no unlimited over the counter elk tags

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

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After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Please do not do a unlimited on Any Bull units. There is not enough public land in the state to do this. There is already so much pressure the way it is we are already rubbing elbows with hunters. It turns into a pumpkin pathc. I rather this number decrease. Even if I didn't get a tag it would be more enjoyable when I did. Hunting pressure is awful in Utah. This would make it so much worse. For those that have private property its great. But for those of us who do not, hunting is awful. When speaking with others I am more so tempted to not even buy a tag because of the mess it turns into. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DON'T DO THIS.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

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After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Utah dnr dont know how to manage wildlife they just want money just like taking the nine mile anthro unit and changing to an any bull and then giving unlimited elk permits out that just a way for them to make up what money there going to lose by changing the limited entry units for any bull they could manage it better before they changed it to an any bull I have hunted the nine mile anthro for years and had cameras set up out there and there a still good bulls out there if they would mange it but no they want to open it up a kill off the whole heard and one of the problems is they with the nine mile anthro they dont manage it just like the cow elk they give 500 permits for that unit and all the others are between 70 to 200 and that is a big difference but the dnr dont care for the wildlife they just see \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ for everything

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

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I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I oppose the recommendations, the amendments or both.

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?

in a months time you won't know what's a legal blind ,and what's a illegal blind.
I understand that there's sink boxes or (permanent)blinds all over the great Salt Lake.
Everything starts with a footprint!
This footprint will lead to a junkyard of trash and safety hazard
Public land should intitle equal use
too all out doors Enthusiast !
And Not a select few,
who know how the system works
I strongly oppose, any new permanent blinds on my public land !

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I am neutral on the proposals and amendments.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

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November 12, 2020 2:43 pm

**After viewing the waterfowl
recommendations and R657-9
amendments:**

I oppose the recommendations, the amendments or both.

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?

November 12, 2020

To: Utah Wildlife Board, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR), and Members of the Regional Advisory Councils

Re: Opposition to Proposed Rule Change to Allow New Permanent Blinds in Willard Spur Waterfowl Management Area

National Audubon Society's Saline Lakes Program (Audubon) would like to express our concern for the recent proposed additions to R657-9-34(3) and R657-9-34(3)(a), which would permit the construction of new permanent blinds on Willard Spur Waterfowl Management Area. For the reasons explained below Audubon respectfully requests that the proposed rule change not be adopted, but instead withdrawn or rejected.

Permanent Blinds Would Detract From the Unique Natural Characteristics of Willard Spur

In 2019, Audubon supported H.B. 265 (UT Code §23-21-5(2)(a)) designating Willard Spur as a Waterfowl

Management Area (WMA), particularly for the designation's role in long-term protection of this

irreplaceable ecosystem of Willard Spur, and its importance to Great Salt Lake's Bear River Bay. Willard

Spur's unique hydrology and ecology promote an exceptional diversity of habitats that make it one of the

most productive areas of Great Salt Lake, supporting hundreds of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl

and other waterbirds each year. As highlighted by the important language in the bill prohibiting the

"construction or use of an impounding dike, impounding levee, or other impounding structure,"

maintaining these natural characteristics is key to the ongoing importance of Willard Spur to all bird

species. These natural, wild characteristics also draw waterfowlers, fisherman, boaters, photographers,

birders and other recreationalists to Willard Spur WMA. The construction of new, permanent blinds

would detract greatly from these natural aspects, and would not be aligned with the reasons for Willard

Spur WMA's designation.

"No New Blinds" Was Overwhelmingly Agreed Upon by the Vast Majority of the Willard Spur

Management Planning Committee

Audubon staff participated in the Willard Spur Management Planning Committee, which consisted of a

wide variety of consumptive users, non-consumptive users, Regional Advisory Council members and DWR

Staff. After much deliberation there was general accession (though not

without concern) to allowing preexisting permanent blinds¹ used by members of both Willard Duck Club and the Pintail Club to remain. However, the majority of the planning committee agreed that no new blinds should be permitted for the following reasons:

? "No new blinds" was consistent with existing regulations of all Utah WMA's.

? Safety and liability issues associated with other recreational users and blinds, which are inherently difficult to see and could be a hazard to boaters.

¹ According to the Willard Spur Final DRAFT Habitat Management Plan, January 2020, there are already 17 duck blinds in the Willard Spur Area that will remain open for public use.

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? Concerns over privately built blinds on public land, which could lead to user conflicts and unknown responsibilities for upkeep and monitoring blind locations.

It was our understanding that there was overwhelming opposition to new blinds by the majority of stakeholders, who have not changed since that time.

The Proposed Rule Change to R657-9-34(3) and R657-9-34(3)(a) is Inconsistent with the Management Goals and Legislative Designation of Willard Spur WMA; Do Not Address Significant Issues Associated With the Management and Permitting the Construction of Blinds on a Popular Public WMA

The proposed change to R657-9-34(3) would create an exception for the Willard Spur WMA from the restrictions on waterfowl blinds provided in subsection (1)(a) - 1(c). Unlike, other exceptions to these restrictions in the rule for specific locations at other WMAs (e.g., "West and North of Unit 1, Turpin Unit of Farmington Bay WMA), the proposed rule creates an exception for the entire Willard Spur WMA.

Furthermore, proposed rule R657-9-34(3)(a) states that "the placement of any new permanent blind will require written permission from DWR and FFSL." Other than requiring written permission, there is no mention of the process by which applicants will receive permission, or how many new blinds potentially could be approved. Additionally, it is unclear whether any proposal for a new permanent blind would be subject to DWR land use rule 657-28 or FFSL rules R652-30, 40, 41 or 70 or subject to public notice and comment. The proposed rule also raises a number of concerns, such as: safety and liability, including whether safety and visibility specifications will need to be met; and importantly - how this won't lead to a proliferation of artificial structures throughout the Willard Spur WMA. Any additional blinds or infrastructure will detract from Willard Spur's wild and natural characteristics. Moreover, the proposed rule places additional management

responsibility on DWR and FFSL.

If a clarification to R657-9-34 is necessary to address the pre-existing permanent blinds at Willard Spur WMA, the proposed rule goes well beyond that purpose. If that is the intent, we recommend that DWR withdraw the proposed rule. DWR staff could then work with stakeholders to develop language to address the specific issue concerning pre-existing blinds.

Audubon appreciates the opportunity to share its perspectives on the proposed "waterfowl blind" rule amendments. For the reasons explained above, Audubon respectfully requests that the Utah Wildlife Board, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and the Regional Advisory Councils not adopt the proposed rule, but instead withdraw and/or reject the proposed rule change to add R657-9-34(3) and R657-9-34(3)(a).

