

RAC AGENDA – April 2023



1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
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- RAC Chair
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- RAC Chair **INFORMATIONAL**
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- DWR Regional Supervisor **INFORMATIONAL**
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- Rusty Robinson, OIAL Species Coordinator and Regional Wildlife Manager **ACTION**
7. Elk Permit Recommendations for 2023
- Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator and Regional Wildlife Manager **ACTION**
8. Antelope Permit Recommendations for 2023
- Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator and Regional Wildlife Manager **ACTION**
9. Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2023
- Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator and Regional Wildlife Manager **ACTION**
10. 2023 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations
- Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator **ACTION**
11. CWMU Rule Amendments
- Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator **ACTION**
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13. Big Game Rule Amendments – Technology Committee Recs.
- Derrick Ewell, Wildlife Biologist **ACTION**

Meeting Locations

NR RAC – April 12th 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden
<https://youtube.com/live/b7qk6-c1p4s>

SER RAC – April 19th 6:30 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River
<https://youtube.com/live/TMdzifc0dsg>

CR RAC – Thursday, April 13th 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
1115. N. Main Street, Springville
<https://youtube.com/live/ObUUajH1uuA>

NER RAC – April 20th 6:30 PM
Wildlife Resources NER Office
318 North Vernal Ave., Vernal
<https://youtube.com/live/4vmEyNiLbN0>

SR RAC – April 18th 6:00 PM
Cedar Breaks Rm. Sharwin Smith Center
Southern Utah University
<https://youtube.com/live/wt5iaj2CMFk>

Board Meeting – May 4th 9:00 AM
Eccles Wildlife Education Center, Farmington Bay
<https://youtube.com/live/pp7z8bodnWw>



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Councils

FROM: Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator

DATE: April 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Overview of 2023 buck deer permit recommendations

The attached tables summarize the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' recommended permit allocations for the 2023 buck deer hunts. We've made these recommendations after evaluating 2022 harvest information, conducting post-hunt assessments of herd composition and monitoring winter conditions and survival.

The 2023 buck deer permit recommendations will help us achieve or maintain the objectives detailed in Utah's mule deer management plan for harvest size, animal quality and hunting opportunity. For specific information about how mule deer are managed, please refer to <https://wildlife.utah.gov/> and use the search field to find the statewide management plan for mule deer.

Below is a summary of the **2023 buck deer permit recommendations**:

- 1) For general-season deer hunting, we manage a total of 31 hunting units. There are 21 units with a post-season objective of 18-20 bucks per 100 does and 10 units with an objective of 15-17 bucks per 100 does. For 2023, we are recommending permit decreases on 8 units, no changes on 6 units and increases on the remaining 17 units. Statewide, we are recommending 71,600 general-season permits, which is 1,475 fewer permits than the 73,075 general-season permits issued in 2022.
- 2) Utah's premium limited-entry deer units — Henry Mtns and Paunsaugunt — are managed for older bucks. (The management objective specifies that at least 40% of the harvested bucks should be 5 years old or older). The 3-year average for bucks in the harvest that are 5 years old or older is 77% for the Henry Mtns unit and 65% for the Paunsaugunt unit. For 2023, we recommend no changes in permits on the Henry Mtns (49 permits) and Paunsaugunt (135 permits).
- 3) Premium limited-entry deer units are managed for 40-55 bucks per 100 does post-season. For 2023, we recommend no management buck permits on the Henry Mtns and an increase in management buck permits on the Paunsaugunt (increasing from 15 permits in 2022 to 20 permits in 2023). We recommend no

change to the Paunsaugunt cactus buck permits for 2023 (remaining at a total of 30 permits).

- 4) We recommend five permits per unit on the three handgun, archery, muzzleloader and shotgun (HAMS) units, for a total of 15 permits.
- 5) We recommend 25 additional limited-entry deer permits, increasing from 645 permits last year to 670 permits in 2023.
- 6) We recommend no change to total number of limited-entry, late-season muzzleloader permits issued for general-season deer units. The recommendation would remain at 355 permits.
- 7) We recommend an increase of 10 late-season muzzleloader deer permits for the chronic wasting disease (CWD) targeted hunt on the South Slope, Myton hunt unit. This hunt had 20 permits in 2022 and would increase to 30 permits in 2023.

Please see the buck deer hunt recommendations in the hunt tables for a detailed breakdown of recommended permits and how they are allocated among weapon types and residents/non-residents.

Biologists continue to monitor harsh winter conditions and impacts to deer survival in the northern part of the state. In some parts of northern Utah, the winter of 2022–23 has been severe. Biologists have used on-the-ground observations and GPS collar survival data to anticipate over-winter deer survival. Prolonged snow and cold — as well as deer dietary transitions in the month of April — can be difficult for animals in poor condition. Although biologists have taken this into consideration, if deer survival worsens beyond anticipated levels, the DWR may re-evaluate its general-season deer proposals and come to the May 4 Utah Wildlife Board meeting with revised permit recommendations.



