

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposals for the 2023–24 once-in-a-lifetime hunts? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime hunt proposals? I'm too old to ever draw out.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Dates don't bother me, as long as I can hunt

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? This is totally insane. I fully back taking away these electronic scopes which link to rangefinders and apps. But limiting rifles to open sights is not only insane but impractical. Many rifles, including my 1980's one I use never came with open sights. The barrel isn't even set up to accept them. The same for muzzy. Over 90% of guys would be illegal. I can accept no scopes, but percussion cap only !!
If this goes thru you will have a massive increase of poaching. For elderly lifetime hunters like me I'll prob just quit hunting Utah all together. I'd say you will loose 25-30% of Utah hunters on these equipment changes alone, if not more. Then there goes your revenue. You can sure tell this board was a woke left board.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Somewhat disagree

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

I'm ok with this info, but a mandatory survey must be implemented to every hunter in the CWMU system after their hunt. These reviews must be public record and be able to be viewed by everyone. There are far too many of these ranches that treat tag holders like crap and cater only to the paying customers. This has to stop. Many of us cannot afford a \$10 grand hunt. We rely on draw tags. Why should we be treated like scum because of that ? The owners/operators know going in they have to provide these tags. So make it public record with a survey on how they operate.

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan? Make any bull tags state wide again.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? I am vehemently opposed to any changes to the regulation of compound bows inline muzzle loaders and muzzleloaders with 3x9 scope. And technology leave us alone!!!

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan? Limit tags don't open it to unlimited. The hunts have become overcrowded with multiple hunts going on in units. Allow the elk and hunters to have better success then paying more money to hunt other states for success.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposals for the 2023–24 once-in-a-lifetime hunts? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates? We need better elk opportunities to hunt bull elk especially with drought and weather issues. We need to find a balance on limited hunts and point creep where it doesn't take 15-20 years.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? I agree we need to limit the technology on certain hunts. Specifically for the muzzleloader hunt. Traditionally the point of the muzzleloader to create a more challenging hunt in which you have to get closer then the typical rifle hunt. With new inline muzzleloaders they are reaching out over 500 plus yards to 1000 yards. This has ruined the muzzleloading experience. We need to keep it to 209 primers with powder and bullets loaded from the barrel. As for the scopes I believe we should keep them if it means creating a cleaner and more ethical shot placement for a kill. I would rather have a hunter have a clean kill then wound an animal and have it injured or die from injury without a hunter collecting his kill. Either way the muzzleloaders need to go back to closer shots being taken rather then modern inlines.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

If I'm interpreting it correctly, for archery, compound bows with sights would be restricted? If that's the case. That is just plain ridiculous. (and I'm speaking about ALL of the proposed restrictions) Who comes up with these asinine ideas? It's hard enough finding the animals let alone trying to get within shooting range with a bow. The success rate is less than 10% for archery, now you want to restrict our weapons to only use a recurve or long bow without sights? Have you thought about how many wounded or unrecovered animals there would be solely because of these unnecessary restrictions? If you were worried about revenue before, if these pointless and unthought "restrictions" pass, myself and many others will either quit hunting or go out of state and contribute to them. This is absolutely absurd. You want to take us back to the 19th century, may as well outlaw OHV's and make everyone walk or horseback. **ALONG WITH ALL TRUE HUNTERS AND OUTDOORSMAN IN UTAH I OBJECT TO THESE PROPOSED CHANGES.** But like the trail cam issue, this issue will also be ignored.

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan? I appreciate the work that has been put in to balance the opportunity hunts with trophy hunts. Giving more youth opportunity as well was great.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? Technology is going to be something that divides everyone. I appreciate that you try to balance adopting new tech with also giving times and places where no or less tech is an option.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan? I think instead of demand we need to address the hunting pressure, youth are being less and less involved because of the lack of success and crowdedness of these hunts and have no desire to do it. The multi season needs to be much less and so does the general tags because it is much more enjoyable with less pressure in the field and I think every general season elk hunter would agree.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposals for the 2023–24 once-in-a-lifetime hunts? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates? I am glad to see the hunt shortened during the rut but I would like to see it disappear and be archery only because of how vulnerable the bulls are at that time. I believe all of the surrounding states are that way and much more enjoyable.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? I think that the muzzleloaders need to be addressed more aggressively. The capability of these "long range muzzleloaders" is absolutely ridiculous. It basically another rifle season and is no longer enjoyable for the people who like the less hunting pressure and challenge of open sights or 1x scope. Individuals are pushing the muzzleloaders much further than their capabilities and it is very unethical. I strongly believe we need to get rid of variable zoom scopes on muzzleloaders and make it a true muzzleloader hunt.

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Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

Archery success rates are extremely low. Restricting compound bows and bow sights will lower that even more. Not to mention more animals will most likely be wounded but never recovered. Archery should not be further restricted. The restriction of magnifying scopes on alw rifles is absurd and almost offensive.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Strongly disagree

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

I think the plan is a bad idea. After hunting this year and not being able to draw out one tag in the last two years, this is not an excellent way to manage the elk in Utah. There are already significant issues with public hunting. This will only incentivize the cwm and guide companies that push elk out of public areas for their clients. We do not need more hunts. If anything, we must make it more restrictive for out-of-state outfitters to hunt in Utah. This is just a money grab and will only make hunting more for the rich better in Utah.

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I believe the proposal seems fine other than the restrictions put on weapons. I agree that they should have restrictions but the proposal is going too far. By only allowing open sights on muzzleloader and rifle hunts the amount of unethical shots being taken will be outrageous at best. Not to mention the people who will be using a stick and a strings to lob arrows at elk at 100 yards.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

As a general season elk hunter, I believe opening more areas to general season elk hunting like change from limited entry elk hunts to general season areas. That being said, as a hunter, I like the opportunity that the multi season elk permits provide and having only 7500 tags to be allotted to that, a decrease of 10,000 permits is not providing all sportsman the opportunities to hunt multiple seasons. I believe if we did a dedicated elk hunter program in conjunction with a dedicated deer hunter program, the participation in overall conservation would increase. I think the more days a field is what individuals are looking for, and having that multi season opportunity accomplished that. I would strongly ask to not change the 3 season elk permit numbers, and possibly increase them. Did we not just include hundreds of thousands of more acres to as a general season hunt and spread out hunting pressure? I think this is a great opportunity to not limit days in the field and limited those tags to 7500 surely would limit mine and many other individuals opportunities. I think even adding additional second week of the hunt being unlimited would not change the overall pressure on the elk what so ever, keeping the 17,500 permits where it stands or increase that permit number would be nice!

Thank you for your consideration.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

I would not like to see the 4/5/6 units get split up into three general unit areas. Given most of these areas are already limited access, high private areas, limiting the ability for sportsman to access say davis county, then not be able to hunt the henefer echo wma is heart breaking. I understand that these deer need to get managed differently, due to geographic location. I think making the changes ruins opportunities for all sportsman who hunt that 4/5/6 unit. Given the lack of access to public property, which even the DWR states, limiting it even very further is not getting more access for people. I would be very disappointed if it gets switched to 3 units.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I would like to see muzzleloaders on non restrictive hunts to have a 4x or less restriction on them. I think 1x is too difficult to see, but I believe we can find some common ground to not have someone shooting at deer 500 yards away with a muzzle loader.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan? Any un capped tags need to have a quota allotment Associated with that season. If you have a hams hunt that requires specific primers or weapons. Ammo or primers must be readily available for the hunters. Cap non resident general season hunters and up their fees.

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? How would you limit cellphone use and know people are texting about animals and not playing games lost in the clouds. Restricted weapons are okay in certain LE units not in the general season.

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Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I don't see it being ethical to take away technology such as scope and sights. I also don't think taking away accuracy with modern muzzel loader and bow technology with help wildlife in anyway. It is only going to increase the number of wounded animals or killed animals that are not retrieved. I feel that placing these restrictions will be harmful to our population and hunting experience.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

By limiting these technologies so much that have already been in effect for many years, your going to ruin many hunters experience and cost a lot of hunters opportunities and money. To get rid of scopes on rifles is absurd. The HIGH majority of rifle hunters have their rifles equipped with a scope and the cost alone of getting rid of the scope re-setting it up with iron sites will off put a lot of hunters. The same hunters who fund the conservation of these animals. That being said it would also greatly increase the amount of inaccuracies and increase the amount of unrecovered wounded game. The same can be said for removing compound bows. These technologies haven't necessarily been made to make hunting easier but to make the shots taken count. You speak of ethics and how scopes and certain modern technologies are "unethical" yet to me it seems these technologies aid in the clean and humane harvesting of an animal with with the assurance of increased accuracy. If you start restricting technologies that have been used for years and years I can promise you, you will start to lose hunters in the state and this will end up taking a huge chunk of the conservation funding that the state needs to maintain our lands and game herds. You will end up doing more harm then good.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I've been putting in for a limited entry elk for 20 years. I want to hunt the early season any legal weapon and it bothers me after 20 years (probably 30 years once I draw) I'll only be given 5 days to hunt. What if there is a weather event or we can't find the elk we want? 5 days just doesn't give those of us who have waited 30 years to draw a very big window for success. I think the DNR strongly favors bow hunters at the expense of any legal weapon hunters. Why should bow hunters get a 3 week season and any legal weapon hunters only get 5 day?