Sincerely,

National Audubon Society,

Saline Lakes Program

Brian Tavernia, Ecologist (Willard Spur WMA Management Planning
Committee Member)

Max Malmquist, Outreach Associate

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments: I am neutral on the proposals and amendments.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations: I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I support the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I support Brian Zundel's proposal to add 9!days to any bull archery elk hunts

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I whole-heartedly disagree with the recommended change to increase any-bull unit tags from 15,000 to unlimited. You speak of disappointment in the draw and wait times experienced by constituents - what do you think will happen when people take to the field only to find a sea of blaze orange, racing atvs/utvs, and a scarcity of animals resulting from the pressure? Furthermore, elk hunting is not an easy hunt as is, and approving the proposed change to the number of any-bull tags will only increase the difficulty in locating and harvesting elk. My recommendation is to double the number of any-bull tags from 15,000 to 30,000.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I support the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

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I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I oppose on change the limited entry to general season I don't know much about the other units but the nine mile anthro I have hunted this for years for bull and cows I think it was one of the best in this part of the region and I have had cameras out there for years and there are still some good bulls not that many cows because they give 500 permits for cows in my opinion they could try something else before they change it to gernal season like maybe stop the cow hunting for a few years because and bring back the cows and it would help I think but that is just my opinion I think they could get this unit back up to a very good uint again if they would try and manage it better but the dnr and the biologist have already made up there mind to change it to gernal season and will not look at other options and I think the bulls will take a big hit on this unit if they change it to gernal season because everyone that hunted it knows the area and they get tags and the frist weekend the bulls will be killed I really think if this happens there will be more people on this part of the region then any other place but just think about you take a limited entry unit and open it to gernal season what do you think is going to happen

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After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

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I support the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I support the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I oppose the recommendations, the amendments or both.

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?

I worry about some duck hunters taking advantage of retrieving ducks in the rest area.
The rest of the proposals I am fine with.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I really think unlimited tags for any bull areas we're going to make those areas even more crowded.
I am in agreement with the new any bull areas and the rest of the proposals

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After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I support the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Absolutely oppose this proposal:
After meeting with the elk committee, we recommend modifying the elk management plan to allow an unlimited number of any-bull elk permits. The only negative myself and the members of my hunting camp have experienced during the elk hunt has been the seemingly increasing number of hunters. Over the last 5 years we have seen increased traffic on the road, much larger camps of hunters, and yes many more hunters miles from he road.
Not capping the number of hunters will make this situation worse. Please keep the cap of any bull tags at 15,000, my suggestion would be to lower it, or create units similar to deer units.
If this meant not getting a tag every year to improve the experience, that would be acceptable. If an increase in revenue is needed, by all means raise the cost of a tag by a reasonable amount.
I have read, been told first hand, and personally experienced the difficulty in buying a tag. Please address the IT system, not sell unlimited tags. It is my opinion that this proposal will negatively impact the hunt, and cause irreparable damage in the long run.
I would absolutely love to be contacted for further discussion.
Thank you for your consideration.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I oppose the recommendations.

Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?

I feel the number of tags should be equally split between land owners and the public draw. I have always seen the CWMU program as a money making program for land owners. This program is far too focused on granting landowner tags that they may sell for ridiculous amounts of money. The public tags are far too limited in scope, both amount of tags, and time to hunt the property.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I support the proposals and amendments.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I support the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I support the proposals and amendments.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Changing the any bull elk units to unlimited tags is asinine! On the ground observations show that the populations are depleted and increasing the pressure by increasing tag numbers will be seriously detrimental to the herd. WE are getting fed up with the poor decisions that the DWR has been making in recent years. You want to sell tags to a show that is not going to play and you know it! Shame ON YOU!!!

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

Revising deer population goals downward to make it look like the Division is achieving it s goals is counterproductive, and wrong.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

All I can say is that the mindset at the DWR must be "look at our measly goals"!

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I object the unlimited number of any bull tags. Like you guys have said most of the land is private or Indian so it is already hard enough to hunt without that many more hunters

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

Kind of hard to get youth excited about going hunting when you never know if you're going to actually get a permit. And how does a person draw their second choice on permit and others don't draw on the first choice for the same unit

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I oppose the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I oppose the proposal of unlimited any bull permits. You can't go from some management to zero management. You say it will provide a challenge, it's already a challenge without unlimited permits. In the Uinta's its a challenge to find a camp site, a challenge to find some ground without running into someone besides the challenge of finding a bull.

If you open this up to unlimited along with population density in weber, davis, salt lake and utah counties flooding the Uinta's i believe you are going to hurt the hunting experience and ruin the already hard to find elk herd. People are shooting over 100 yds with archery, now 500 yds with a muzzleloader and over 1000 yds with a rifle! Please don't do this.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

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After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I'm NOT supportive of extending the archery elk hunt on any-bull units at the expense of overlapping with the youth rifle elk hunt. Our kids are the future hunters that will enable conversation for their generation. Let's remember that they're oftentimes beginners just testing the waters. They're not as inclined to hike long distances off the roads nor shoot long distances at big game. They need a small window when their hunt is the primary focus like we have now. Allowing crowds of general archery hunters to pursue the elk simultaneously will dramatically impact the youth's experience. Any bugling bull will have a half-dozen hunters crowding in at first light reducing the chances of the youth to even see the elk let alone get close enough for a decent ethical shot. What kind of experience is that for a first time youth hunter? 4 weeks is long enough to hunt elk with a bow... not to mention archers have the extended hunt giving them opportunity through mid December. If people want to archery-hunt the rut that's fine, but just don't impose any changes at the expense of the youth elk hunt.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

**After watching Chad Wilson's
presentation about the 2021 CWMU and
LOA recommendations:**

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I support the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I would like to see crossbows added to the list of weapons for the HAMS hunts (HAMS to CHAMS?) and other multi-weapon hunts. Crossbows, of course, are short range weapons without noise and would be ideal not only for the HAMS hunts, but for many of the antlerless hunts as well. I'm not suggesting that they be added to the archery only hunts, but since they are currently legal for the any weapon hunts, I see no reasons why they couldn't be added to the short range multi-weapon hunts also. I thank you for your consideration, (And for doing well a tough job of sorting out all of the hunts to provide both opportunity AND quality hunting experiences.)!

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

I appreciate the unit updates on the population objectives because I know it's done using the latest biological technics and information. Thanks!

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

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I support the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Wildlife Board,

Do we really think that giving out unlimited open bull tags is a wise decision and in the best interest of our wildlife and the conservation of our Elk herds? From the perspective of an avid Elk hunter, this makes no sense. This seems detrimental to the Elk population regardless of what the DWR biologists say. The current cap at 15000 is too high and now DWR wants to raise that, ridiculous! It is clear that the DWR does not have the best interest of our wildlife in their minds. Their job of wildlife management comes second to filling their pockets with money and generating more revenue. This is yet another push to do just that. Let's think back to what happened on the Fishlake unit in the early 2000's when there was a change in management objective there. All the Elk were actually killed off because of over management despite the DWR biologists saying the outcome would be opposite of what the actual results were. Twenty years later the effects are still present and a full recovery hasn't happened. We're going to allow this same mistake to be made again instead of learning from it? That is gross negligence and re-illustrates the DWR's main objective of generating maximum revenue. At some point there has to be an end to giving out more tags and coming up with more and more hunts every year. Our Elk are stressed and pushed from August through January with all the hunts we already have, where the end of one runs straight into another. Yet, for some reason the DWR thinks we just need more hunts and more tags. This is so irresponsible and needs to be ended. Let's be logical and do the right thing by bringing the management of our game back to being the DWR's number one priority by not passing this proposal.

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I support the plans.

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I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?

Why do you guys leave the pheasant hunting in Weber county open for month when there no pheasant why don't you guys ask the people who are farmers how many birds they see you should only have a 3 day hunt maybe take some money and put back too help the pheasant out to try to get the number back up I live In Warren Utah my whole life was raised on a dairy farm had a lot of birds back in the day now you drive around and walk around and don't see any birds around its really sad that you guys in the fish and game have ruined the pheasant hunting but that's what happens when you people who don't have a clue running it need to fire you all and get farmers and ranchers on the board that are out in hunting area Instead of people who live in the big city by time you guys get done you ruined all the big and small game hunting in the state thanks doing a bad job sign Merrill Skeen Warren utah

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I am neutral on the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

You all ready ruined these too ¹

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After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

**After watching Chad Wilson's
presentation about the 2021 CWMU and
LOA recommendations:**

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?