2023 RECOMMENDED GENERAL SEASON BUCK DEER

General Season Units ^	Objective	Bucks per 100 Does				2021 Permits	2022 Permits	Recommended 2023 Permits
		2020	2021	2022	3-yr average			
Beaver	18–20	13.2	14.8	17.3	15.1	1,400	1,200	1,500
Box Elder	15–17	16.7	30.0	26.4	24.4	3,700	4,000	4,000
Cache	15–17	15.0	22.0	20.4	19.1	5,000	6,000	4,500
Central Mtns, Manti/San Rafael	15–17	15.5	20.1	22.0	19.2	7,500	7,800	8,200
Central Mtns, Nebo	15–17	12.2	21.0	21.0	18.0	3,800	4,100	4,500
Chalk Creek	18–20	21.7	24.9	28.0	24.9	-	-	2,500
East Canyon	18–20	20.8	27.8	24.2	24.3	-	-	2,200
Fillmore	18–20	18.9	18.7	18.3	18.6	1,200	1,400	1,700
Kamas	18–20	19.3	20.9	24.1	21.4	2,800	2,800	2,200
La Sal, La Sal Mtns	15–17	21.8	16.4	26.1	21.4	1,400	1,200	1,450
Monroe	18–20	16.5	16.7	18.4	17.2	750	650	800
Morgan-South Rich	18–20	25.1	26.6	28.6	26.8	-	-	1,800
Mt Dutton	18–20	11.9	17.4	20.6	16.7	225	250	350
Nine Mile	18–20	19.4	16.9	15.7	17.4	1,650	1,500	1,300
North Slope	18–20	17.5	19.3	20.4	19.1	2,400	2,400	2,000
Ogden	15–17	19.4	23.0	22.8	21.7	2,500	3,000	2,300
Oquirrh-Stansbury	18–20	22.3	15.9	23.7	20.6	2,300	2,000	2,500
Panguitch Lake	18–20	13.0	20.4	17.8	17.1	1,200	1,700	1,700
Pine Valley	18–20	21.1	16.1	19.4	18.9	4,100	1,700	2,800
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	18–20	14.9	20.5	23.9	19.8	825	1,200	1,500
Plateau, Fishlake	18–20	16.9	20.4	21.4	19.6	800	750	1,000
Plateau, Thousand Lakes	18–20	15.1	21.1	24.6	20.2	225	225	275
San Juan, Abajo Mtns	18–20	20.3	22.6	19.9	20.9	2,050	2,250	2,250
South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	15–17	11.8	16.9	20.4	16.4	1,200	1,200	900
South Slope, Yellowstone	18–20	20.5	18.4	20.7	19.9	1,400	1,300	1,000
Southwest Desert	18–20	19.6	15.6	21.3	18.8	650	325	475
Wasatch Mtns, East	18–20	18.0	20.8	25.8	21.5	4,250	4,250	4,250
Wasatch Mtns, West	15–17	15.6	14.8	15.6	15.3	8,100	7,800	7,500
West Desert, Tintic	15–17	-	12.5	-	12.5	900	800	800
West Desert, West	15–17	-	12.5	-	12.5	500	450	450
Zion	18–20	18.6	17.8	20.9	19.1	3,100	2,325	2,900
General Season ALL Units*	-	17.7	19.4	21.7	19.3	74,025*	73,075*	71,600
General Season Public Units	-	17.0	18.5	21.0	18.9			

*Includes permits from Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich unit



2023 PREMIUM LIMITED ENTRY BUCK DEER PERMIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Antelope Island

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	DB1002	1	0	1	1	0	1
Grand total		1	0	1	1	0	1

Henry Mtns

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Muzzleloader	DB1005	9	1	10	9	1	10
Archery	DB1000	9	1	10	9	1	10
Any Legal Weapon	DB1003	25	3	28	25	3	28
Multiseason	DB1007	1	0	1	1	0	1
Grand total		44	5	49	44	5	49

Paunsaugunt

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Multiseason	DB1008	4	0	4	4	0	4
Any Legal Weapon	DB1004	69	8	77	69	8	77
Muzzleloader	DB1006	24	3	27	24	3	27
Archery	DB1001	24	3	27	24	3	27
Grand total		121	14	135	121	14	135

Management Buck Paunsaugunt

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Muzzleloader	DB1074	4	1	5	4	0	4
Archery	DB1073	4	1	5	4	0	4
Any Legal Weapon	DB1010	4	1	5	11	1	12
Grand total		12	3	15	19	1	20

Cactus Buck Paunsaugunt

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	DB1058	27	3	30	27	3	30
Grand total		27	3	30	27	3	30



2023 LIMITED ENTRY BUCK DEER PERMIT RECOMMENDATIONS

(1 of 2)

New Hunt
Discontinued Hunt

Book Cliffs

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name	Weapon	Hunt Number...	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Book Cliffs	Archery	DB1011	36	4	40	36	4	40
Book Cliffs, North	Any Legal Weapon	DB1017	82	9	91	82	9	91
Book Cliffs, South	Any Legal Weapon	DB1018	21	2	23	21	2	23
Book Cliffs	Muzzleloader	DB1025	36	4	40	36	4	40
Book Cliffs	Multiseason	DB1044	5	1	6	5	1	6
Grand total			180	20	200	180	20	200

Cache, Crawford Mtn

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name	Weapon	Hunt Number...	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Cache, Crawford Mtn	Muzzleloader	DB1026	10	1	11	9	1	10

Fillmore, Oak Creek LE

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name	Weapon	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	Archery	DB1012	8	1	9	10	1	11
Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	Any Legal Weapon	DB1019	22	3	25	28	3	31
Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	Muzzleloader	DB1029	8	1	9	10	1	11
Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	Multiseason	DB1045	1	0	1	2	0	2
Grand total			39	5	44	50	5	55

La Sal, Dolores Triangle

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name	Weapon	Hunt Number...	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
La Sal, Dolores Triangle	Archery	DB1013	4	0	4	4	0	4
La Sal, Dolores Triangle	Any Legal Weapon	DB1020	11	1	12	11	1	12
La Sal, Dolores Triangle	Muzzleloader	DB1031	4	0	4	4	0	4
Grand total			19	1	20	19	1	20

San Juan, Elk Ridge

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name	Weapon	Hunt Number...	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
San Juan, Elk Ridge	Archery	DB1014	12	1	13	13	1	14
San Juan, Elk Ridge	Any Legal Weapon	DB1022	33	4	37	36	4	40
San Juan, Elk Ridge	Muzzleloader	DB1037	12	1	13	13	1	14
San Juan, Elk Ridge	Multiseason	DB1046	2	0	2	2	0	2
Grand total			59	6	65	64	6	70



2023 LIMITED ENTRY BUCK DEER PERMIT RECOMMENDATIONS (2 of 2)

New Hunt
Discontinued Hunt

South Slope, Diamond Mtn

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name	Weapon	Hunt Number...	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Archery	DB1015	19	2	21	19	2	21
South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Any Legal Weapon	DB1023	54	6	60	54	6	60
South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Muzzleloader	DB1038	19	2	21	19	2	21
South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Multiseason	DB1047	3	0	3	3	0	3
Grand total			95	10	105	95	10	105