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Strongly disagree

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Utah really needs to look away from even the thought of unlimited tags in anything, yes it would be a hard hunt but it could really change things in a hurry. ive grown up hunting the general season elk hunt my entire life, we can all see the toll it is putting on these animals. we see these animals because we live with them and we can see a major decrease regardless of what the counting methods state. this is becoming a political game about making money. get rid of the multi season hunt, and get rid of spike hunts. kill less cows. make utah a 3-4 point or better in deer and elk, you can give out as many tags as you want, at least some elk will still make it out alive.

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Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

Most people only hunted 1-2 days so that opening day and Sunday and left at some point in there maybe you should look at days hunted as part of this issue. I hunt the second weekend and have seen a lot Elk mostly because no one is up hunting you change it to 2 season back to back that doesn't solve the issue of people hunt for 2 days and leaving. It solve that you can get a tag. I would rather it say the 13 day hunt and still be able to hunt a longer time then every one get a tag including my self so that maybe going to a draw or a certain number of permits per unit.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I don't think wepons need to be restricted any more then they are not I worry about my shot placement now with a rifle and scope it would be very hard to make good ethical shots when I have open sight or the fact that I have waited 20 year to draw a limited entry permit to have to try and shot it with open sights. If this pass I probably would not put in for any hunt because of the disrespect I would feel.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I wholeheartedly disagree with increasing the number of general bull units. You already have a lot of discord within the hunting community about how the Division of Wildlife is 'money-hungry' and doesn't care about maintaining our herd genetics within the state of Utah. The whole allure of hunting in Utah is to have a chance at killing a giant bull when your name gets drawn. What you are proposing goes against that idea. In the past decade, I've seen a flood of people from Utah going to different states because their opportunity is a lot better to harvest an animal. If you implement what you are proposing, you will see more of this. But, like I said before, all you care about is increasing the profits and decimating the large animals in the herd throughout the state.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Somewhat agree

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

Although I do agree the CWMU program can improve habitat, I feel it caters largely to the landowners. There are no other states that I am aware of that allow private land owners to hunt outside of the regular hunting season. As the recent BYU study shows, nearly all the elk on public land migrate onto private land the night or two before the general season hunt. The main reason for this is that cwmu's have wisely realized that if they do not hunt during the first few days of a general hunt, all the public elk flood onto the private land. I think it only fair, that if the private land owners are able to sell tags to out of state hunters/ and in state hunters, they would only be able to hunt with the same weapon/season as is in place in the surrounding area. For example, if a hunting ranch has 12 elk permits, they should not be hunting them with rifles from August through October. If it is archery season, they should be using archery tackle, if it is muzzy season, they should require muzzle loaders. Also they should hunt the same time frames. In other words, if you have 12 elk permits and they are all rifle tags, they they should be hunting at the same time as the general population outside of the ranch. This would help balance out the hunting pressure, providing improved hunting on the surrounding public land. You are right when you say some private land animals stray off private land and onto public land, however you have 10x more public land animals, that migrate onto cwmu's and are harvested by the cwmu because there is much less pressure. Bottom line, equal out the hunting pressure by making sure cwmu's follow the same hunting seasons as the surrounding public land. I think that's the only fair way for the public hunter and public animal. Unfortunately hunting has become way too much about how much you can pay. Completely crazy that people are paying \$30k + to hunt on private land on off dates. They should have to hunt the same times/methods as everyone else.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

Page 3, paragraph 4, states "By lowering age objectives by one year, hunting opportunity can be increased by 40-50%, assuming stable populations (UDWR, unpublished data)." Does increased opportunity mean an increase in the number of tags available and thus the odds of drawing a tag will increase and, does 40-50% mean an increase of 40-50% in tags? With the increase of opportunity, does the DWR anticipate the elk population to decrease on the specified unit?

Section K. Competition discusses competition between elk and livestock. Has the DWR conducted any studies that shows how elk move or are distributed based on livestock locality? For instance, the north and south slopes in the Ashely National Forest are used by ranchers to feed livestock. How are the elk reacting (moving, cohabitating, etc.) to livestock in those areas.

I support the change of the proposed limited-entry units to general season units.

I support the new age class objectives. I support more hunting opportunity over significant age class bulls (7+ years).

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Strongly support the General Season Archery end date extension to 9/19 in 2023 and an extension in future years to allow archery hunters an improved chance to hunt the elk rut.

The limited-entry muzzleloader season in 2023 is 9/25 - 10/6 which falls between all other limited-entry hunts. Why not do the same for general season muzzleloader and have the season run from 9/25-10/6 which is in the middle of all the general season dates? I do not have a strong preference, just interested in the rationale.

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Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the Technology Committee's
recommendations?

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I pretty much hate the vast majority of this presentation. My main concern is the very unclear direction. Unclear normally means not good. What are you really trying to accomplish? Increase "opportunity" for hunters by making them less successful? Help managers meet objectives and still fund conservation? You mean sell more permits and have less people be successful I assume? I imagine very few are for that. You often mention people want a permit just so they can be out in nature. I would much rather be out in nature without a permit, than with a permit that is almost impossible to fill. So you have established parameters for restricted weapons in each class, and then been very unclear on where those will be applied. It sounds like they can be applied on any unit at any time or all units at all times ("certain units", "parts of units", "early, mid, late"), if the division deems that to be their desired approach? Maybe add new hunts? Who cares what the definition is if you don't know how or where they will be applied?

Hunting with a slingshot does not increase opportunity. I keep hearing you talk about opportunity. I personally would prefer less opportunity (hunt less often) but have a reasonable chance at some success when I do hunt. I am against all of the restrictions proposed (except maybe handguns, which I couldn't care less about). The longbow or recurve only, no sights for bows, is ridiculous. It is a little difficult to argue against goals that are not well outlined or articulated however. But I will say it again - less "opportunity" and more potential success. Not trophies, not more draws or point systems, just solutions like - maybe you can only hunt elk every other year, or there is a line of those that want to draw and every year the number of permits available gets applied to that line in order. No complicated point systems, no application fees, no weird bonus point rules, ...

I can guess at some of the things that we are trying to address with these proposals, but cannot be sure. I have heard concerns about shooting too far. If that is the concern then restrict the distance allowed to shoot - maybe 200yds (or even 100 or 150 if you want to go there) for muzzleloaders, and 500yds for rifle? Difficult to enforce? Sorry but not my problem. The number of terrible laws with drastic governmental overreach in the name of being more easily enforceable is just plain wrong. Let people be as lethal as possible in the ranges allowed. If you want to restrict thermal imaging, guns that auto-hit the target, stuff like that, great, but basic compound bow and sights without electronics, muzzleloader and variable scope without electronics, rifle and variable scope without electronics, (excluding range finders from electronics), should not be restricted.

I don't think electronic communication should be restricted or electronic game calls, but could get over the electronic game calls.

I disagree with just about any restrictions on technology that helps recover game after it has been wounded - including not allowing rangefinders that

give gps coordinates, or arrows that leave a tracker in the animal. Why would you restrict that? I actually think you should allow anyone in the hunting party to help finish a wounded animal - even without a permit (but I will pick my battles). What I could get on board with is legislation stating that once you wound an animal that animal is yours for that year. You can't go after another one in that year (unless you find and are unequivocally sure that someone else finished and tagged that animal).

Please articulate and provide a list (with specifics and examples) of what you are trying to fix / accomplish and then we can provide some better feedback. As of now, sorry, but this smells bad.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan? I like what has been proposed for more opportunities and more areas to hunt elk especially attempting to allow for yearly rifle elk hunting. The only criticism of this plan that I have is removing the either sex portion for archery hunters. The either sex status allows hunters the thrill of chasing bull elk, while also allowing the harvest of a cow elk for those more interested in having meat in their freezer or are running out of days to hunt but would still like to have meat.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates? As an archery hunter I have really enjoyed the 5 day extension for archery elk hunting. The question I have is why can't we have an archery elk season that runs from September 1st thru September 30th like most of the western states around us? If you could please put out an article discussing this topic as well some points as to why it may or may not be feasible.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? Please clarify that these restricted weapons definitions will only be in certain areas for certain season dates and not the new laws for all hunts in the the state.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposals for the 2023–24 once-in-a-lifetime hunts? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

I pretty much agree with most of the proposal.