If you do allow built permanent blinds you should control who gets to use them so they don't get trashed and they should be first come first served

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I support the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I believe that if you do the any bull units it will increase hunting opportunity but you shouldn't make them unlimited a lot of hunters I know complain of being crowded during hunts and I think if you make them unlimited it will end up looking like an ant hill on the mountains, they should stay capped like they always have maybe increase the price of the tag if revenue is what you're worried about but please don't over crowd the mountains Utah is already starting to be a joke to hunt as it is due to over crowding on hunts

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

I like the idea of deer getting to their real carrying capacity but does the buck to doe ratio always have to be so low, one way I think you guys could quickly reduce the number of small bucks being taken is make 18 and older have a size restriction to three point or better and 18 and younger have the ability to take any antlered animal

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans?

Please bring the buck to doe ratio up

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

I like the idea of the units being at their ideal carrying capacity one quick way of making hunters happy is increase the buck to doe ratio I think that there should be a size restriction of three point or better on general units with 18 and older only able to harvest 3 point and better and 18 and younger able to harvest any antlered buck

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?

I like the idea of the units being at their ideal carrying capacity one quick way of making hunters happy is increase the buck to doe ratio I think that there should be a size restriction of three point or better on general units with 18 and older only able to harvest 3 point and better and 18 and younger able to harvest any antlered buck

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?

I like the idea of the units being at their ideal carrying capacity one quick way of making hunters happy is increase the buck to doe ratio I think that there should be a size restriction of three point or better on general units with 18 and older only able to harvest 3 point and better and 18 and younger able to harvest any antlered buck

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

I like the idea of the units being at their ideal carrying capacity one quick way of making hunters happy is increase the buck to doe ratio I think that there should be a size restriction of three point or better on general units with 18 and older only able to harvest 3 point and better and 18 and younger able to harvest any antlered buck

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?

I like cwmu hunts I think they're very under utilized

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November 2020 RAC Feedback
November 15, 2020 10:24 pm

**After viewing the waterfowl
recommendations and R657-9
amendments:**

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

**After viewing the 2021 big game
proposals and amendments:**

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

After much thought and phone conversations with your biologist over this area I must strongly disagree with the proposal to turn the west desert deep creeks into a archery/hams hunt. I have hunted this unit for over 10 years and have been a part of 6 mature bulls being harvested. I disagree with the change for the following reasons. The deep creeks are a very unique unit. As a hunter you must deal with limited access, there is only 2 roads on the west side that get you up on the mountain and one of those you have to go through Indian reservation. On the east side you have only Toms canyon which is a 4 wheel drive road. Middle canyon and Goshute canyon. Which are impossible to get up without 4 wheel drive. On the south east end you only have granite canyon that gets you up on the mountain. All other roads have been closed and end at the bottom of the mountain. Then you have private land, goshute Indian reservation, and the Nevada border. Also most hunters hunt the west side above Ibapah that is where the elk are. The elk on this unit do not use the entire range they are only located in certain areas at certain times of the year. If this hunt passes it will result in over crowding. That same issue was addressed in the past and tag numbers were decreased and split among the Archery, early rifle, muzzleloader, mid rifle and late rifle. If the proposal passes you would have an increase in tag numbers for this hunt. Right now there are 25 total tags for this unit. Let's just say they give 40 permits. Now you have 90 percent of those hunters hunting the Ibapah side of the mountain at the same time. And on top of that you will have rifle spike elk hunters, then general season deer hunters, then muzzleloader spike hunters and the late season muzzleloader deer hunt. If this happens there is not enough access or camping areas on that side of the mountain or frankly on the entire mountain. The elk on this unit are very smart. When they get pressured they all move west to Nevada or onto the Indian reservation. I have witnessed this first hand on many occasions before the tag numbers were decreases in 2013. The terrain and vegetation of this unit and the limited access make this unit very hard to get close to the elk to make a ethical shot especially with archery equipment or hams equipment. Your objective of an 8.5 year old bull harvest will likely decrease further due to this style of hunting. I know that the average age of harvested bulls is lower than the objective but it is not due to lack of old mature bulls. My family has killed a 14 yr old a 12 yr old a 9 yr old and a 8 yr old bull. The lower age of killed bulls is because most hunters kill the first bull that comes out of the reservation or that is down on the hay fields. The herd on this unit is doing great I have seen plenty of older class bulls this year. I average 20 days out there a year scouting and hunting this unit. If you want to try and hit an older age of bulls killed maybe give a few more multi season tags so that the hunter could pick over more bulls and harvest a true trophy elk. I know you won't get many comments on this unit. It is not a popular unit for elk. There is less than 250 people that put in for this unit every year but don't let that be a reason not to save this unit from being removed from the regular limited entry units. Thank you for your time. Please feel free to contact me by phone with other questions or more information.

Seth Rockwell

801-310-1872

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I oppose unlimited any bull elk permits. I feel after the online license sales fiasco that the division sees this as a way to increase dollars but you are going to destroy our elk herd and overcrowd our hunting areas. If you want to change this you should consider adding a couple thousand permits in the any bull areas and put them in the LE draw and run the dates same as early rifle LE. This would open more opportunity and reduce the pool of point holders.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

The reduction in herds is all due to loss of range and I believe there are better ways to achieve our goals rather than reducing herd size. Our deer herd is in poor shape already and we are suggesting reducing this number. You can find a better way

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I support the recommendations.

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Submission Time:

November 2020 RAC Feedback
November 16, 2020 10:53 pm

**After viewing the waterfowl
recommendations and R657-9
amendments:**

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

**After viewing the 2021 big game
proposals and amendments:**

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the
comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I sincerely hope that I am not wasting my time and this actually gets read and taken into consideration. I personally feel that the RAC meetings are held to appease the public and you guys already have your minds made up and are going to do what you want. I've witnessed it before....

I personally have been fortunate to be able to hunt out of state in my life and prefer to because of how poor managed and overcrowded it is here in Utah. I understand that not everyone can afford to go out of state but I am here to tell you if they saved for a couple years and not hunt here in Utah, its worth it.

Covy mentions this to be a better plan for elk management in the video- unlimited tags is a better plan?? It is already a cluster, mad dash on general season rifle elk. Two years ago we watched 3 bulls get killed in the first 10 minutes of legal shooting light. (Still don't think the first 2 shots and first bull dead was legal light yet). After bull 1 falls the herd runs about 1200 yards into another group of hunters. This group fires over a dozen shots wounding the spike. The elk then proceed to run over a ridge where they get shot at another 7 times. When they pop back over the ridge the spike that got hit in the second round of shootings and the 5 point are both now wounded at this point. They finish off the spike and the 5 point and cows then turn back up the ridge to run over and they finally finish off the 5 point on the peak of the ridge. Now, I've hunted long enough to know that things happen and one and done for shooting isn't always the case but the poor, rushed shots taken in my opinion are due to overcrowding and "oh I gotta try or I'll miss my opportunity". This to me, IS NOT HUNTING. When the elk are running from group of hunters to group of hunters with their tongues hanging out, getting wounded and running more till they are cornered and out of gas so they just stand there. I wasn't in close enough proximity to know that each shot that connected was the person that got to tag that animal but I wouldn't be a bit surprised if there was some arguing over whose bull belonged to who.