West Desert, Vernon

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name	Weapon	Hunt Number...	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
West Desert, Vernon	Archery	DB1016	36	4	40	38	4	42
West Desert, Vernon	Any Legal Weapon	DB1024	103	11	114	108	12	120
West Desert, Vernon	Muzzleloader	DB1042	36	4	40	38	4	42
West Desert, Vernon	Multiseason	DB1048	5	1	6	5	1	6
Grand total			180	20	200	189	21	210

Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun (HAMS)

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name	Hunt Number...	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Book Cliffs, Floy Canyon	DB1090	4	1	5	4	1	5
Kaiparowits HAMS	DB1091	4	1	5	4	1	5
Morgan-South Rich	DB1092	4	1	5	-	-	-
East Canyon	DB1105	-	-	-	4	1	5
Grand total		12	3	15	12	3	15



New Hunt

Discontinued Hunt

2023 LIMITED ENTRY ON GENERAL SEASON BUCK DEER PERMIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Limited Entry on General Season

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name [ⓘ] [▲]	Weapon [ⓘ] [▲]	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Beaver	Muzzleloader	DB1059	4	1	5	4	1	5
Box Elder	Muzzleloader	DB1077	18	2	20	18	2	20
Cache	Muzzleloader	DB1078	5	1	6	5	1	6
Central Mtns, Manti/San Rafael	Muzzleloader	DB1079	35	4	39	37	4	41
Central Mtns, Nebo	Muzzleloader	DB1080	18	2	20	21	2	23
Chalk Creek	Muzzleloader	DB1100	-	-	-	12	1	13
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	Muzzleloader	DB1027	39	4	43	-	-	-
East Canyon	Muzzleloader	DB1101	-	-	-	10	1	11
Fillmore	Muzzleloader	DB1028	6	1	7	8	1	9
Kamas	Muzzleloader	DB1030	13	1	14	10	1	11
La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Muzzleloader	DB1081	5	1	6	6	1	7
Monroe	Muzzleloader	DB1032	4	1	5	4	1	5
Morgan-South Rich	Muzzleloader	DB1103	-	-	-	8	1	9
Mt Dutton	Muzzleloader	DB1053	4	1	5	4	1	5
Nine Mile	Muzzleloader	DB1033	7	1	8	6	1	7
North Slope	Muzzleloader	DB1065	11	1	12	9	1	10
Ogden	Muzzleloader	DB1054	13	2	15	11	1	12
Oquirrh-Stansbury	Muzzleloader	DB1082	9	1	10	12	1	13
Panguitch Lake	Muzzleloader	DB1083	4	1	5	4	1	5
Pine Valley	Muzzleloader	DB1034	8	1	9	13	1	14
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	Muzzleloader	DB1084	4	1	5	6	1	7
Plateau, Fishlake	Muzzleloader	DB1055	4	1	5	4	1	5
Plateau, Thousand Lakes	Muzzleloader	DB1036	4	1	5	4	1	5
San Juan, Abajo Mtns	Muzzleloader	DB1085	10	1	11	10	1	11
South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	Muzzleloader	DB1086	5	1	6	4	1	5
South Slope, Myton	Muzzleloader	DB1094	20	0	20	30	0	30
South Slope, Yellowstone	Muzzleloader	DB1039	6	1	7	5	1	6
Southwest Desert	Muzzleloader	DB1040	4	1	5	4	1	5
Wasatch Mtns, East	Muzzleloader	DB1041	19	2	21	19	2	21
Wasatch Mtns, West	Muzzleloader	DB1087	35	4	39	35	4	39
West Desert, Tintic	Muzzleloader	DB1088	4	1	5	4	1	5
West Desert, West	Muzzleloader	DB1089	4	1	5	4	1	5
Zion	Muzzleloader	DB1043	11	1	12	13	2	15
Grand total			313	42	355	344	41	385



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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 3, 2023
To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members
From: Rusty Robinson, Once-in-a-lifetime Species Coordinator
Subject: Once-in-a-lifetime Permit Recommendations

Big game permit recommendations are reviewed annually. Recommendations are traditionally presented during the April RAC and Board cycle.

Permit Recommendation Overview:

1. Bighorn Sheep

- We recommend permits based on the number of rams counted on the most recent aerial census; 12-25% of total counted rams or 30-60% of rams 6 years of age or older.
 - Recommending a statewide total of 75 desert bighorn sheep permits (4 permit increase).
 - Recommending a statewide total of 52 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permits (5 permit decrease).

2. Bison

- We recommend permit numbers based on the herd population objective.
 - Recommending a statewide total of 177 total bison permits (4 permit decrease).

3. Mtn. Goat

- We recommend permit numbers based on 5-25% of the counted adult population on the most recent aerial census.
 - Recommending a statewide total of 96 mountain goat permits (7 permit decrease).

4. Moose

- We recommend permit numbers based on an average age of bulls harvested between 3.75 and 4.25 years old.
 - Recommending a statewide total of 102 moose permits (3 permit decrease).

Permit recommendations are made to stay within the parameters outlined in statewide management plans.



2023 RECOMMENDED ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME BULL MOOSE PERMITS

OIAL Bull Moose Hunts

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name ¹ ^	Weapon ² ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Cache	Any Legal Weapon	MB6000	12	1	13	12	1	13
Chalk Creek	Any Legal Weapon	MB6001	2	0	2	2	0	2
East Canyon	Any Legal Weapon	MB6002	3	0	3	4	0	4
East Canyon, Morgan-Summit	Any Legal Weapon	MB6003	3	0	3	3	0	3
Kamas	Any Legal Weapon	MB6004	4	0	4	4	0	4
Morgan-South Rich	Any Legal Weapon	MB6005	5	0	5	4	1	5
North Slope, Summit	Any Legal Weapon	MB6006	16	2	18	17	2	19
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	Any Legal Weapon	MB6007	7	1	8	7	1	8
Ogden	Any Legal Weapon	MB6008	8	1	9	8	1	9
South Slope, Diamond Mtn/Vernal	Any Legal Weapon	MB6009	2	0	2	2	0	2
South Slope, Yellowstone	Any Legal Weapon	MB6010	4	0	4	4	0	4
Wasatch Mtns/Central Mtns	Any Legal Weapon	MB6011	31	3	34	26	3	29
Grand total			97	8	105	93	9	102