-I would like to see Spike archery hunters have to start on Aug. 23rd the same day LE archery bull hunters start. It seems pretty unfair to let spike hunters pressure the elk herds for 4 days before a guy that waited years to draw his limited entry tag.

-I would also recommend only allowing multi season general bull hunters to be able to hunt the late season I think that would help with crowding issues on the early hunt and give the guys a little better hunt that only purchase a the rifle only tag.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I think this is headed in the right direction, however I would like to have less elk tags. Elk hunting needs to be a draw process like the deer hunt, I hate that it has come to that. but it sucks to have to take a day off work just to buy a tag. I think we need to cut the elk numbers and create a quality elk hunt with less pressure. I would much rather shoot an elk every other year than kill a small bull every year with tons of pressure. also, I dont understand why we rifle hunt our elk during the rut on the limited entry units. I do like the direction we are going and appreciate all the people in the field helping to make hunting better.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

I like the direction we are going with more options and seasons and splitting up units more. i do however have issues with the extended archery hunts on those units. theose units are a blast to hunt with archery but need to close down for the archery hunters during rifle and muzzeloder hunts. there are an overwhelming amount of archery hunters from all over the state in those units during every hunt and every weekend all year and is creating overhunting in those units.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I love the idea of limiting technology in hunting. Im sick of all the tech used to hunt. if there is a future in buyng tags strictly for primitive weapons I will be the first in line. I would like hunting to turn back to real hunting before the scoped muzzeloders and long range rifles, and bows with training wheels. this is an awesome idea

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Strongly disagree

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

Not a fan of the way CWMUs are run. I believe they need to run the same season dates as the general hunts. we need to create hunting preasure on the CWMUs during the acual hunts. Im not against the CWMUs getting tags, just think its a little crazy that they get to pick there own season dates. shooting elk and deer with long range rifles in the rut is nuts to me, those should be reserved for archry and muzzeloder.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

1. Keeping the multi-season elk permits goes completely contrary to all of the stated objectives and plans. That is the primary cause of overcrowding and tags selling out too quick. The objective for splitting the general season hunt is to reduce crowding, but at the same time they are going to keep 7,500 of the multi-season hunters (50% of the tags) that can still hunt both dates??????? These 7,500 multi-season hunters will even get to crowd the archery and muzzle hunters as well.

Are the people who made this proposal illogical, or just pandering? If you are going to make changes, make them real, not just for show. Eliminate the multi-season or make it a limited entry draw opportunity, not an over the counter tag.

The multi-season opportunity should be drastically reduced at a minimum. The only way to make this fair (instead of first come first served on an overwhelmed internet login system) is to include it as part of the draw, not over the counter.

2. Why do the 15,000 tags count against both muzzle and 1st season any weapon????? But not second season any weapon?????

I don't understand the connection between a hunt in the first week of October and a different weapon hunt in the first week of November. Seems like you guys didn't complete your plan or analysis. You would never connect the tag numbers for the limited entry muzzle hunts in September with the any weapon hunts in November on limited entry units. Why are you doing something similar to that for general units?????

3. There is still nothing in the plan to incentivize private landowners to manage elk. There are hundreds of thousands of private acres that are not part of CWMUs that provide elk habitat. There was lots of talk about hunting at different times and numbers in the intro of the presentation, but nothing put in effect. I would like to see something included that provides the DWR to use discretion to allow different hunting opportunities to landowners on dates that are outside of the general season hunt dates so that they can actually push elk back on to public land, or to provide incentives to those owners to be tolerant of harboring/feeding the public's elk population. Elk populations/hunting opportunities can be expanded if private acreage is used in a way that benefits elk rather than cattle or farming.

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Which best describes your position Strongly agree
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management plan?

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

Below I will list my biggest pro's and con's for the management plan. Overall I agree with what has been outlined and I think that the committee came up with some outside of the box ideas to make a meaningful impact on some of the challenges that have arisen in the elk hunting scene over the last few years.

I am however saddened that during this whole process, even with CWMU members on the committee, that there was no contribution from the CWMU's to address point creep, or opportunity for public hunters. The CWMU's are part of this states hunting community but it seems like anytime there is a problem to be solved they pack up their toys and leave the sandbox. I like the CWMU program and I appreciate the opportunities it provides the average public hunter. I'm not ignorant though to the opportunity it provides a small group of private land owners to make an obscene amount of money on a public resource. Because of that, I would like to see more contribution from CWMU's when it comes to solving our issues as a hunting community instead of them just always benefiting more and more without more contribution. An example of how they could contribute would be increasing the tag split on CWMU's by 15%. For an example, in 2020 if the CWMU buck/bull tag split was increased by 15% (From 90/10 to 75/25) then 87 more limited entry bull elk tags would have gone to the public. Of those, 54 of them would have gone to the highest point holders and over 1/3 of the CWMU's enrolled in the program in 2020 wouldn't have seen any change in their permit allocation. We could be doing that every year. It would still leave ample money on the table for CWMU's that on average are charging over \$20,000 (some even a multiple of that number) for each bull tag. I would love to talk more with any of you on my thoughts on CWMU's. I think its a great program but it just needs some adjusting which it hasn't seen since its creation. I've studied the laws and the program, and I'm passionate about finding a solution that works for all parties.

In summery my pros and cons for the proposed Elk management plan are:

Pros:

- I think the plan meets the goals and objectives of the state
- Gives more opportunity for hunting
- I like the lowered age class that will still allow great bulls
- I think the season split on the General season any bull hunt is a great idea
- I like giving more opportunities for the youth
- I can support shortening the LE early rifle hunt and adding more mid season hunts.
- I support the boundary/unit changes for the any bull units. Especially moving the Oquirrh Stansbury, Box Elder Sawtooth, and Paunsagaunt to any bull units.

Cons:

- I'm saddened by the idea of not having an either sex option on the general archery hunt. Hunters will already be in the field so I don't think that this

takes any pressure off of the herds.

-I would like to see some solutions that the CWMU's are involved in (see my comments above)

-I think there could be a more even tag allocation between the three any legal weapon hunts.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposals for the 2023–24 once-in-a-lifetime hunts? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime hunt proposals? I support everything in the video.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates? I think everything outlined in this video is reasonable and is something I can support.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? This committee worries me. I believe there are technologies out there that should be regulated and/or prohibited. But I feel like the standpoint of this committee and the state is "Hey, people are too successful, we want them to be unsuccessful". That doesn't make me want to hunt in this state or pay any money to this state. It makes sense to ban drones, and other devices that obviously gives a crazy unfair advantage but things that allow hunters to be more ethical and cause less suffering for animals shouldn't be banned i.e. scopes on muzzleloaders or even limitations on scopes on rifles. We need to be careful with how far we take this.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Somewhat agree

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

I think the things outlined in this presentation make sense and I can support them. My current hang up is what I outlined in my comments about the new elk management plan in regards to CWMU's. I have copied and pasted it below. Thank you for your continued efforts to make the program work.

I am however saddened that during this whole process (the new elk management plan. My comments would apply to deer as well though), even with CWMU members on the committee, that there was no contribution from the CWMU's to address point creep, or opportunity for public hunters. The CWMU's are part of this states hunting community but it seems like anytime there is a problem to be solved they pack up their toys and leave the sandbox. I like the CWMU program and I appreciate the opportunities it provides the average public hunter. I'm not ignorant though to the opportunity it provides a small group of private land owners to make an obscene amount of money on a public resource. Because of that, I would like to see more contribution from CWMU's when it comes to solving our issues as a hunting community instead of them just always benefiting more and more without more contribution. An example of how they could contribute would be increasing the tag split on CWMU's by 15%. For an example, in 2020 if the CWMU buck/bull tag split was increased by 15% (from 90/10 to 75/25) then 87 more limited entry bull elk tags would have gone to the public. Of those, 54 of them would have gone to the highest point holders and over 1/3 of the CWMU's enrolled in the program in 2020 wouldn't have seen any change in their permit allocation. We could be doing that every year. It would still leave ample money on the table for CWMU's that on average are charging over \$20,000 (some even a multiple of that number) for each bull tag. I would love to talk more with any of you on my thoughts on CWMU's. I think its a great program but it just needs some adjusting which it hasn't seen since its creation. I've studied the laws and the program, and I'm passionate about finding a solution that works for all parties.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

You mentioned that hunter crowning is a big concern among hunters, and rightly so. Yet you are recommending giving an unlimited number of permits for the second hunt. This is a horrible idea. It will put to many people in the field. My recommendation is that we do the two hunts but cap the number of permits to 7500 per hunt. This will keep the crowds down and contribute to less pressure on the elk. Keep the youth at uncapped. This way a "family" can still go hunting.
DO NOT GIVE A UNLIMITED NUMPER OF PERMITS!!!!
We struggle to find a place to hunt without a bunch of people around as it is.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I am elated by the proposal! This addresses many issues. It preserves hunting opportunities for people wanting to use technology. No where does it say you won't be able to use modern technology. Rather it says unique opportunities will be granted to the use of restricted weapons. It creates more hunting opportunities for all hunters by allowing for more tags to be issued for primitive weapons while keeping the overall harvest rate the same. This truly is a win-win!