At 9:19 Covy mentions "refuge areas" being private land. So you are trying to tell me that my tag fees can go to more private land owners that complain and get funding from the division, that more than likely aren't going to let anyone from the public on, is ok to be a "refuge area"? No thanks. You are asking for more confrontation right off the bat between hunters and land owners. Not to mention, once these elk that are pressured to go to these "refuge areas" the hunters then move to another area causing more crowding. He also mentions this is "to better serve the public". HOW? What about the people that have been putting in for these Limited Entry units that are now general? One year ago at the RAC meeting they were discussing point creep, isn't taking even not so great Limited Entry units to general going to cause MORE point creep once said people take their bonus points towards a different limited entry unit?

DO NOT GO UNLIMITED TAGS & DO NOT TAKE LIMITED UNITS AWAY TO GENERAL!! If I could rub a lamp and make the decisions- my

recommendations: bump tag numbers up 5000-7000 or even 10,000 tags overall for two years but only if you split the general rifle into two, one week long hunts, make the tag for a region (like deer used to be ie: northwest, northeast, southeast, etc). After two years is up and taking MANDATORY HARVEST SURVEYS or you cannot get a tag the following year, evaluate populations and success rates.

GET RID OF 3 SEASON TAGS- I personally get one knowing my time will be focused on the archery hunt but mainly cause thats one less person to compete with when I take my mom on the rifle hunt. Mainly because I HATE the overcrowding on the rifle hunt already and thats with limited number of tags! I personally like to find the animal that doesn't know I'm there. Beat the animal at what it does day in and day out which is survive. Isn't that hunting? Not running from gunshots from multiple groups of people till its finally gunned down.

Spike hunt- Keep your 15,000 spike tags but make the tag holders pick a unit. The Book Cliffs is ruined already from this hunt. Its too accessible for it not to be appealing to a large amount of people to go hunt it. Road on every ridge and every canyon almost. Divide the tag numbers up off acreage or herd population and allocate accordingly. This statewide general and spike hunt is turning into more of a joke every season.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:	I support the plans.
Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?	Glad to see deer tags finally being cut back. Wish you guys would listen to the public and the hunters more often. I try and get involved with the local biologists and have yet to be taken up on the offer. I don't just complain to them, I want to be more involved and have a voice to be heard. I personally spend more days in the field than the majority of the tag holders every year and I notice where there once were deer, there isn't now.
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After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:	I am neutral on the plans.
After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:	I am neutral on the plans.
After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:	I oppose the recommendations.
Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?	Personally not a fan of the CWMU's. Follow suit with states like New Mexico. If a land owner or CWMU gets a tag that can be hunted on public land, they MUST allow public to hunt their land.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I oppose the proposal of unlimited any bull permits. Mr. Jones states that they want a hunt that a family can enjoy. How is going to be enjoyable with 30,000 other hunters on the mountain? What's going to happen is, all the spike hunters who can't get tags are going to switch to any bull last minute. There will be more trespassers on private property, more wounded animals from hunters who are new to hunting and not enough conservation officers to enforce the laws. In Utah in 2020 there has been a record amount of camp trailer says and a record amount of firearm sales across the U.S. put them together and you will have a record amount of hunters. Is that really what you want? I do not know of one hunter that I've talked to that supports this.

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I am neutral on the plans.

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I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

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I oppose the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I am neutral on the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I support some of the presentation. Here are some of the notes i feel need to be addressed. The state should remove the early rifle elk hunt just like most surrounding states. It will make some hunters very mad but overall it will help so much. Let archery hunt the rut and have rifle hunts late in the year and have these new hams hunts. This would allow for more tags and help with point creep. At the rate the state is going our kids will be lucky if they ever draw a bull tag. This could help. Also the southwest desert north has quality bulls and it should not be in the open bull area. They would get wiped out due to the easy hunting there. The general open bull hunts need to be managed better, same goes for the spike hunts. As much as it may suck they do need to be managed unit by unit.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans?

The employees of the DWR get paid to do a job. Sometimes that job is tough but they chose to do it. What happens in 10 more years, are you going to cut them again. You have to reverse this trend. Or our kids won't have any hunting left. I appreciate what you are saying but maybe start looking outside the box more. I was glad to see you increase one of the units.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

The employees of the DWR get paid to do a job. Sometimes that job is tough but they chose to do it. They need to start earning what we as hunters and tax paying citizens pay them to do. This presentation comes across as if the job is too hard to do so the DWR will just lower the numbers so its easier. Just because its been hard to maintain doesn't mean its not possible. Maybe take a harder look at what habitat improvements can be made, can we get the ranchers off the public land since their cattle on the mountain directly compete with elk and then the elk compete with the deer, and get ride of the [REDACTED] horses on the bookcliffs. I know the state says thats up to the BLM but they need to try harder. This job you people do is a tough one I know. but you chose it so start thinking outside the box more. Cause this presentation says that you don't even want to try anymore and cutting the numbers is easier. I appreciate all the hard work the Nero staff does and your willingness to listen to us in the public. Your region is by far the best I have seen at this. Please continue tying hard. cause What happens in 10 more years, are you going to cut these numbers again. You have to reverse this trend today Or our kids won't have any hunting left.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

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Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?

The employees of the DWR get paid to do a job. Sometimes that job is tough but they chose to do it. They need to start earning what we as hunters and tax paying citizens pay them to do. The southern region is at least doing that.

I appreciate they willingness to try to increase some of the unit numbers. But some of the units it feels like they don't want to address the tough calls. For example the southwest desert; Maybe take a harder look at what habitat improvements can be made, can we get the ranchers off the public land since their cattle on the mountain directly compete with elk and then the elk compete with the deer, and get ride of the [REDACTED] horses! I know the state says thats up to the BLM but they need to try harder. We all know what effect they have. This job you people do is a tough one I know BUT you chose it so start thinking outside the box more. We need to start doing what we can now or our kids won't have any hunting left. I appreciate what you all do just please keep trying you hardest.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I support the recommendations.

Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Glad to see the state get these CWMU's and the LOA's in line with what they actually qualify for. This will help with the public draw since those tags should go back to the public and this will help with the overall point creep.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Don't like the unlimited tags for a general rifle hunt. Unless you want to kill everything,
Don't like the Plateau, Barney top boundary change.
The Plateau Pronghorn boundary change Don't like it. There used to be plenty of Pronghorn and I don't believe hunting pressure have moved them.
The Hunting Pressure this past year was zero antlerless and a small fraction of Buck tags. We need to stop trapping and moving them. Also if it is the ranch and sheep men that is causing the problems with lack of Pronghorn #'s then we need to stop Catering to them. I come from a family of Sheep Men that have range on the Manti and it is NOT the Wild Animals on BLM and Forest that make it so there is not feed for the stock animals. There is plenty to go around.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

I would like DWR and The wildlife Board to use actually Numbers of Deer, Not the Objectives in conversations. I know there are not 28,000 deer on the Manti. This is what we hope to build the herd up too. I think with the DATA presented it leads to the idea that there are lots more deer. Based on the DATA tables it says 403,000 deer but that is NOT how many deer there are. That is what we want to grow the deer numbers to. So please don't twist data to make it look better than it is. So my question what is the real number of deer statewide? Is it

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I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?

Why are we using such old Data on these Graphs and Charts. 2020 is just about to end. I'm a Biologist by degree and (Teach Science Professionally) you should always use the most current data to make recommendation. It is not good science to make recommendations on deer number from 3 years ago when apparently numbers of deer where at a high point. We know with a bad winter in 2018 and Droughts the following years the deer numbers are way different from 2014-2017. At least you are trying to use DATA trends by going back 10 years.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

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Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

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I oppose the recommendations, the amendments or both.