2023 RECOMMENDED ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME MOUNTAIN GOAT PERMITS

New Hunt
Discontinued Hunt

OIAL Mountain Goat Hunts

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name ① ▲	Weapon ② ▲	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Beaver	Any Legal Weapon	GO6800	9	1	10	7	2	9
Beaver	Any Legal Weapon	GO6801	10	0	10	9	0	9
Beaver	Archery	GO6822	-	-	-	2	0	2
Central Mtns, Nebo	Any Legal Weapon	GO6803	11	1	12	9	1	10
Central Mtns, Nebo	Archery	GO6821	9	1	10	7	1	8
Chalk Creek/Kamas, Uintas	Any Legal Weapon	GO6804	3	0	3	2	0	2
La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Any Legal Weapon	GO6817	9	1	10	8	1	9
Mt Dutton	Any Legal Weapon	GO6814	2	0	2	2	0	2
North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central	Any Legal Weapon	GO6805	5	1	6	7	1	8
North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central	Archery	GO6815	2	0	2	-	-	-
North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas East	Any Legal Weapon	GO6806	5	0	5	4	1	5
North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Leidy Peak	Any Legal Weapon	GO6807	2	0	2	2	0	2
North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas West	Any Legal Weapon	GO6808	14	2	16	14	2	16
Ogden, Willard Peak	Any Legal Weapon	GO6810	3	0	3	1	0	1
Wasatch Mtns, Box Elder Peak	Any Legal Weapon	GO6818	2	0	2	2	0	2
Wasatch Mtns, Lone Peak	Any Legal Weapon	GO6819	3	0	3	3	0	3
Wasatch Mtns, Provo Peak	Any Legal Weapon	GO6813	3	0	3	3	0	3
Wasatch Mtns, Timpanogos	Any Legal Weapon	GO6820	4	0	4	5	0	5
Grand total			96	7	103	87	9	96



2023 RECOMMENDED ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME BISON PERMITS

OIAL Bison Hunts

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name ① ^	Weapon ② ^	Sex Type	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Antelope Island	Any Legal Weapon	Hunter's Choice	BI6500	2	0	2	2	0	2
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	Any Legal Weapon	Female Only	BI6536	4	1	5	4	1	5
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	Any Legal Weapon	Hunter's Choice	BI6535	4	1	5	4	1	5
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	Any Legal Weapon	Hunter's Choice	BI6534	4	1	5	4	1	5
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	Archery	Hunter's Choice	BI6532	4	1	5	4	1	5
Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South	Any Legal Weapon	Hunter's Choice	BI6537	-	-	-	4	1	5
Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South	Any Legal Weapon	Hunter's Choice	BI6530	13	2	15	16	2	18
Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South	Any Legal Weapon	Female Only	BI6529	18	2	20	13	2	15
Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South	Any Legal Weapon	Hunter's Choice	BI6531	18	2	20	9	1	10
Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South	Archery	Hunter's Choice	BI6528	7	1	8	9	1	10
Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South	Muzzleloader	Female Only	BI6533	18	2	20	13	2	15
Henry Mtns	Any Legal Weapon	Hunter's Choice	BI6503	8	1	9	10	2	12
Henry Mtns	Any Legal Weapon	Hunter's Choice	BI6516	8	1	9	8	1	9
Henry Mtns	Any Legal Weapon	Female Only	BI6506	9	1	10	21	2	23
Henry Mtns	Any Legal Weapon	Female Only	BI6505	9	1	10	21	2	23
Henry Mtns	Any Legal Weapon	Hunter's Choice	BI6504	9	1	10	9	1	10
Henry Mtns	Archery	Hunter's Choice	BI6509	5	0	5	4	1	5
Nine Mile	Any Legal Weapon	Hunter's Choice	BI6527	Over-the-Counter			Over-the-Counter		
Grand total				140	18	158	155	22	177



2023 RECOMMENDED ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP PERMITS

OIAL Desert Bighorn Sheep Hunts

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name ¹ ^	Weapon ² ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Henry Mtns	Any Legal Weapon	DS6600	4	0	4	2	0	2
Kaiparowits, East	Any Legal Weapon	DS6601	8	1	9	8	1	9
Kaiparowits, Escalante	Any Legal Weapon	DS6602	8	0	8	7	1	8
Kaiparowits, West	Any Legal Weapon	DS6603	4	1	5	4	1	5
La Sal, Potash/South Cisco	Any Legal Weapon	DS6604	4	0	4	4	0	4
Pine Valley, Beaver Dam	Any Legal Weapon	DS6621	4	0	4	6	0	6
Pine Valley, Virgin River	Any Legal Weapon	DS6620	2	0	2	2	0	2
San Juan, Lockhart	Any Legal Weapon	DS6606	3	0	3	3	0	3
San Juan, North	Any Legal Weapon	DS6622	3	0	3	3	0	3
San Juan, San Juan River	Any Legal Weapon	DS6623	1	0	1	1	0	1
San Juan, South	Any Legal Weapon	DS6607	2	0	2	2	0	2
San Rafael, Dirty Devil	Any Legal Weapon	DS6608	5	1	6	9	1	10
San Rafael, Dirty Devil	Archery	DS6624	2	0	2	2	0	2
San Rafael, North	Any Legal Weapon	DS6609	4	0	4	4	0	4
San Rafael, South	Any Legal Weapon	DS6610	11	1	12	11	1	12
Zion	Any Legal Weapon	DS6611	1	1	2	2	0	2
Grand total			66	5	71	70	5	75



2023 RECOMMENDED ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP PERMITS

OIAL Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Hunts

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name ¹ ^	Weapon ² ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Book Cliffs, South	Any Legal Weapon	RS6701	4	1	5	4	1	5
Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn	Any Legal Weapon	RS6703	6	1	7	5	1	6
Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn	Any Legal Weapon	RS6704	5	0	5	5	1	6
Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn	Archery	RS6722	3	0	3	3	0	3
Central Mtns, Nebo	Any Legal Weapon	RS6725	2	0	2	2	0	2
Fillmore, Oak Creek	Any Legal Weapon	RS6720	7	0	7	4	0	4
Fillmore, Oak Creek	Any Legal Weapon	RS6726	6	1	7	4	1	5
Fillmore, Oak Creek	Archery	RS6727	3	0	3	2	0	2
Nine Mile, Gray Canyon	Any Legal Weapon	RS6712	3	1	4	5	0	5
Nine Mile, Jack Creek	Any Legal Weapon	RS6713	2	0	2	2	0	2
North Slope, Summit/West Daggett	Any Legal Weapon	RS6709	3	0	3	3	0	3
North Slope, Three Corners	Any Legal Weapon	RS6708	2	0	2	2	0	2
Oquirrh-Stansbury, West	Any Legal Weapon	RS6721	4	0	4	4	0	4
Wasatch Mtns, West	Any Legal Weapon	RS6724	3	0	3	3	0	3
Grand total			53	4	57	48	4	52



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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Councils

FROM: Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator

DATE: April 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Overview of 2023 bull elk permit recommendations

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources makes the following 2023 bull elk permit recommendations after evaluating 2022 harvest information and conducting post-hunt assessments of herd composition.