I do feel that the muzzleloader description doesn't go far enough. I would say it needs to be, "Patched round ball, loaded from the muzzle, with loose powder and an external ignition".

I think it's great to have open sights only for any legal weapons. This is fun! Bring on the old deer killing machines of an 1894 Winchester 30/30! I love it!

I find the arguments that we will have an increase in wounded animals offensive and unrealistic. These weapons fed and protected humans for hundreds of years.

I can't imagine a better proposal. Please pass this as described in the presentation!

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November 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
October 26, 2022 8:46 pm

Which best describes your position Somewhat agree
regarding the proposals for the 2023–24
once-in-a-lifetime hunts?

Do you have any additional comments What is the plan for a new Moose hunt in Box Elder county, specifically the
about the once-in-a-lifetime hunt Raft River range?
proposals?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I like the changes that have been proposed for the most part.

I really like the idea of a September LE muzzleloader hunt in the High Uintas.

I want to propose on the general season any bull units for rifle can we require 4 pt. or better harvest on rifle and muzzleloader hunts? To maintain some type of quality and quantity? I know Colorado does this and Idaho has something similar.

I don't understand nor agree with changing the archery tags to bull only rather than either sex.

I also don't agree at all with a archery hunt for cows in the spring time. The division has said repeatedly that shed hunting is hard enough on the animals in the spring. Why would we hunt elk when they are at their weakest?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposals for the 2023–24 once-in-a-lifetime hunts?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime hunt proposals?

Has the Mountain Goat herd been transplanted in Logan Canyon yet? I want more emphasis on establishing more goat herds and bison herds.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

-I really like shortening the early LE Rifle season for elk.
-I also really like moving the archery season 4 days later for LE elk.

It has felt discouraging applying for elk and feeling like you and your kids have no shot at drawing a limited entry elk tag in the state of which you reside in.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan? Please consider the following

1. Eliminate state wide archery. Hunters with the archery portion for adults should only be allowed to hunt spike only units with a spike archery tag and any bull archery tag holders should only be able to hunt any bull units.
2. Consider the possibility of unit by unit for general season elk. This would help with hunter crowding and help manage elk populations unit by unit similar to deer.
3. Allow limited entry early and late hunts on general season any bull units where/when they are over objective.
4. Spread hunting pressure out and form more hunting seasons similar to Colorado.

Thanks for your consideration.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposals for the 2023–24 once-in-a-lifetime hunts? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime hunt proposals? Would like to see some muzzleloader opportunities for once in a lifetime species.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? This can create a lot of opportunities in the future!

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations? None

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November 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
October 27, 2022 8:08 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

Giving unlimited tags is a horrible idea. It is going to put to many people in the field and ruin our huning!!!!

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I like more opportunities to hunt elk. I hate point creep, these changes should help, at least a little. I would be in favor of more hunts opening mid week to reduce hunter/camper conflicts, as well as reduce overall hunter pressure and distribute more throughout the week. But I get that this is mostly unpopular with most people. I do worry adding multiple hunts during the spike on high quality units will degrade elk age objectives over time, but I'm not sure I'm completely opposed to that. I think to many people are in to trophy hunting. If a mature 6x6 isn't big enough to get you excited, maybe hunting is not your thing.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Adding more hunts is good, and shortening the limited entry any weapon is good, but I would be in favor of altering dates. The peak rut should be hunted by archery or haams. It is a time that success on large bulls is easier, I would be in favor of archery elk being sept 15-30, then haams oct 1-7, then muzzy then rifle. Almost too easy with long range rifles to pick off a rutting bull at 1000 yards. When elk are most active, I think that's when the challenge of archery or a haams hunt should be favored. There is also evidence that hunting with rifles during the rut, has changed the way elk rut entirely. They are less vocal and stay in the deep timbers much more.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I agree, need to stay ahead of technology. Hunting is about the pursuit and challenge. Some technology is a good thing, like range finders and binoculars, but heat seeking technology and drones have no place in hunting.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

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

I feel the cwmu's take advantage of public animals. The studies have shown, especially for elk, that nearly all public land elk that spend all summer on public land, migrate onto cwmu's right as the hunt starts. This allows cwmu's to have a lot more game than public land. I would argue they hurt the public land hunter to a degree. It is true you have some animals that migrate from private to public, but I think most studies show the opposite is most prevalant. I would say the best way to equalize the pressue is to ensure cwmu's hunt at the same time as public hunts, with the same weapons. For example, if the archery hunt is in affect, only archery hunters can hunt on cwmu's. If you want to hunt with a rifle, it must be during the same time as the rifle hunts on public land. I think this would equalize pressue. Many cwmu's do not hunt at all during general season, or hunt late into november (deer) or rut (elk). It gives them an unfair advantage to harvest game. This may be a redundant message, I expressed my views earlier, but I'm not sure they were ever submitted.

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November 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
October 27, 2022 8:29 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

Unlimited tags should not be an option. We should go to a draw option and improve Elk herds. Unlimited tags sounds like a sure fire way to deplete herds.

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November 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
October 27, 2022 9:30 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan? Too many tags would cause havoc on trying to hunt anywhere! There would be too many people in the same areas and it would make it harder to get an elk. Please don't pass this!

Which best describes your position regarding the proposals for the 2023–24 once-in-a-lifetime hunts? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates? I understand the desire to increase opportunity and I support it. Sometimes it seems like the added opportunities are more of an attempt to increase revenue. I feel that the LE archery elk hunt is too early but understand that it's tough trying to fit everything in.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? I am in full support of the proposed descriptions of restricted weapons. I choose to use a longbow or recurve and my black powder gun is a cap lock so these descriptions fit really well. It just seems wrong to read of people taking 120 yard shots with a bow and 250 yard shots with a muzzle loader. I realize these are my opinions but I like that they dovetail with the recommendations.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

If you want to limit what people can shoot with then you need to open the hunt time during the rut and forget about the youth hunt. The bow hunt needs to be during the rut if you are going to limit the bow that can be used. At what point does it become totally banned before you just kill and control the animals yourself and eliminate hunting all together. Might as well bring wolves in to completely wipe out the animal population. But we know you won't do that because then you lose all that money that we hunters bring in to give you jobs. Talk about going back to the 1800s for hunting. Great no regulations then so we can all provide ourselves with food as we need it.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I think that limiting technology can be a good thing, but at what point does the low success of animals taken especially with a bow be taken into consideration. Using a compound bow still limits you in the distance that can be shot to kill an animal. Its not like a rifle that shoots an animal from over 500 yds away. To restrict the use of a compound bow is ridiculous and nearly every hunter would have to throw their current equipment away and spend more money on new long bows. Of course I know you guys are all about the money and don't really care about the conservation of the animals. Limiting scopes that don't shoot further then 300 yds maybe but to totally eliminate the use of a scope is silly. If you goal is to have no elk killed then you are on the right track. Pull your heads out and really think about the consequences this will have on the amount of elk killed and the lack of management that will take place. If you want to limit hunters then limit the out of state hunters, but then again you are all about the money that is brought in so that won't happen.

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November 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
October 27, 2022 12:38 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed statewide elk
management plan?

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

Surprisingly there are a few things that I like about this recommendation, but many that I don't as well.

What I like

-Archery elk becomes bull only instead of hunters choice. I think that should have happened a long time ago.

-But then it sounds like you are planning to add an antlerless elk general season - I guess to monetize the cows that would be saved from not being hunter's choice anymore? If so, I think it's deplorable, and this would move into my "what I don't like" list.

-Youth unlimited multiseason. I don't think elk hunting is the best place for new hunters to cut their teeth but I guess it gives them a chance to hunt (not much of a chance at success, but a chance). Is the permit \$50 or \$150?

-While I don't necessarily like splitting the elk hunt into two separate hunts, I like the outside the box thinking, and will be interested to see if having unlimited permits will actually decrease the demand. I kind of think it will, but maybe not for a few years, since you also threw in adding some new previous LE sections into the mix.

What I don't like

-The concept that the proposal needs to be accepted as a whole because it all works together. If there are pieces people don't like then maybe someone should outline the dominos associated with removing that piece.

-Any additional cow hunts (particularly if outside of already existing hunt dates - like in the spring, etc).