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?

Regarding the waterfowl proposal of allowing permanent blinds, this is a big mistake. It is a slippery slope when you start allowing this even at one location to start. I feel it only will cater to the "guided" hunts and do a major disservice to the general public land hunter. There are enough expensive duck clubs with permanent blinds and high dollar fees. Public land is and should always remain open to the public for all to hunt when they want on a first come first serve basis. "saving a spot" is completely unacceptable on public land hunting!

I do agree with non-toxic shot in all WMA areas.

I also think that a retrieval area at Farmington bay within a rest area defeats the purpose of a rest area. The birds will be disturbed when retrievals take place. I suggest leave it the way it is, or let people hunt it.

Thank you for all that you do at the DNR, I appreciate you taking the time to consider my feedback.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I feel this proposed change of "unlimited tags for any bull units" is a huge mistake and I am not alone in this belief. It is not management at all to have "unlimited tags". Here are some negative scenarios that will likely come from this proposed change. There will be many more people in the woods trying to hunt which will detract from everyone's experience. Safety also comes to mind with crowded woods. Enjoyment is a huge factor, trying to find camping will get worse, people will be setting up camps a month's early (like I saw all summer). It is crowded the way it currently is, and this will just make it much worse. The bulls that are not shot will likely just move off public land onto private and after a few years, elk hunting will suffer from this.

I understand that this past year, any bull tags sold out faster than they ever have leaving many people without the opportunity to hunt, I personally was 200,000th or so in line (not exaggerating) and was at the computer for over 2 hours to get my tag just in time. This in turn means you, the DNR I'm sure received many comments of disappointment from Utah's and this is partially the reason for the unlimited tag idea. However, this is a very short-sighted way of thinking.

Here are some suggestions to help with this while still not compromising the hunt.

Limit the amount of any bull tags that nonresidents can purchase, there for allocating, say 85% of them to residents and then the remaining 15% to nonresidents. I personally noticed more out of state plates in Utah at the trailheads this year than I ever have before. Alternatively, keep the already high cap of 15000 tags and have them go on sale to residents only for one week's time, then open it up so all the left-over tags can be sold to nonresidents after that. Both of these suggestions I believe will cater to the Utah hunter and to the hunting experience.

I also understand the revenue that is lost by capping the tags sold. For this I would suggest grant writing, one option would be the Great American outdoors Act that passed this last summer of 2019, this act ensures that the Land and Water Conservation Fund will be perfectly funded in the amount of \$900 million dollars annually, which I looked up and 40% of that money has to be allocated for the states to use. If grant writing is something that you perhaps don't have the resources for then I would suggest partnering with some of the local universities, who have lots of experience in this area. I'm even happy to help with this.

Enough of the negative, here is what I like about the changes. Bumping the archery season to run deeper into September is great and/ or adding more Archery in September is great. Archery needs some peak rut action.

I also like the idea of expanding the any bull units wherever possible while still having some of the 15-20yr draw big bull units. More land opportunity for any bull units is good, NOT more tags.

I really appreciate all that you do at the DNR, I have had many great hunts and want that to continue that for myself and future generations. Thank you for considering my feedback and taking the time to read it.

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After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

This comment is in reference to the recommendation of unlimited Any Bull Elk Tags. I am not completely opposed to this, however, I do not think it should be unlimited for Non-Residents. If Utah is to go unlimited on these Elk Units to provide a guaranteed opportunity for its young/new hunters, then limiting Non-Residents is the only way to somewhat reduce pressure. In my opinion, it is not just having a tag, but having a decent experience with that tag, that will drive a new hunter to continue to hunt. If that new hunter is buried by Non-Residents hunters they will not have a good experience. With the limited amount of unlimited opportunities to hunt elk across the West, opening this hunt, without a cap, to Non-Residents is asking for a flood of people to jump on it. Reducing the enjoyment, recruitment, and satisfaction of Utah Residents. Utah Residents should be made the priority for this "opportunity," not an equal to out of states. Take care of Utah residents first.

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After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

Moving the Objectives closer to the Current Estimates does not portray success. It portrays a feeling of, "What we are doing isn't working, so let's make it look like we are closer." The Central Mtns Manti is one of the largest units in the state with loads of Winter Range that does not get utilized. Reducing the population objective of this unit is received as a poor decision.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I support the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I watched the Northern RAC meeting and liked how they increased the tags for the General Elk hunt to 20,000 and didn't make them unlimited. I did not like the suggestion of having an unlimited youth elk tag option. I think this would increase the amount of "Dads" putting in there kids to get a tag that "Dad" untimely wants.

I agree and suggest the Elk archery season be extended. We are one of the only states in the west that doesn't have its archery season during the rut. Archery hunting is hard enough as it is and if you can increase the possibility of an encounter with a mature bull would make sense. The amount of elk that would be taken during this longer season would be nominal due to the nature of archery hunting. So please increase the season at the least for the two years leading up to the elk management reevaluation plan. Thanks

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I support the plans.

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I support the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I support the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I greatly oppose the 7a as listed in the memorandum under Elk. There is far too much overcrowding as the seasons are currently held. The only disappointing part of the elk hunt year after year is too many hunters. PLEASE do not sell an unlimited number of any bull tags. It will make elk hunting unbearable, I will seriously consider hunting another state. My suggestion would be to split the elk hunt into 2 - 5 to 7 day hunts to reduce some of the overcrowding. If that is not an option to be considered please keep the number of tags the same, or slightly reduced.
Thank you

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I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I oppose the unlimited bull elk tag change. The general any bull hunt is already a see of orange on virtually all the units available. Even with adding a couple of units, if the tags go unlimited, the number of hunters will be even worse. I have tried to hunt the general areas all over the state for the past 10 years and the areas are already over crowded.

A better option would be to open up the limited entry units to more hunting for people. Stop managing for giant bulls and manage for opportunity.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

Those population object changes in the decrease column are a huge number of deer. The herds already are struggling, are we changing the objectives because we just can't get the herd numbers up? I'd much rather see a decrease in permits for a few years to get the herds built back up... along with even more aggressive predator management.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans?

These 2 units are prime examples of how private owners benefit from the DWR efforts but give limited opportunities to public hunters. Then they complain about damage the deer do to property or habitat. Never going to happen, I know, but it would great if we could figure a way for increasing public hunting access to some of these areas. One thing that could be done is to not allow private property owners lock up access to public land behind their property. Require them to allow pass through to those public lands.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans? See my comments in the general section. Decreasing the objective just to come in alignment with reality isn't a management strategy.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans: I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations: I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I oppose the recommendations, the amendments or both.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

if the any bull tags go unlimited the elk heard will be just like the deer heard is now POORest heard in the western states ,lion kill is horrible you see 8-10 kills in a two mile hike,,the deer heard in the SE Region is in desperate need of more cat tags and you add more elk tags and keep lowering the age of hunters well all go out of state to hunt the as well. so i object and will hunt our neighboring states for big game not hunting ut until things change,

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

dont give so many permits maybe save a 2 point buck,,,,,,now my wife kids and ther families and our friends hunt out of state any more..

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

let the dear grow.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?

it seems no matter the changes the same people draw for these premium hunting areaswhen available, early rifle kills any decent buck ,, kill em all.....

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

UT DWR worry more about the new equipment and the dreaded greenback

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I oppose the recommendations.

Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?

the hunts that are given to the public are left overs not very good then they make a killing on the others that are issued .its all about the money not the wildlife any more, SAD,

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I support the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I support the majority of the proposals. I feel like the DWR is trying to provide more opportunities for hunting and not just worrying about managing the herds to have trophies. I have some apprehension about the unlimited any bull tags and after listening to the RAC I wonder if the multi season is causing more harm than good.

I strongly support the addition to the any bull areas. Anthro isn't what it use to be.

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After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I support the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I oppose the recommendations.

Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?

After listening to the CENTRAL RAC i agree with there proposal about not allowing CWMU to encompass publically accessible land to be within boundaries of CWMU.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I strongly disagree with making the general season any bull elk hunt an unlimited tag quota. Who would think having 90-100,000 people hunting elk in area an 1/8th the size of the general deer hunt area is a good idea? Because that's what will happen.#1 You will have the same number of people that hunt deer with a rifle in a tiny area. That would be a circus. You say you want to create opportunities but I would want to go hunting in an area you can't take 2 steps without being on top of someone. This would make me not want to hunt in this state and go out of state. #2 I don't know how you get your elk population numbers for the general season areas but I think it's on winter range where most those animals you are counting are coming from private property. If you go forward with this you will just push more and more animals out of public land. #3 you say it's a "challenging hunt". I say it's an impossible frustrating hunt pardon my language but a "show" for lack of a better term. What's the point of going out at that point. Part of the reason I hunt is to get away from the city and be in the wild, it's already busy enough without this option. I strongly urge you to not implement this change, it will leave a lot of us hunters with a bad taste in our mouth and drive people away from it all together. Thank you for your time if you read this I appreciate all you hard work for our wildlife.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I am neutral on the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I don't necessarily agree to unlimited tags but I don't disagree also. I think the three season tag is bs and needs to be done away with if you are going to sell unlimited tags then. We that buy one season tag have all these other people who didn't fill tags on top of us when we are hunting.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

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I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

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**After viewing the waterfowl
recommendations and R657-9
amendments:**

I support the recommendations and amendments.

**After viewing the 2021 big game
proposals and amendments:**

I am neutral on the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I watched all of the RAC meetings and I would like to encourage the wildlife board to listen to the DWR and their scientific research more so than the RAC members and their ridiculous "made up on a whim motions". Just because a unit is in their "backyard" doesn't mean that they have a clue to what they are talking about. For example; they are all up in arms about the proposal to allow unlimited otc any bull tags but on a whim without any reasoning or evidence a motion is brought up to allow unlimited any bull youth tags and everyone agrees. What??...where in the heck did that come from? It's not even in the proposals as far as I can see, the youth tag is a draw tag. Enough with the youth tags, they are spoiled enough, they are not going to learn anything by being spoiled. They can hunt and learn during the same seasons that everybody else does. Then some guy from down south comes up with the number 20,000 tags instead of unlimited...and most of them agree. Where's this number coming from? I believe most of these RAC members, not all of them, but most of them are biased in their decision making. They want what's best for their kids, friends and themselves and are not thinking about the other demographic of hunters such as professional hunters/archers (me) or quality of wildlife. Another example of this: a motion was brought up to extend the archery season on the any bull units by 9 days, it failed in a couple meetings due to the conflict with youth hunters. We professional hunters/archers have wanted this for many many years, and these people vote against it because it's not good for their kids and it would make it more difficult for their kids to kill a bull with a rifle in the middle of the rut. I don't feel as though the RAC members are fighting for my rights as a professional hunter. Heck, there was one person that didn't even understand what was going on with the bison down on the tribal land, the book cliffs and nine mile, who doesn't know that?? At this point everyone in the country knows what's going on with that. Yet this person is sitting on a RAC board trying to vote on decisions for hunters and wildlife in this state. So again I encourage the wildlife board to listen closely to the division of wildlife, its biologists and officers, to me they are the only ones presenting facts to better wildlife and opportunity for all in Utah. I also encourage the wildlife board members to consider all demographics involved in these decisions before casting their votes. We professional archers could use a bone thrown to us, the extended 9 day archery season would be a victory for us here in Utah. But I also think it should come with some changes, such as: getting rid of the three season tag option. If you did this you could offer unlimited tags to archers and rifle hunters as separate hunts, "as it used to be", and us archers would get our sacred Uintah Mountain elk hunt back without being run over by rifle hunters just out to ride horses thru the elk wallows and start fires in unrestricted areas in the back country, all because the division offers a 3 season tag.

Anyways, if you are still reading, thank you. I will move on to my opinion on the proposals. --The only proposal that I oppose is the unlimited any bull elk permits, I am not against unlimited any bull tags, however unlimited any bull tags offered with a three season option would absolutely destroy whatever quality hunt that we have left here in Utah on the any bull units. The quality of the archery hunt has declined drastically since the three

season tag was implemented. I see a decline biologically as well, I get smaller and smaller bulls on my cameras every year. If you offer the tags separate, as unlimited archery and unlimited rifle/muzzleloader, that would force people to choose, us archery hunters would get our sacred Uintah Mountain archery elk hunt back and the campers/hunters could buy as many elk tags as they like for their friends and family. By separating those hunts by weapon and season dates you offer a "quality approach" all are always welcome on any, but you tend to separate the more serious hunters from the less serious by making hunters choose between archery and rifle hunt options, which creates less conflicts in the field. With all that being said, I'm not against unlimited tags, but wouldn't it just be better to return to the way things were a few years ago but add to it a bit? For example: unlimited archery tags with an extended 9 day season and 15,000 rifle/muzzleloader tags combined. You could even consider combining the rifle and muzzleloader hunts, a 2 season tag if you will. Or keep them all separate and add a few more tags to the muzzleloader hunt. The only failing idea here is the three season permits, they are just not working for Utah hunters, it seemed like a good idea in the beginning but all the concerns we had then have basically come to fruition. I recall a couple of the RAC members noticed this as well and it was brought up.

- I support the proposal to extend the any bull archery elk hunt 9 days!!!

- I support all of the other proposals in this section.

And thank you to the DWR, I believe they are doing a great job in their efforts to manage wildlife and provide opportunity for hunters here in Utah!!!

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans: I support the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations: I support the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

The unlimited tags is a bad idea. I would only support it if you would stop the cow hunts!!!
Or at least cut the numbers way back.. I hunted the Beaver Unit after 27 years of putting in.
There have been 600 to 900 tags for this unit. I don't know who does the counts.?? They are wrong.
I covered a lot of the unit. The quality of elk is going down!!! I saw way more bulls than cows. State wide!!
That is a problem. I have hunted Soilder Summit area and saw a very consistent drop of cows over several years now.
It would be much better to have a special late hunt and auction off a BULL tag than kill 600 cows. You are shooting yourselves in the foot. It should have cut back years ago. Always about MONEY not management.
I also have a major problem with the bonus point system. I have 26 years for moose. It was down to 2 of us. Then it was up to 6 a couple years later. Getting bonus points for turning in a poacher or by serving on a committee is wrong.
You should have a separate hunt for those points. Not fair to all those who put in for years!!!!

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

We need more mountain lion tags state wide if we are going to save the mule deer populations. The hunt this year was bad according to many hunters I talked to. I would like to see you use information from some of the guides in separate areas. They cover the ground better than anyone and have a much better count of what is going on in most units. I'm sure we could find some people in these units to trust. Anymore, they live on our mountains.
They truly know what is going on.!!