The proposed 2023 bull elk permits will help us achieve or maintain the objectives detailed in the Utah Statewide Elk Management Plan that was approved in December 2022. Several changes in the statewide plan will be evident in the recommendations for 2023. Adjustments to the age objectives for harvested bulls on limited-entry units have resulted in increases to permits for the 6.5-7.0 and the 6.0-6.5 age-objective units. Changes in the permit splits between the any weapon seasons has resulted in a large shift of permits to the mid-season any weapon hunt on most traditional limited-entry units. Also, several of the September archery and HAMS units — and the Paunsaugunt unit — have been converted to general-season “any bull” units.

Below is a summary of the **2023 bull elk permit recommendations**:

- 1) General-season elk permits (approved in the statewide plan)
 - a. 15,000 spike elk permits
 - b. 15,000 any bull permits (early any weapon and muzzleloader)
 - c. Unlimited any bull (late any weapon)
 - d. Unlimited general-season youth elk permits
 - e. Unlimited archery elk permits
- 2) The DWR recommends no change to the draw-only youth any bull/hunter's choice elk permits (500 permits).
- 3) We recommend 3,134 traditional limited-entry permits, increasing 256 from 2,878 in 2022.
- 4) The DWR recommends 92 December archery limited-entry bull elk permits

- 5) We recommend 110 September archery and HAMS permits (55 September archery and 55 HAMS), which is a reduction of 82 permits from the 192 permits issued in 2022. This reduction is due to units converting to general-season any bull.
- 6) The grand total of recommended limited-entry bull elk permits is 3,336 permits, an increase of 266 from the 3,070 permits issued in 2022, a proposed increase of 8.6%

Please see the bull elk hunt recommendations listed in the hunt tables in this packet for a detailed breakdown of recommended permits for each individual unit. The hunt tables also show how permits are allocated among weapon types and split between residents and non-residents.



LIMITED ENTRY ELK AVERAGE AGES AND OBJECTIVES

Unit ^	Objective	2020	2021	2022	3-yr Average
Beaver, East	6.5-7.0	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.4
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	6.0-6.5	5.9	5.2	6.2	5.8
Book Cliffs, Little Creek	6.5-7.0	7.0	8.3	6.3	7.2
Box Elder, Grouse Creek	5.5-6.0	5.3	6.4	5.0	5.6
Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	5.5-6.0	7.2	5.7	8.2	7.0
Cache, Meadowville	6.0-6.5	5.3	7.0	5.6	6.0
Cache, North	3.5-4.5	4.7	5.3	5.3	5.1
Cache, South	6.0-6.5	6.0	7.1	6.8	6.6
Central Mtns, Manti	5.5-6.0	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.6
Central Mtns, Nebo	5.5-6.0	6.7	7.2	7.5	7.1
Fillmore, Pahvant	6.5-7.0	8.7	7.5	8.7	8.3
La Sal, Dolores Triangle	5.5-6.0	-	-	-	-
La Sal, La Sal Mtns	5.5-6.0	6.2	6.2	6.5	6.3
Monroe	6.0-6.5	7.1	7.7	7.4	7.4
Mt Dutton	6.0-6.5	6.8	7.5	7.7	7.3
North Slope, Three Corners	5.5-6.0	4.8	5.5	5.4	5.2
Panguitch Lake	6.0-6.5	5.7	6.7	7.6	6.7
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	6.5-7.0	7.2	7.8	8.4	7.8
Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	5.5-6.0	7.2	6.9	7.2	7.1
San Juan Bull Elk	6.5-7.0	7.8	7.7	8.3	7.9
South Slope, Diamond Mtn	5.5-6.0	7.8	7.4	7.7	7.6
Southwest Desert, South	6.0-6.5	7.1	6.6	8.3	7.3
Wasatch Mtns	5.5-6.0	6.3	5.9	5.7	6.0
West Desert, Deep Creek	3.5-4.5	6.3	5.4	6.4	6.0



New Hunt

Discontinued Hunt

2023 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BULL ELK PERMITS (1 of 5)

Beaver, East

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3000	14	2	16	18	2	20
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3024	20	2	22	7	1	8
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3025	13	2	15	12	1	13
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3159	-	-	-	21	2	23
Multiseason	EB3102	2	0	2	2	0	2
Muzzleloader	EB3077	9	1	10	11	1	12
Grand total		58	7	65	71	7	78

Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/East (boundary change)

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ① ^	Hunt Number...	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3001	17	2	19	-	-	-
Archery	EB3160	-	-	-	19	2	21
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3026	23	3	26	-	-	-
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3162	-	-	-	7	2	9
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3027	15	2	17	-	-	-
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3163	-	-	-	13	1	14
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3164	-	-	-	22	3	25
Multiseason	EB3103	2	0	2	-	-	-
Multiseason	EB3165	-	-	-	2	0	2
Muzzleloader	EB3078	10	1	11	-	-	-
Muzzleloader	EB3166	-	-	-	11	1	12
Grand total		67	8	75	74	9	83

Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3002	2	0	2	2	0	2
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3028	3	1	4	1	0	1
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3167	-	-	-	2	1	3
Multiseason	EB3104	1	0	1	1	0	1
Muzzleloader	EB3079	1	0	1	1	0	1
Grand total		7	1	8	7	1	8