-The premise that we have to fix point creep. It may just be that the demand far outweighs the supply and nothing can really be done. 3000 permits serving 75k+ applicants may just never work out. Certainly if solutions such as lowering the age class a year doesn't hurt quality and gives a few more permits, great, but if you lower the years to draw from 100+ down to 70, have you really changed anything? And for how long if demands keeps increasing? As such I don't think we should diminish the opportunity and the promise to those currently in the system in the attempt to fix a problem that maybe cannot be fixed. I see a lot of proposals that are just robbing Peter to pay Paul but will never really change the end result. If you can grow more animals though, then great. I understand that my kids may never draw, and I likely won't either, but I know that going in.

-Changing the middle season limited entry rifle to 5 days and giving the extra 4 to archery. People have been putting in for these hunts for years and changing the parameters, quality, and likelihood of success is a travesty, and frankly just wrong. They have already been divided into an early, middle, and late. To then start cutting those down even more is really concerning. Please don't do this.

-Additional LE hunts on general season units. They are already bad/tough enough.

Lastly I think it is deplorable how confusing (and possibly questionable) the

restricted weapons proposal that has been rolled out - but already commented on - and since learning more have determined just how concerning it is.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

Up in the chalk Rich south. Is nothing but crappie people that have end up gathering their running UTV's and shooting at dawn and dusk. I have hunted that area a long time and nothing but uncivilized people.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

over hunted without the the land. I HUNTED south of SR 39 on Monte. CMWU has creeped up the back side.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposals for the 2023–24 once-in-a-lifetime hunts? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? I do agree with limiting electronics like internal range finders in scopes, drones, and adding a hunter by way of a communication device. I do support limitations on variable power scopes on muzzleloaders. However I do not support restrictions on rifles, archery, or inline muzzleloaders. That's is just a way to take away our rights and do away with hunting. As hunters we have seen this in other states like Pennsylvania, Ohio, and other states that have moved completely away from modern rifles and just to straight walled cartridges or primitive weapons only. Thank you

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Somewhat agree

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October 28, 2022 10:15 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

Please keep archery where we can kill a cow or a bull. It's extremely hard to get opportunities to shoot at an elk with a bow. Success rates are super low and eliminating this would make it even more difficult. Please keep archery as an either sex hunt. Thank you.

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October 28, 2022 10:19 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

Seeing elk in the anybull unit during archery season is very hard to do. Please keep the archery tag as "any sex" (cow or a bull).. I don't see the reason of having to buy an extra cow tag for this since the success rate is Extremely low already for archers. I want you to keep the archery elk tags as a hunters choice on sex. Thank you for your consideration and caring about us archery hunters!

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I do not agree with the weapons restrictions at all. Talkin of taking compound bows, 209 primer muzzleloaders and scopes during some of the rifle hunts, makes no sense when all you guys talk about is a fair hunt and more opportunities for hunters. Some people might have to buy new equipment or modify the equipment they have you say, so I bought a Remington ultimate muzzleloader with the intentions of having the nicest equipment for the muzzleloader hunts, and also a gun that will last me and my kids a lifetime. So now you propose me to just hang that gun on a wall and go get a different muzzleloader. That's a expensive wall hanger. Seems it would be hard to sell if these restrictions pass since nobody wants a gun you can't hunt with. Especially a 1000\$ gun. Also I didn't buy it to turn around and sell it, I invested in that gun to have the best. Also trying to go to open sights is just as bad as allowing high power scopes, because no matter what it comes down to ethics and your always goin to have someone shooting to far with either a high power scope or trying to be Annie Oakley and shoot 400 yards a with open sights. So in my opinion you have a ethics problem to figure out not ban a fancy gun problem. Also why are you guys trying to push so much agenda through at once, why don't we do some baby step changes first and see how they go and work out instead of drastically changing things and having to be stuck with these rules and restrictions for 5 years. Makes no sense and I know I'm not the only one who thinks so.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I strongly appose changing the general archery tag to a bull only tag. This hunt is already very difficult with very low hunter success. Removing the antlerless option makes this permit useless to me and many other nonresidents paying a large amount of money for near zero hunt odds. I will no longer spend my money in Utah on this tag if this change is implemented. It will be a huge revenue loss to the state.

The muzzleloader restrictions go too far. Modern muzzleloaders should still be allowed incl the use of 209 primers. Elimination of scopes would be sufficient to significantly reduce hunter shooting distance and hunter success.

Archery equipment is already difficult to use and should not be further restricted to primitive style bows only. This is unnecessary and eliminates almost all archery hunters.

The general any bull any legal weapon hunts are already over hunter and I strongly oppose splitting the season into two heavily hunted seasons. This will further degrade a hunt that is already low quality and low success. The increased demand is due to multi season tags which should be eliminated to reduce hunter numbers and overcrowding. Having 15k tags over a short period of 7 days will be a horrible hunting experience and not worth purchasing for nonresident high prices. An unlimited late season is a terrible idea and is just a money maker with no regard to elk hunting quality and experience. This will result in extremely low hunter success and extremely low hunter satisfaction.

5 days is too short for a limited entry early rifle elk tag. These are pretty much once in a lifetime tags and the committee is trying to make them much less enjoyable and successful.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

I agree that no additional technology restrictions are warranted.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I went on my first rifle elk hunt this year in 26years. I have always muzzleloader hunted to avoid the crowds. I seen 0 elk in 8 days of hunting. I support the 2 season but would recommend 7500 hunters per hunt not unlimited. The spring cow hunt is the worst plan elk get pressure from Aug 15th up until Jan 31st. I recommend to build the herds on public land not decrease. You lie on your numbers you have the north slope in 2020 elk herd size at 300 one year later it jumps to 750. Did all the cows have 3 calfs? Did you relocate elk to this area? I spent a moose hunt, deer hunt, elk muzzy, approx 40 days there. This area is destroyed by the cow elk hunters. You have over 2k hunters chasing 250 elk at the most the odds of harvesting an elk is garbage look at your harvest on your surveys you conducted 3 out of 108 were successful for the muzzle elk hunt. I support new any bull areas 100% if these are areas that have elk unlike the uintas the dwr has destroyed the elk population the last 5 years. This sounds like it is all about money and not at all about what hunters want. I have been hunting deer, elk for 31 years without missing a hunt I have always enjoyed hunting but it keeps getting worse we now call it a camping & hiking trip instead of hunting trip. I lived for hunting as a kid always seen lots of deer & elk hunting. I have 2 kids 12 & 14 who dont even want to go because it is hiking for hours glassing and seeing nothing but squirrels. I push them to come just to have the experience of hunting elk & deer. My 14 year old has hunted elk for 2 years and hasn't seen an elk while hunting 20 days of hunting hopefully I can get him to go this next week on the muzzleloader elk hunt but he dont care to go. I would 100% support a new biologist for the North slope of the uintas that would increase the # 1 hunted elk public land area in utah instead of the destroying the elk population there.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

People wait years to draw a limited elk rifle tag they should have 10 days not 4.
Place the muzzleloader elk before the rifle elk hunt instead of after for both the regular season and limited entry elk hunts.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Strongly disagree

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

Cwmu are illegally killing animals out of season. They should follow the same dates and weapons as the public land hunters. They use baiting, electric fences, predator calls set up on motion sensors to hold animals. I have witnessed all these and nothing is done to stop them.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan? Please don't allow a spring time archery cow hunt. The elk are pressured from August to January and head for private land. If they are pressured in the Spring it will make it so they never leave private land. Not to mention they will be 7-8 months pregnant at the time. I think this is a horrible idea. I think it would be better to have the option to purchase an OTC antlerless tag that can be used during the same time as the OTC any bill archery tag. Similar to what we have now, but at least the star gets money for two tags and we can still kill either sex in the fall.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposals for the 2023–24 once-in-a-lifetime hunts? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Pushing the archery dates back helps. Most states hunt archery during the rut so it would be nice to see the OTC bull tag run through the end of September.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? I don't like the fact that certain areas can be switched back and forth to not allow compound bows. Success rates are 12% from what I've read. Switching to a single string will probably lower it some but I have a hard time with this one.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

Why would the committee decide to offer more tags when there is already not enough elk in the state to begin with? And why complicate the seasons and dates with all the early, mid, late, hams, mid-late hunts. this is getting way out of hand and needs to be stopped. If the dwr was really concerned about the elk herds they would make it about that and not about funds. Unlimited laye general season tags show just this. Do not let this go through. Something else needs to be done

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Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

Please support this recommendation. Support primitive weapons hunts that are for primitive technologies and do not negatively effect modern hunters.