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans?	The depredation payments are such a joke. All the private land and no access. I would rather see the fish and game guide hunters to decrease a problem area. I know it is a tough one. They seem to charge plenty to hunt on private and then get depredation payments on top of that. Not a fan.
After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:	I support the plans.
After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:	I support the plans.
Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?	Good job. As we all know. One bad winter can destroy a lot of the best plans.
After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:	I support the plans.
Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?	I hiked a lot on the Beaver unit on an elk hunt. Saw very few deer!!
After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:	I support the plans.
Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans?	Winter makes all the difference.
After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:	I support the recommendations.
Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?	Good job. You have a complex job. It appears you are doing it well.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I support the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

Good morning board....

So I have watched all the RAC meeting up till this point I feel like the biggest concern on this is UNLIMITED ELK TAGS I was on board at first with it but I think we should only up it to 20,000 permits. That's only is we add 4 more General season units.

I really feel like the Units that are proposed are ideal I think we also need to look at the 3 corners unit as well it has the same number as nine mile Anthro and Fluctuates the same as that unit. I live out here in the Basin and we do get the Majority of the elk hunter's out here we need to do something to relieve the pressure..

I strongly support having Unlimited youth ELK tags though.

I also strongly support having the Archery hunt run another 9 days I know it runs threw the youth hunt but archer's won't even be around where these youth hunter's will be hunting i have taken out a lot of youth hunter's in the last 8 years and out of 12 hunter's I'm about 95% successful on this hunt (10 out of 12 filled their tag's)everything has been shot from the road or close to the road archer's will be sitting water or in the tree's I really don't see a problem their..

The other proposal that i did see and would Entertain is running the archery hunt an extra 9 days and move the youth hunt into the Muzzleloader deer hunt I understand it's the deer hunt but these Muzzleloader's with scopes on them anymore are rifles I feel like if we continue to have scopes on these gun's they need to wear orange anyways I watched a hunter kill a bull elk this year at 385 yards and dropped it right in it's tracks and local person and his wife shot a bull out in the book cliffs at 415 yards with a muzzy the really need to have orange on during the muzzy hunt.

There is not that many muzzleloader deer hunter's on the landscape because the tag's are in a draw so what is a few more hunter's they won't be hunting the same area just my thoughts on this....

I really appreciate everything you guy's do THANK YOU..

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:	I oppose the plans.
After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:	I oppose the plans.
Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?	<p>Good morning .</p> <p>I get what Dax is saying habitat is definitely hurting I'm all for reducing deer tags because we have been in a big drought.</p> <p>We do need more buck's though this is the worst I've seen it in a very long time I watched 9 bucks that get killed on Taylor mountain 2 of them was from 250 yards away with a muzzleloader the other deer was shot at 345 yards 30 years ago that was a far shot with a rifle, you shouldn't be able to shoot that far with a muzzleloader....</p> <p>I feel like we need some rules on these guns I'm proposing we need to get rid of scopes or they need to start wearing hunter orange....</p>
After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:	I am neutral on the plans.
After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:	I am neutral on the plans.
After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:	I am neutral on the plans.
After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:	I support the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I support the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I think the addition of the Plateau/Barney top elk unit is a great idea AND I would like to see more of these. However, Please do not add permits. To leave the permits for the Boulder the same and then add a certain number of permits for this additional unit would really hurt the Boulder elk unit. My thoughts, thanks.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

I would like to see our largest unit, the Central Mountains Manti unit divided into more than one unit. I don't believe there can be effective management of a unit this large. The San Rafael part of this unit is a completely different group of animals. This is one example of how it could be changed.

Thanks

I am ok with having two hunts. I am concerned that adding a full 5 more days to hunt is counterproductive to managing the resource and opportunity for sportsmen. How about 2- 5 day hunts? This seems a better way to achieve both goals. Thanks

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?

I would like to see more deer. Divide these two so they are separate draw units.

2- 5 day hunts also seems like a better way to manage the resource and provide opportunity. Adding a 5 days to hunt deer on units that are already drastically under objective, even when those objectives have been slashed by 5-7, 000 animals, does not seem like a responsible thing to do.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

Divide the Manti and San Rafael units into two instead of one unit.

Adding a 5 day deer hunt to this Central Mtns. Manti unit I am not in favor of. Two hunts that consist of 5 days each or a total of 10 days I can support.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I'm a 12 year old and drew my first hunt this year. It was the youth any-bull elk hunt. My dad took me to the south slope where I was able to shoot a spike on opening morning. We spotted the herd from a long ways away and had time to sneak in close enough for a shot. There were no other hunters chasing this same herd which really helped. I have 3 younger brothers who all hope to be lucky like I was this year and draw the youth elk tag. I've hunted with my Dad in the past and the one difference I noticed was that the hunting experience is much nicer without all the other people around pressuring the animals. Please don't extend the general elk archery hunt to overlap with the youth elk hunt. Adding more hunters to the mix all going after the one bugling bull on the mountain only makes it more difficult for beginners like me. Please preserve the chance for kids like me to learn to hunt without all the added pressure from other hunters. My Dad archery hunts for elk and says that 4 weeks is plenty of time to get an elk.

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I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

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I am neutral on the plans.

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I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

**After watching Chad Wilson's
presentation about the 2021 CWMU and
LOA recommendations:**

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I oppose the recommendations, the amendments or both.

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?

No need to let people establish permanent blinds. This opens opportunity for people to start claiming areas as there own, and it will make it more difficult for people without established blinds to hunt the area.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

The proposal to increase any bull tags is a massive mistake. The elk herds are already decreasing, it is hard enough to find any elk, and there is overcrowding in every unit. This is ridiculous to even consider. Opportunity needs to be balanced with health of herds, and quality of the hunts, too many tags will ruin herds and the quality of our hunts. The proposals to reduce age class, and decrease elk numbers in most the limited entry units is also a huge mistake. We need to strengthen our elk herds, not decrease them. Charge a little more for tags if you need more money, but do not ruin our wildlife to make more money. The fish and game is funded by hunters, NOT by agriculture, or private land owners. It seems almost every decision the fish and game makes is based on influences from farmers and private land owners. If the farmers and land owners have a problem with wildlife on their land, they should either let hunters on their land to hunt them, or build bigger fences. The wildlife was here first, and should be priority. also, hunters pay for the wildlife, hunters should be the primary influence for decisions.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

Why would we be trying to decrease deer in all these units? Mule deer are decreasing nationwide, and Utah's solution is to kill more of them? Completely ridiculous, and not based in any science. This division continues to make poor management decisions in order to make more money, with complete disregard to our wildlife. The fish and game is funded by hunters, NOT by agriculture or private property owners. The proposals to reduce deer herds to accommodate "human needs, such as private property rights, agricultural crops and local economies" is ridiculous. If the farmers have a problem with deer on their land, they should either let hunters on their land to hunt them, or build bigger fences. Hunters pay for the deer, hunters should be the primary influence for decisions.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

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Do you have any additional comments about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans?

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After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

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After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?

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After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?

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After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I oppose the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans?

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After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I oppose the recommendations.

Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?

I oppose the skull valley CWMU. I do not believe they should be given any extra permits in that area, as there are already too many deer killed out there every year. It will hurt the herds in that area if you take away the sanctuary the herds have on those lower elevation lands.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations or amendments?

I don't waterfowl hunt much so I don't want to prevent anyone from something positive.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I am neutral on the proposals and amendments.