Box Elder, Grouse Creek

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3147	14	2	16	8	1	9
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3150	10	1	11	15	2	17
Muzzleloader	EB3153	4	1	5	4	1	5
Grand total		28	4	32	27	4	31

Box Elder, Pilot Mtn

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3130	4	0	4	4	0	4
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3031	11	1	12	11	1	12
Grand total		15	1	16	15	1	16



2023 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BULL ELK PERMITS (2 of 5)

New Hunt
Discontinued Hunt

Cache, Meadowville

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3003	13	2	15	13	2	15
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3032	18	2	20	5	1	6
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3033	13	1	14	9	1	10
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3169	-	-	-	16	2	18
Multiseason	EB3105	2	0	2	2	0	2
Muzzleloader	EB3081	8	1	9	8	1	9
Grand total		54	6	60	53	7	60

Cache, South

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3005	8	1	9	8	1	9
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3036	12	1	13	3	1	4
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3037	7	1	8	5	1	6
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3171	-	-	-	10	1	11
Multiseason	EB3107	1	0	1	1	0	1
Muzzleloader	EB3083	4	1	5	4	1	5
Grand total		32	4	36	31	5	36

Central Mtns, Manti

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3006	130	14	144	148	17	165
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3038	145	16	161	61	7	68
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3039	112	13	125	102	11	113
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3126	39	4	43	176	20	196
Multiseason	EB3108	15	2	17	18	2	20
Muzzleloader	EB3084	77	9	86	89	10	99
Grand total		518	58	576	594	67	661

Central Mtns, Nebo/San Pitch Mtns (boundary change)

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ① ^	Hunt Number...	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3007	13	2	15	-	-	-
Archery	EB3173	-	-	-	18	2	20
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3040	19	2	21	-	-	-
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3175	-	-	-	7	1	8
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3041	13	1	14	-	-	-
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3176	-	-	-	13	1	14
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3177	-	-	-	22	2	24
Multiseason	EB3109	2	0	2	-	-	-
Multiseason	EB3178	-	-	-	2	0	2
Muzzleloader	EB3085	8	1	9	-	-	-
Muzzleloader	EB3179	-	-	-	11	1	12
Grand total		55	6	61	73	7	80



2023 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BULL ELK PERMITS (3 of 5)

New Hunt
Discontinued Hunt

Fillmore, Pahvant

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3008	12	1	13	15	2	17
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3042	16	2	18	6	1	7
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3043	11	1	12	10	1	11
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3181	-	-	-	18	2	20
Multiseason	EB3110	2	0	2	2	0	2
Muzzleloader	EB3086	7	1	8	9	1	10
Grand total		48	5	53	60	7	67

La Sal, Dolores Triangle

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3044	5	0	5	6	1	7
Grand total		5	0	5	6	1	7

La Sal, La Sal Mtns

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3009	30	3	33	33	4	37
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3045	41	5	46	13	2	15
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3046	27	3	30	22	3	25
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3183	-	-	-	39	4	43
Multiseason	EB3111	4	0	4	4	0	4
Muzzleloader	EB3087	18	2	20	20	2	22
Grand total		120	13	133	131	15	146

Monroe

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3010	12	1	13	13	2	15
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3047	15	2	17	5	1	6
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3048	10	1	11	9	1	10
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3185	-	-	-	16	2	18
Multiseason	EB3112	2	0	2	2	0	2
Muzzleloader	EB3088	7	1	8	8	1	9
Grand total		46	5	51	53	7	60

Mt Dutton

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3011	13	1	14	14	2	16
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3049	14	2	16	6	1	7
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3050	9	1	10	10	1	11
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3187	-	-	-	17	2	19
Multiseason	EB3113	2	0	2	2	0	2
Muzzleloader	EB3089	13	1	14	9	1	10
Grand total		51	5	56	58	7	65



2023 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BULL ELK PERMITS (4 of 5)

New Hunt
Discontinued Hunt

North Slope, Three Corners

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3013	5	1	6	5	1	6
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3053	13	1	14	13	1	14
Multiseason	EB3115	1	0	1	1	0	1
Muzzleloader	EB3091	4	0	4	4	0	4
Grand total		23	2	25	23	2	25

Panguitch Lake

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3015	10	1	11	12	1	13
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3056	12	1	13	5	0	5
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3057	7	1	8	8	1	9
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3189	-	-	-	14	2	16
Multiseason	EB3117	1	0	1	2	0	2
Muzzleloader	EB3093	10	1	11	7	1	8
Grand total		40	4	44	48	5	53

Plateau, Boulder

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3145	19	2	21	25	3	28
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3148	25	3	28	10	1	11
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3151	17	2	19	17	2	19
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3191	-	-	-	30	3	33
Multiseason	EB3156	2	0	2	3	0	3
Muzzleloader	EB3154	11	1	12	15	2	17
Grand total		74	8	82	100	11	111

Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3018	58	6	64	66	7	73
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3063	52	6	58	27	3	30
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3065	40	4	44	45	5	50
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3064	40	4	44	78	9	87
Multiseason	EB3120	7	1	8	8	1	9
Muzzleloader	EB3096	34	4	38	40	4	44
Grand total		231	25	256	264	29	293



2023 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BULL ELK PERMITS (5 of 5)

New Hunt
Discontinued Hunt

San Juan Bull Elk

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3019	16	2	18	21	2	23
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3066	22	3	25	8	1	9
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3067	14	2	16	13	2	15
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3194	-	-	-	24	3	27
Multiseason	EB3121	2	0	2	3	0	3
Muzzleloader	EB3097	10	1	11	13	1	14
Grand total		64	8	72	82	9	91

South Slope, Diamond Mtn

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3020	15	2	17	20	2	22
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3068	21	2	23	8	1	9
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3196	-	-	-	13	2	15
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3069	13	2	15	22	3	25
Multiseason	EB3122	2	0	2	3	0	3
Muzzleloader	EB3098	9	1	10	12	1	13
Grand total		60	7	67	78	9	87

Southwest Desert, South

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3146	22	2	24	28	3	31
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3149	22	3	25	11	2	13
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3152	27	3	30	19	2	21
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3198	-	-	-	33	4	37
Multiseason	EB3157	3	0	3	4	0	4
Muzzleloader	EB3155	13	1	14	17	2	19
Grand total		87	9	96	112	13	125