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**Which best describes your position
regarding the Technology Committee's
recommendations?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any additional comments
about these recommendations?**

We absolutely NEED a primitive hunt using flintlock ignition or 19th century
caplock type weapons.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Strongly disagree

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

I am furious about the idea of splitting the 13 day general Elk any legal weapon season into two 7 day seasons and effectively doubling the permits over that time frame. I think this is a stupid and shortsighted idea. This proposal will dramatically increase the hunting pressure over the entire 14 day period that will make it much harder to harvest an animal. It crams way more hunters into the early days of the hunt where some hunters like me would normally wait till mid to late hunt for pressure to fall off right before the end of the hunt. Now it will be full pressure for the entire season and we get a second wave of opening day pressure which wouldn't even have the benefit of competing against a limited number of hunters and the extreme pressure will likely last the entire season. This strategy may create "opportunity" for getting a permit, (and making UDWR a quick buck at hunters expense) and but opportunity of harvesting is going to be dramatically reduced.

I feel a better strategy would be to limit general season tags to residents only, and if the tags are still in high demand after doing that then the next best strategy would be to limit tags so a person can only draw a tag every other year. This strategy limits a hunter to the same 14 days of hunting overall but doesn't double the pressure on the Elk. Family hunts will just need to do what they do for deer hunts in the state right now which is split up their tags to some members of the family always have a tag even if it's not the same members of the family every year.

Please don't do this, it is already hard enough to get hunting tags in Utah, don't make it so much harder to be successful when people are finally able to get a tag.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I appreciate that DNR is attempting to create more opportunity for hunters, which is great, but I am concerned that the increased pressure on elk under the proposed changes to the general elk season will ultimately reduce the number of elk and hurt opportunity and the hunter experience (too many people in the field) over the long term. Have you considered requiring some type of waiting period (possibly 1 year) for people who buy an OTC general tag? Maybe the staggering of demand for tags would help create more and better opportunity (albeit every other year or something) for people interested in hunting. Montana has done something similar for fishing on heavily pressured rivers (the Beaverhead and the Big Hole, for example) where non-residents aren't allowed to float the river on certain days. I know we are talking about somewhat different things, but the concept of limiting the number of people for certain times/years helps the overall experience for people taking part in the activity and participants just have to plan around the schedule. It is a complex topic with a lot of stakeholders, there is no question about that, but we need to preserve/maintain our elk herds along with the hunter experience and I don't think unlimited tags (even in the second week of the season) is the right answer. At the very least, making the time period 5 years instead of 10, so you can adjust if needed, makes sense to me. Thank you!

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

In unit 4-5-6 85% of the unit is private. Please do not split the unit into 3 separate units. That is taking so much opportunity for the general public to hunt different areas. they are too small to make them their own units. If you want to study CWD better go the the CWMU'S that are near 100% success make it mandatory for them to have 72 hours to get their deer checked. Northern Utah is getting whittled away to all private. Please call with any questions.

James Carlson - 801.663.6152

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Northern Utah is all ready a very small hunting unit. By breaking it into three hunting units it would not allow for any moving around when hunting.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

The statement that there has been an increased interest in elk hunting is not wrong, but I believe the context of the statement is somewhat misleading. True, there are more people interested in elk hunting. However a lot of the increased interest comes as a result of only getting to hunt deer once every two or three years. This is based on conversations I have had with many fellow hunters. The idea many of them have is, "well, if I don't draw a General Season deer tag, Ill go get an elk tag so at least I can hunt something."

So, my question/observation is, if we have a strong and robust enough deer population, especially for the General Season hunts, to allow people to get a tag more frequently (preferably every year) would that mitigate much of the increased interest pressure on the elk populations throughout the state?

On a side note, has there been any consideration about making the Any Bull, General Season units a branch antler bull restriction, giving the opportunity for the bulls in that unit to both increase in population/bull to cow ratio and maturity? there are many states like Montana that have this restrictions, and they seem to have a net benefit.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

Just one we will never catch up on the point creep until you change the point system to 80% to the highest points and twenty to lower points. Time to do away with the 50-50 draw. Get the tags to people who have been waiting for ever. The point creep for elk will come down if you did this and every one knows it.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I appreciate the Elk Committee and DWR's efforts in revising the elk plan. It is no small undertaking and is a thankless job. Thank you for your work!

I have made a few suggestions in order to more closely follow the goals of the elk committee and DWR of providing more opportunity for elk hunting while maintaining quality hunting opportunities. I suggest the following:

- Alternate opening hunt dates of the mid-season elk tag and general spike tags. Delay the start of the general season ALW spike hunt by one week to give mid-season hunters an opportunity at a quality experience without several hundred to a thousand individuals chasing and pressuring the same species on the mountain. The general spike hunters would still be allowed two weeks, but would overlap the general deer on the second week and the mid-season limited entry bull on the first week.
 - If the goal is to lower success rates and increase opportunities, then one option is to give more limited entry mid tags and delay spike elk hunters one week. This would maintain quality experience and increase pressure and decrease success.
 - Depending on which studies you read, a significant percentage of elk breed the first week to week and a half of October. Maintaining a sanctuary time period would be paramount in my mind to allow for the reproduction of elk without so much pressure.
 - Delay general ALW any bull elk tags one week to start close to Oct. 15. You can then give out a few limited entry tags on general units the week of Oct. 7 on general units.
 - Create a separate pool of tags for general season any bull elk hunters. It's late season so the logic applied to the unlimited rifle tags should apply to the general season muzzleloader any bull season.
 - put a quota on non-resident general elk tags through a draw
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November 1, 2022 3:21 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I have hunted with traditional blackpowder muzzleloaders since the hunt in 1976 on the Boulder unit. I have hunted with Flintlock only for the last 20 years. With the current muzzleloading season, I am very much at a disadvantage when trying to hunt. I strongly agree with the proposal for primitive weapon regulations and urge the RAC's and the Wildlife Board to implement primitive hunt areas this coming season. I would further suggest that the late Muzzleloader season in November be restricted to Primitive muzzleloaders only. Two exceptional areas for primitive weapons would be the Boulder Plateau unit and the Pinevalley unit in the SW corner of the state. Urge you to approve the primitive proposals and implement them in as many areas as possible. Jim McConnell, Cedar City Utah.
harley.jmc@gmail.com

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan? agree with the sentiment of this proposal. I would support a lower number of multi-season tags given my observed impact pertaining to crowding on the any bull units and considering these changes. The 2nd rifle any bull hunt is slightly concerning as well given the areas that are targeted for those hunts and essentially creating 2 waves of hunters that hit that area at a potentially higher rate than currently experienced.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Really appreciate the consideration of weapon efficiency and timing of the hunt. December hunts are tough on animals, especially during high snow years, considerations should be given there with proposed or current plans.

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November 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 1, 2022 5:49 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed statewide elk
management plan?

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I agree that the demand for more opportunities in Utah for elk hunting has increased dramatically over the last 10-years. Increasing the allotment of tags and opening new hunting areas and timeframes for hunters is the best way to maximize opportunity for our growing state. I agree that changes need to be made but I do not think the proposal and current model maximizes the opportunity for tags to be utilized at the appropriate times. Managing an elk herd should be done in a way to maximize the growth and health of the upcoming generation, since elk herds are only as good by the calves that can replace them. The current hunt structure and the proposed changes put excessive pressure on the herds during actual breeding/conception, potentially delaying conception and leading to smaller, less healthy mothers and calves the following year. Which would have detrimental effects on the herds over multiple years.

It all comes down to these few points.

Peak "rut" is not peak breeding time.

The elk conception window is far later in the season than most people realize.

The breeding windows for cow elk are extremely narrow and can easily be missed.

Missing the breeding window will cause cow elk (which are seasonally polyestrous cyclers) to cycle again later in the year.

Later cycling causes calves to continue nursing late into the fall.

If cows nurse later, it will affect their ability to have "normal cycles".

Studies have shown that elk will not cycle if the cows have inadequate nutrition weight or increased stress.

The current proposal puts excessive pressure on elk herds when a majority of elk are breeding.

It is my professional opinion and from the data I have collected that the new proposal would not yield the results many think it would. If we want to maximize opportunities and success rate while managing general and trophy units, we need to look at the science behind breeding.

**Which best describes your position
regarding the proposed hunting
seasons and dates?**

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

I agree that the demand for more opportunities in Utah for elk hunting has increased dramatically over the last 10-years. Increasing the allotment of tags and opening new hunting areas and timeframes for hunters is the best way to maximize opportunity for our growing state. I agree that changes need to be made but I do not think the proposal and current model maximizes the opportunity for tags to be utilized at the appropriate times. Managing an elk herd should be done in a way to maximize the growth and health of the upcoming generation, since elk herds are only as good by the calves that can replace them. The current hunt structure and the proposed changes put excessive pressure on the herds during actual breeding/conception, potentially delaying conception and leading to smaller, less healthy mothers and calves the following year. Which would have detrimental effects on the herds over multiple years.