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I do not understand why the Uintas is not part of the full september archery elk hunting. The dates are terrible and there would not be enough youth elk hunters to make an impact of over crowding between the two. I am against the unlimited any bull tags. And if you guys want to do that it needs to be 5 point or better. And to help that we need archery tags capped. There is no reason we cannot have the GS quality of Idaho, wyoming, and montana if we adopt this type of management. And we should go to a draw on GS Elk. It will also help the division with another application fee added to help funding. Ten dollars is a small investment to insure my unborn children and grand children will have elk to hunt on GS units in the years to come. And I'm fine with drawing every couple years to hunt better bulls. We also need to keep in mind that Colorado is now going to be a wolf mecca, due to prop 114. They are going to be here in greater numbers. Which is going to knock our GS quality down. I currently apply for boulder elk and would like to see a better map of the proposed change to splitting the unit. Because I would maybe consider the new september hunt if I could see how much highcountry I have access to for the tag. The Deep creek change is a positive as well that herd could use a rebound. Pilot mtn. getting an archery hunt I'm in favor of that. As far as HAMS I don't think boulder mtn. needs one alot of top end bulls have got killed in the last 10 yrs. and the hams hunt combined with sept. archery may hurt our age class more.

After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching James Christensen's presentation about the Northern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

Do you have any additional comments about the Central Region mule deer unit plans?

The nebo used to hold some great deer and can have that again with the right objectives.

After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

Do you have any additional comments about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations?

I do like the idea of knocking point creep down for the LE hunts. However the CWMU program needs to offer a higher number of tags to the public. I'd like to see it 1 to 1 on the ratio public and paid hunters or much closer too it. The moose is a great start. But more deer and elk need to go to public. Then I could be 100% on board. And exact percentages should be discussed. Not about percentages as stated in the video.

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November 2020 RAC Feedback
November 25, 2020 8:10 am

**After viewing the waterfowl
recommendations and R657-9
amendments:**

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

**After viewing the 2021 big game
proposals and amendments:**

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

I would like to respectfully request the board not open the any-bull units to an unlimited number. Overcrowding has become an issue in the Utah any-Bull unit I hunted this season, and it would likely become untenable if the number of rifle hunters (likely) doubles or more. Note Colorado's OTC seasons (2nd and 3rd rifle) typically have 50,000 hunters during each hunt (on more land) than Utah's Any-Bull areas.

I am a non-resident, and although I would prefer a limited number of Any-Bull tags in total; I would request a minimal compromise of allowing only residents to purchase an unlimited number of any-bull tags (as in Wyoming and Montana). I have hunted Colorado OTC units/seasons in the past and the hunting pressure became so great that I could hardly enjoy the hunt; and that is largely why I began hunting Utah two years ago.

The Any-Bull hunt is not an easy hunt as it is now, please do not make it even more difficult and less enjoyable by flooding the forest with thousands of additional hunters.

The four additional (new) any-bull units will not absorb even a fraction of the additional hunters in the field. Those four units accounted for only 98 total elk permits among all elk seasons during the limited entry hunts this year.

Another request of compromise to prevent the removal of tag limits would be to place the any-bull tags for non-residents in the bonus point draw. This would make the system similar to Wyoming and Montana, which work relatively well for non-residents by allowing a non-resident 'general' tag to be drawn every one to three years, which is reasonable. This would also alleviate some of the overwhelming odds of drawing a limited entry Hunt by reducing the 'point pool'. Again, I am a non-resident from Georgia and I am asking the board to please consider these alternatives rather than making this hunt unlimited in number.

One additional note regarding season dates, please keep the Any-Bull opening date consistent, simple, and preferable by setting the opening date as the first Saturday in October. (October 2nd for 2021).

Thank you!

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I am neutral on the plans.

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After watching Dax Mangus' presentation about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

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I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Guy Wallace's presentation about the Southeastern Region mule deer unit plans:

I am neutral on the plans.

After watching Chad Wilson's presentation about the 2021 CWMU and LOA recommendations:

I am neutral on the recommendations.

After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

After viewing the 2021 big game proposals and amendments:

I oppose the proposals, the amendments or both. (Please specify in the comments.)

Do you have any additional comments about these proposals or amendments?

The elk numbers are limited on both ranges and management has declined. I do not agree with splitting up the unit as the Oquirrh was at one time the only elk unit. Keep it as a limited entry and halt the spike hunts during the limited entry hunts and bring in bulls from other units to build the genetics again.

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**After viewing the waterfowl
recommendations and R657-9
amendments:**

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

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comments.)

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The reason I checked the box of OPPOSE on PROPOSALS and AMENDMENTS is even though I agree with most, I disagree strongly with one. So the box selection is too vague for this section.

I support the addition of more Any bull general units. That seems to be a good plan. We need to spread out the opportunity and ease the pressure and amount of people in these overcrowded ANY bull units

I am OPPOSED to the proposal of unlimited any bull tags. I cant be any more against this. The hunt has turned into a joke over the last few years.

You state 3 objectives that this will achieve..

- i. Expand opportunity for families
- ii. Strengthen ties to our hunting heritage
- iii. Provide a challenge - not an easy hunt

-The family is already there. For every tag on ANY hunt has turned into 10 family members with UTV and 4 wheelers taking up the mountain and camp spots.. Don't worry, the family is there

-Continuing our hunting heritage? Leave that to the parents to pass it down.

- Provide a challenge? Not an easy hunt?

You are correct. Why would we want to make it worse?

Your 3rd objective is to make a hard hunt?

Elk hunting is already a challenge. That should not be an objective. It doesn't even sound good as a reason.

The "provide a challenge" starts with trying to find a camp spot. I say that jokingly,, but it is real (its not your problem,, but forest service doesn't enforce 16 day camping)

I'm sure you had many calls about selling out of elk tags in 8 hours. I bet there were a lot of people upset. But you don't need to cave to those voices because they missed out. The tags have been selling out for a decade +. Just the timeframe was different

The proposed objectives of unlimited tags looks like somebody just needed to put 3 things down on paper to make a case. Non of them really create anything but more overcrowding, and more pressure. It also creates a public view of a DWR money grab. I'm sure you have heard that before.

We do not need to go back to 1970's deer hunt. Stop trying to recreate that with elk hunting in the 2020's. That is not the answer, nor should be your objective. Who wants that? That's not quality and never would be.

Please do not open the flood gates on this already crowded, very

pressured hunt. I applaud the addition of a few more units but am
OPPOSED to unlimited tags.

Thank you
Brian Nelson

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Do you have any additional comments about the Northeastern Region mule deer unit plans?	<p>Living in Manila I have seen a major decline in the deer herds. It is down half in what I would normally see. Definitely not a scientific study,, but decades of experience tells me something.</p> <p>And just to add something about elk.. They are down in numbers a lot. Finding a small "raghorn" bull is an achievement. And the amount of cows is noticeably in decline. I think we need to limit the cow tags down to a very few if not zero for a couple years. There is too many being issued in my opinion.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
After watching Riley Peck's presentation about the Central Region mule deer unit plans:	I am neutral on the plans.
After watching Teresa Griffin's presentation about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans:	I am neutral on the plans.
Do you have any additional comments about the Southern Region mule deer unit plans?	Very disappointing deer numbers on the Fish Lake. Not just bucks. It has been declining big time
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After viewing the waterfowl recommendations and R657-9 amendments:

I am neutral on the recommendations and amendments.

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After watching Covy Jones' presentation about the mule deer unit plans:

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Do you have any additional comments about the mule deer unit plans?

I wanted to state for the record that I support DWR's plan to set current, realistic deer objectives. With today's advanced technology, we have the ability to hone in on what the habitat can actually sustain deer herds, as well as habitat which will obviously result in healthier, stronger herds. By setting realistic objectives we will have fewer mass deer die-off's, higher fat percentages going into winter and the ability to grow our deer herds again.

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