Wasatch Mtns

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Archery	EB3022	213	24	237	214	24	238
Early Any Legal Weapon	EB3072	195	22	217	87	10	97
Late Any Legal Weapon	EB3073	146	16	162	146	16	162
Mid Any Legal Weapon	EB3127	146	16	162	254	28	282
Multiseason	EB3124	25	3	28	26	3	29
Muzzleloader	EB3100	128	14	142	129	14	143
Grand total		853	95	948	856	95	951



2023 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BULL ELK PERMITS

Discontinued Hunt

Limited Entry HAMS Bull Elk

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name ② ^	Weapon	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Box Elder, Sawtooth	Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader or Shotgun	EB3138	3	0	3	-	-	-
Cache, North	Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader or Shotgun	EB3139	18	2	20	20	2	22
Nine Mile, Anthro	Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader or Shotgun	EB3140	27	3	30	-	-	-
Oquirrh-Stansbury	Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader or Shotgun	EB3141	13	1	14	-	-	-
Plateau, Barney Top/Kaiparowits	Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader or Shotgun	EB3142	7	1	8	9	1	10
Southwest Desert, North	Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader or Shotgun	EB3143	7	1	8	9	1	10
West Desert, Deep Creek	Handgun, Archery, Muzzleloader or Shotgun	EB3144	12	1	13	12	1	13
Grand total			87	9	96	50	5	55

Limited Entry September Archery Bull Elk

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name ② ^	Weapon	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Box Elder, Sawtooth	September Archery	EB3131	3	0	3	-	-	-
Cache, North	September Archery	EB3132	18	2	20	20	2	22
Nine Mile, Anthro	September Archery	EB3133	27	3	30	-	-	-
Oquirrh-Stansbury	September Archery	EB3134	13	1	14	-	-	-
Plateau, Barney Top/Kaiparowits	September Archery	EB3135	7	1	8	9	1	10
Southwest Desert, North	September Archery	EB3136	7	1	8	9	1	10
West Desert, Deep Creek	September Archery	EB3137	12	1	13	12	1	13
Grand total			87	9	96	50	5	55



2023 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BULL ELK PERMITS

New Hunt

Limited Entry Late Archery Bull Elk

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt Name	Weapon	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Beaver, East	Archery	EB3158	-	-	-	4	1	5
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/East	Archery	EB3161	-	-	-	4	1	5
Cache, Meadowville	Archery	EB3168	-	-	-	4	1	5
Cache, South	Archery	EB3170	-	-	-	4	1	5
Central Mtns, Manti	Archery	EB3172	-	-	-	6	1	7
Central Mtns, Nebo/San Pitch Mtns	Archery	EB3174	-	-	-	4	1	5
Fillmore, Pahvant	Archery	EB3180	-	-	-	4	1	5
La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Archery	EB3182	-	-	-	4	1	5
Monroe	Archery	EB3184	-	-	-	4	1	5
Mt Dutton	Archery	EB3186	-	-	-	4	1	5
Panguitch Lake	Archery	EB3188	-	-	-	4	1	5
Plateau, Boulder	Archery	EB3190	-	-	-	4	1	5
Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	Archery	EB3192	-	-	-	4	1	5
San Juan Bull Elk	Archery	EB3193	-	-	-	4	1	5
South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Archery	EB3195	-	-	-	4	1	5
Southwest Desert, South	Archery	EB3197	-	-	-	4	1	5
Wasatch Mtns	Archery	EB3199	-	-	-	9	1	10
Grand total			-	-	-	75	17	92



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Councils

FROM: Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator

DATE: April 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Overview of 2023 buck pronghorn permit recommendations

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources biologists and staff have evaluated aerial counts and ground-classification information to examine population status, sex ratios and reproductive rates in the state's pronghorn populations. The count and classification data — along with harvest data that includes the tooth ages of pronghorn bucks — have informed the DWR's recommendations for 2023 buck pronghorn permits.

The Utah Statewide Pronghorn Management Plan directs the DWR to manage for an average age of harvested buck in the range of 2-3 years old. After evaluating the collected data in the context of the age objective in the statewide plan, the DWR is recommending that limited-entry buck pronghorn permits be increased from 1,249 permits in 2022 to 1,372 permits for 2023. This is a proposed increase of 123 permits, or about 10%.

Utah has 28 buck pronghorn units, and all units are meeting or exceeding the 2-3 year objective for harvested bucks. We are recommending a reduction on two units — the Cache, Rich and San Rafael, North units — due to winter mortality. We are recommending no change on 7 units and permit increases on 19 units. These recommendations are designed to maintain or move toward compliance with the statewide management plan objectives.

Please see the buck pronghorn hunt recommendations listed in the hunt tables in this packet for a detailed breakdown of recommended permits for each unit. The hunt tables also show how permits are allocated among weapon types and split between residents and non-residents.



BUCK PRONGHORN AVERAGE AGES AND OBJECTIVES

Unit name	HUNT_YEAR / Average age			
	2020	2021	2022	3 Yr. Avg.
Beaver	4.9	4.0	5.0	4.6
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	4.4	5.2	4.9	4.8
Book Cliffs, South	4.1	3.5	5.7	4.4
Box Elder, Promontory	2.9	2.9	4.6	3.5
Box Elder, Puddle Valley	4.1	3.4	3.5	3.7
Box Elder, Snowville	4.0	3.0	3.3	3.4
Box Elder, West	3.8	3.5	4.0	3.8
Cache, Rich	3.0	-	2.0	2.5
Fillmore, Oak Creek South	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.3
Kaiparowits	6.0	4.0	-	5.0
La Sal, Potash/South Cisco	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.9
Morgan-South Rich	4.0	4.8	3.3	4.0
Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.4
Nine Mile, Anthro	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6
Nine Mile, Range Creek	3.4	3.5	6.0	4.3
North Slope, Summmit	3.6	4.8	4.7	4.4
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	3.4	4.6	4.7	4.2
Panguitch Lake/Zion, North	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.2
Pine Valley	3.2	2.8	3.0	3.0
Plateau, Parker Mtn	3.2	2.6	2.6	2.8
San Juan, Hatch Point	3.3	7.0	5.8	5.4
San Rafael, Desert	3.9	4.5	3.7	4.0
San Rafael, North	3.7	3.7	4.1	3.8
South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.4
South Slope, Vernal	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.0
Southwest Desert	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.1
West Desert, Riverbed	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.2
West Desert, Rush Valley	3.7	4.0	4.1	3.9
West Desert, Snake Valley	4.4	5.2	5.0	4.9