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposals for the 2023–24 once-in-a-lifetime hunts? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? This is a breath of fresh air! I strongly support this! Limiting technology puts the "hunt" back in hunting and in turn is going to greatly increase opportunity.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Strongly agree

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November 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 1, 2022 8:29 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

As an archer, I would like to keep antlerless during general season archery as an option. If a unit is over objective, then couldn't cows remain an archery option and still offer additional cow tags? On a unit by unit basis?

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November 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 1, 2022 9:17 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I appreciate the thoughtful and innovative effort that has gone into this plan. Overall, I support the changes. I have just a few comments:

1) I am in favor of the proposed example of a limited entry or a limited first come first serve muzzleloader any bull elk hunt on general units concurrent with the muzzleloader buck deer hunt. I think the concept of utilizing general units to create more hunts by using innovative season dates is a great idea.

2) In relation to my first comment, with all of these changes, at least a few of the new limited entry opportunities will be obviously lower quality than others. For example, a limited entry muzzleloader hunt (even with good season dates) on a general unit versus a limited entry muzzleloader hunt on a limited entry unit-those are two different quality hunts. It may be worth considering innovative solutions to even that out that help spread applicants out more evenly. For example, maybe the waiting period after drawing an obviously lower quality LE hunt is 2 years instead of 5 years. If it isn't done right, that won't help point creep, and maybe it's counter intuitive, but if more people cycle through more evenly spread out opportunities, that helps.

3) With all of these changes, will the first come first served process for obtaining general any legal weapon, muzzleloader, or multi-season any bull elk permits remain the same? I'm not opposed to that approach, I would just like to know and I didn't see that specifically addressed in the proposal. The competition the morning tags are available for sale for multi season and the earlier any legal weapon hunt will intensify, theoretically.

Thank you for what you do. You'll never please everyone.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I have no issues with anything in this Technology Committee report. I support limits on technology like the things mentioned that can clearly show they have a direct impact on fair chase. That's still very much a subjective topic. I have one request/comment:

I know no one wants to go down this rabbit hole again. I get it. It still does not sit right at all with me. There are a lot of average joe, general public hunters/families that strongly disagree with the non-transmitting trail cam restrictions. These restrictions negatively affected a literally harmless way I enjoyed public lands with my kids, doing something we really enjoyed working hard together to do. I have 3 little kids that loved "helping" me run trail cameras on public land in an OTC unit with a harvest rate of less than 10%. Clearly not a trophy hunt. There is snow up there into July, not feasible to run cameras in July. Non-motorized trails are the only way in and out, and we put miles and miles on our boots, with the littlest kids taking turns in the backpack. You don't see elk on the hoof up there, especially with 3 kids under 7 years old "attempting" to be quiet. A hard-earned picture of a cow and calf, or if we were lucky, a raghorn bull, on a non-transmitting trail camera, was worth all the effort to hike in there, and was an incredibly rewarding experience that fueled excitement for hunting and the outdoors. Trail cameras were what hunting is to my little kids. Trail cameras do no need to be mutually exclusive between what enjoying the outdoors as a family is for us and what hunting for delicious elk meat is to me. Please see that for what it is-an ENTIRELY different scenario from an LE unit where 20 trail cams on a water hole trying to pattern a bull of a lifetime- That is clearly a problem. It had zero effect on hunting for me. None, good or bad. I would greatly appreciate a report of any kind on any quantifiable data that shows anything positive about the trail camera restrictions. I would also like to see one example of a scenario where the enforcement of this restriction actually happened, and/or was worth the cost and effort, if there are even any cases where it was proven and prosecuted. I understand the social element/argument that was made. I just don't see how we aren't able to come up with anything more adaptable that allows a dad to do trail cams with his little kids if he so chooses. I think we could figure something out, I just don't see the negative consequences of some kind of allowance for trail cams without someone needing to not have a tag when it is obviously not detrimental to the animals or other hunters or anyone. Thank you for hearing me out.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan? Crowding- the fs needs to provide more dispersed camping areas. I know they are heading to those discussions on the cache. They have to fix the water encroachment issues first. Maybe there is a way for the dnr to help them. Disallowing camping on state lands is a foul, as well! Good to see committees and strategic try's. Instead of the same old same old.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? The more a hunter challenges themselves with tools that have limited range capacity the more days a field the hunter should receive.

Good to see this committee. I was on the northern rac 20 some odd years ago when the first primitive weapons committee took a swing at it. In lines were the hot topic and expandable Broadhead's. It needs to be a continued watch. Animals do not create anti technology strategies.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

This management plan is not even close to being called management. Season dates, changes, two different seasons/weeks. Having Unlimited permits for youth AND the second week is RIDICULOUS. I'd rather have a draw system than have UNLIMITED permits in any general season Elk hunt. So my recommendation would be keep giving 15,000 any bull and 15,000 spike only permits and 15,000 YOUTH permits for either spike or any bull. THOSE WHO "WANT" ELK PERMITS WILL GET IN LINE OR ONLINE TO PURCHASE THEIR PERMITS, THAT IS THEIR "OPPORTUNITY." UNLIMITED tag suggestion is ASININE!! KEEP THE SAME THING WE'VE BEEN DOING. It's not about opportunity, its about management and having elk to hunt. PLEASE DO NOT Change the General season elk seasons or have two different rifle weeks. OR unlimited tags PERIOD for youth OR second week. I hunted the full season for rifle any bull this year and there is not enough elk for your "OPPORTUNITY" recommendation. You will ruin the elk herds and wildlife and the landscape if you do so. PLEASE KEEP THE SAME SEASON DATED AND NUMBERS FOR GENERAL SPIKE AND GENERAL ANY BULL AND LOWER THE QUOTA FOR YOUTH TO 15,000 INSTEAD OF UNLIMITED.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan? I support all of the supposed changes except for the length of the seasons for the rifle hunts. I do not believe that 7 days is long enough for a quality hunt experience for the kind of hunting that I enjoy doing.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposals for the 2023–24 once-in-a-lifetime hunts? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime hunt proposals? I support the proposed changes to the once in a lifetime hunts.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates? I have no issues with the proposed hunt dates with 2 exceptions.
1. Mainly, the hunt dates for the muzzleloader deer season. Eight days is not long enough for a hunt as difficult as muzzleloader. Eight days is the same length as the rifle season is now. It doesn't make any sense to make a more difficult hunt the same length as an easier one. In my opinion the length of the muzzleloader deer season should not have changed from the current time frame. In my opinion, The length of the season should have been extended to two full weeks.
2. The other issue I have is the length of the Any Legal Weapon general elk season. The season should be longer 10 days at least.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I strongly disagree with the recommended technology changes. I have 3 main issues with the technology changes.

1. Muzzleloaders should be allowed to use 209 primers as an ignition source. Muzzleloaders that use 209 primers versus traditional percussion caps have no advantage in the hunting or the taking of game. There is no reason to alienate those of us to own and use 209 primer muzzleloaders because they have some perceived advantage.

2. I am very strongly opposed to the outright ban of riflescopes in the Any Legal Weapon seasons. I understand the want to limit the technology used in hunting. Most of this technology advancement happens in the realm of optics. However the solution is not to ban all riflescopes forcing the use of iron/peep sights. The fact is that the vast majority of rifles do not come equipped with iron/peep sights, nor can they be without extensive modification. I believe that if limiting riflescopes is the goal you should limit the maximum zoom of the scope or the objective diameter. For example limiting all scopes to a max zoom to 10X or making the max objective diameter 44mm. The proposed "solution" is not the right way to go about it.

3. I do not agree with the outright ban of Semi-automatic weapons. I understand outlawing AR type weapons especially if they have 10, 20, or 30 round magazines. However, there are two weapons that are lumped into this group unfairly I believe. The Benelli R1 and Browning BAR are semi-automatic weapons specifically designed for hunting. They only have 3-4 round magazines (same as most bolt action rifles). The only difference is that they are semi-auto. I feel it is unfair to those of us who are currently saving to purchase one of these firearms to group them in with AR platform weapons.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Strongly agree

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

I approve of the proposed changes and updates for the CWMU and LOA regulations.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan? I applaud the Division, RAC, and Wildlife Board for their ongoing work. LE bull elk tags are very popular in Utah. The more tags that can be issued the better. I agree with less days for Early rifle LE bull elk hunts. Thank you for listening to the hunters that submitted feedback from the survey.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Strongly agree

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

Get rid of the multi season tag now that you're offering a 2nd general season elk tag that's unlimited. This multi season tag has ruined our archery hunts.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Keep helping us archery Hunters enjoy the rut longer!

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

Dear RAC Members,

I am writing these comments in opposition to the proposed changes to Administrative Rule R657-5 as recommended by the DWR Technology Committee.

First I would like to commend you and the DWR for creating the HAMS Elk Hunt on the Barney Top. I had the opportunity to participate in that hunt this year with a relative who drew the tag. It is a challenging area and a very challenging hunt which is awesome, and I think it is exactly what you had in mind when you created it. I also understand this hunt strategy was also intended to help reduce point creep for limited entry elk hunting.

In my opinion this hunt should remain the way it is with no further weapon restrictions for the following reasons.

- a. It is already a challenging enough hunt with the current restrictions. I would assume the success ratio is fairly low especially for a good bull.
- b. The current restrictions will be more effective in reducing point creep because the proposed restrictions cater to a very limited and select group of hunters. Those hunters could still hunt with those weapons on a HAMS hunt without an unfair advantage.
- c. The new restrictions could result in a greater number of wounded animals and possibly multiple wounded animals from a single hunter with the extended season dates.

The HAMS hunt with the current restrictions is a new hunt and recommend that you wait a few more years before you consider making further changes to such a new hunt.

Thank you for your service and your commitment to the RAC process. We are lucky to live in such a great State with so many hunting opportunities.

Sincerely,

Dave Black

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

My disagreements are more the neglect and abandonment of mule deer hunting in favor of elk hunting than they are with nitpicking the elk details (with a couple of exceptions). Correlation does not equal causation, but look at the deer numbers on the Wasatch unit during the same time the elk permits (and of course elk numbers) were shown. We all know what it shows. Give mule deer back their habitat. Shoot elk back to 1980 herd sizes please.

My family and friends changed to archery deer hunting a few years ago to get away from the over crowded rifle deer hunt. Now there are more archery elk hunters on many units, than there are archery deer hunters. Manti, Pahvant, Cache, as examples that we've hunted the last few years. What do you recommend for a less crowded, repeatable (not an extremely unrepeatable, limited entry) archery mule deer experience? I assume your response will be "other states."

Of our rather large group, three have once in a lifetime licenses and are great for drawing and mentoring every year. It is not a matter of not finding a 2-point, it is wanting to not see people, lots of elk hunting people during all of the archery deer hunt.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed hunting seasons and dates?

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

This is pure avoidance of the issue(s). Long range rifle hunting (external turret scopes, range finders, and calculating clicks of adjustment) have no place in fair chase hunting. It should be illegal to have in a person's position any external turret scope during all firearm seasons. And make it felony offense if convicted.

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November 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 5, 2022 9:59 am

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

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

Please pass the technology committee's proposal as presented by the division! It is a win-win! It preserves opportunities for hunters to use their modern gear while creating situations for primitive weapon use. If I were to make an amendment, I would define muzzleloaders as, "Only capable to be loaded from the muzzle, firing a patched round ball with loose powder by means of an external, side mounted ignition system".

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

With low success rates on archery hunts, can we find a way to maintain the hunters choice aspect? How many antlerless elk are actually harvested, or do we not know because there is no mandatory reporting?

I like the idea of sliding the rifle hunts into two seasons. I'm concerned that the unlimited tag offering in the second season is going to crowd the land in a way that will eventually be detrimental to the herds and Erin the quality of the hunt. Can we take an approach to ease into this with a limited number of tags, day another 15,000 so that the second hunt is at least no more crowded than three current hunt is? Can we make the muzzleloader tag allocation come from a separate pot than the rifle tags? Drama like it would be more reasonable to have unlimited muzzy tags than it would be too have unlimited rifle tags. Another concert with unlimited rifle tags is the flood of out of state hunters that will see the Utah tags as their fall back plan. Are we going to limit out of state OTC tags?

Finally, let's reconsider the removal of option to use the cow tags during the other big game hunts. If we're targeting elk from a given herd or area, let's just tighten up the area and allow us hunters to fill the freezer with an elk you want gone anyway.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

Let's take into account traditional use practices. I think if technologies have been in use for 20 years without regulation, then they should be left alone so we don't have to keep guessing what the next thing on the list to go will be.

That fact that you all even discussed modern clothing just tells me that you are willing to regulate the things that keep us safe in the field. I hope that conversation wasn't a long one. I just don't want to find out next year that I can't hunt unless I'm willing to go at it in a loin cloth and a recurve. But seriously, yoyo bring up tacos, quick have been in common use since I was kid, then somebody will have an itch to scratch and say that I can't have a Garmin inreach with me either even though the communication isn't instantaneous. It'll just be this horrible thing like a trail camera that the people who get to make the rules don't understand and don't use and don't realize that they are taking away a piece of safety equipment. The radio is also a piece of safety equipment for many. Critical for keeping in touch with members of a party, sometimes inexperienced. I get not using them to talk someone in on a deer, but let's not make it so law enforcement can harass us because we are trying to keep tabs on each other in the field.

If we want to do something that will really even the playing field why don't we make a rule against stampeding elk and deer off the mountain with horses where they get massacred. I dare say that if the general public witnessed what I've seen people do with horses, and then drive utvs in to closed areas to pile up the elk, there would be a referendum on our right to hunt. That's bad publicity. Radios aren't hurting a thing.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I strongly disagree with the following changes to any bull any legal weapon elk hunt. #1 making the any bull elk hunt that is currently a single hunt of 13 days into two separate hunts only 7 days long. #2 give out 15k tags for the first hunt in the first week. #3 give unlimited tags to the second hunt in the second week.

Here are my reasons to leave any bull elk any legal weapon hunt alone. First, this huge demand increase is a result of COVID as Dax Mangus mentioned in the presentation, in the past it took a couple months and now it takes hours to sell out of all elk tags. This is not a long term demand and we should not be drastically changing the elk hunts and Utah's elk strategy around this. Second, there are already too many people. Up by flaming gorge where I hunt you are required to drop your trailer before the hunt starts otherwise you are camping on the road. The proposed changes will make this much worse. Third, this hunt already has a very low success rate. In the Big Game Annual Report of 2020 under "Statewide elk harvest statistics, Utah 19761-2020" in 2020 only 4214 bull elk were taken in the general season harvest and there were 40102 hunters afield which is only a 10.5% success rate. Adding unlimited tags will only decrease the success rate in this hunt. Fourth, with 15k tags in the first hunt and unlimited tags in the second hunt we are increasing stress and pressure on the elk which I think will ultimately start the decline of our elk herd populations due to the thousands of hunters and elk not having safe places to rest except on private land. Then elk hunting will really be in a pickle when the herd numbers decline. Fifth, I believe there will be more conflicts with private landowners as there are no safe spots for the elk and well meaning elk hunters will take a not so good shot at an elk near the private/public boundaries and the wounded elk crosses over into private land.

Elk and other animals are a resource to be used and taken care of but it is a limited resource. Therefore, I object to any and all hunts where there are an unlimited number of tags that treat elk as an unlimited resource. The great American bison were once treated as an unlimited resource and as such were almost extinct. Let's make sure history does not repeat itself.

Please do not go forward with the changes to the any bull any weapon elk hunt. I do acknowledge there is more demand for elk hunting, though I think it's only temporary and short term and to solve this I would suggest we make the elk hunts where hunters are only eligible to do an elk hunt every 2 years. This will protect our elk more and still gives opportunity to all those who want to elk hunt every other year.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed statewide elk management plan?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the elk management plan?

I am concerned with the proposed elk management plan for the following reasons.

1. Splitting the hunt into two one week hunts makes it so there is a shorted hunt period to participate in elk hunting.
2. By drastically increasing the number of elk tags (for the first week) will make the public hunting areas even more crowded and difficult to find camping spots let alone hunting spots.
3. By creating an unlimited number of elk tags (for the second week) will do nothing more than continue to decrease the elk herds and continue to make elk hunts, beginning next season and forward, even more difficult.

I don't believe that we need to make the general elk hunt as difficult to obtain a tag as our limited entry hunts, but I do have great concern in drastically increasing the general elk tag amounts. I say this as a relatively new hunter (5ish years) that has low hopes of actually acquiring enough limited entry points to participate in limited entry elk hunts, and wish to still have at least a chance of being successful in both participating in each general season elk hunt annually and being successful in harvesting an elk for myself occasionally.

Which best describes your position regarding the Technology Committee's recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

my concern is with the move to primitive on the archery and the muzzle loader for the H.A.M.S hunt. I feel like the rules for the archery and muzzle loader were sufficient the way they are. The odds already favor shotgun and the handgun hunters. for example when you compare the ballistics of your standard in line muzzle loader and a shotgun with slug they are very similar. the advantage then moves to the shotgun because of ammo capacity. with the hand gun you get more range and similar ammo capacity. so we are going to give the archery and muzzle loading even more of a handy cap? not to mention changing the season dates of the elk hams even further penalizes archers and muzzle loader hunters. so i dont think the rules should change for archery and muzzle in the hams. if we are trying to hinder the success of filling a tag that most people will only get maybe twice in a lifetime and spend hundreds of dollars trying to obtain then why not just get rid of the hunt completely. Limited entry units are dream hunts for people.