2023 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BUCK PRONGHORN PERMITS (1 of 4)

New Hunt
Discontinued Hunt

Beaver

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	2022 Permits			2023 Permits		
		Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5025	29	3	32	32	4	36
Archery	PB5000	8	0	8	8	1	9
	Grand total	37	3	40	40	5	45

Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	2022 Permits			2023 Permits		
		Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5026	32	4	36	40	4	44
Archery	PB5001	8	1	9	10	1	11
	Grand total	40	5	45	50	5	55

Book Cliffs, South

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	2022 Permits			2023 Permits		
		Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5027	22	2	24	25	3	28
Archery	PB5002	5	1	6	6	1	7
	Grand total	27	3	30	31	4	35

Box Elder, Promontory

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	2022 Permits			2023 Permits		
		Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5028	12	1	13	13	1	14
Archery	PB5003	3	0	3	4	0	4
	Grand total	15	1	16	17	1	18

Box Elder, Puddle Valley

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	2022 Permits			2023 Permits		
		Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5029	20	2	22	20	2	22
Archery	PB5004	4	1	5	5	1	6
	Grand total	24	3	27	25	3	28

Box Elder, Snowville

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	2022 Permits			2023 Permits		
		Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5030	27	3	30	31	3	34
Archery	PB5005	7	1	8	7	1	8
	Grand total	34	4	38	38	4	42

Box Elder, West

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	2022 Permits			2023 Permits		
		Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5031	29	3	32	32	4	36
Archery	PB5006	8	0	8	8	1	9
	Grand total	37	3	40	40	5	45

Cache, Rich (boundary change)

Weapon ① ^	Hunt Number...	2022 Permits			2023 Permits		
		Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5032	31	4	35	-	-	-
Any Legal Weapon	PB5073	-	-	-	19	2	21
Archery	PB5007	11	1	12	-	-	-
Archery	PB5074	-	-	-	6	1	7
Muzzleloader	PB5022	11	1	12	-	-	-
Muzzleloader	PB5075	-	-	-	6	1	7
	Grand total	53	6	59	31	4	35



2023 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BUCK PRONGHORN PERMITS (2 of 4)

New Hunt
Discontinued Hunt

Fillmore, Oak Creek South

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5033	27	3	30	30	3	33
Archery	PB5008	9	1	10	10	1	11
Muzzleloader	PB5065	9	1	10	10	1	11
Grand total		45	5	50	50	5	55

Kaiparowits

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5034	2	0	2	2	0	2
Grand total		2	0	2	2	0	2

La Sal, Potash/Cisco

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5035	14	2	16	16	2	18
Archery	PB5009	4	0	4	5	0	5
Grand total		18	2	20	21	2	23

Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5331	29	3	32	29	3	32
Archery	PB5332	7	1	8	7	1	8
Grand total		36	4	40	36	4	40

Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5037	59	7	66	70	8	78
Archery	PB5011	20	2	22	23	3	26
Muzzleloader	PB5059	20	2	22	23	3	26
Grand total		99	11	110	116	14	130

Nine Mile, Range Creek

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5038	7	1	8	8	1	9
Archery	PB5053	2	0	2	2	0	2
Grand total		9	1	10	10	1	11

North Slope, Summit

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5039	11	1	12	11	1	12
Grand total		11	1	12	11	1	12

North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5040	23	3	26	27	3	30
Archery	PB5012	8	1	9	9	1	10
Muzzleloader	PB5066	8	1	9	9	1	10
Grand total		39	5	44	45	5	50



2023 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BUCK PRONGHORN PERMITS (3 of 4)

New Hunt
Discontinued Hunt

Panguitch Lake/Zion, North

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5041	18	2	20	21	2	23
Archery	PB5054	6	1	7	7	1	8
Muzzleloader	PB5061	7	0	7	7	1	8
Grand total		31	3	34	35	4	39

Pine Valley

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5042	18	2	20	18	2	20
Archery	PB5013	6	1	7	6	1	7
Muzzleloader	PB5062	6	1	7	6	1	7
Grand total		30	4	34	30	4	34

Plateau, Parker Mtn (boundary change)

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ① ^	Hunt Number...	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5063	17	2	19	-	-	-
Any Legal Weapon	PB5076	-	-	-	27	3	30
Archery	PB5064	5	1	6	-	-	-
Archery	PB5077	-	-	-	9	1	10
Muzzleloader	PB5067	5	1	6	-	-	-
Muzzleloader	PB5078	-	-	-	9	1	10
Grand total		27	4	31	45	5	50

San Juan, Hatch Point

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5044	3	0	3	4	0	4
Archery	PB5058	1	0	1	-	-	-
Grand total		4	0	4	4	0	4

San Rafael, Desert

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5045	9	0	9	8	1	9
Archery	PB5055	2	0	2	2	0	2
Grand total		11	0	11	10	1	11

San Rafael, North

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5046	61	7	68	50	6	56
Archery	PB5015	21	2	23	17	2	19
Muzzleloader	PB5056	21	2	23	17	2	19
Grand total		103	11	114	84	10	94

South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5047	36	4	40	46	5	51
Archery	PB5016	12	1	13	15	2	17
Muzzleloader	PB5060	12	1	13	15	2	17
Grand total		60	6	66	76	9	85



New Hunt

Discontinued Hunt

2023 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BUCK PRONGHORN PERMITS (4 of 4)

South Slope, Vernal

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5048	38	4	42	49	5	54
Archery	PB5017	13	1	14	16	2	18
Muzzleloader	PB5072	13	1	14	16	2	18
	Grand total	64	6	70	81	9	90

Southwest Desert

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5049	77	9	86	77	9	86
Archery	PB5018	26	3	29	26	3	29
Muzzleloader	PB5024	26	3	29	26	3	29
	Grand total	129	15	144	129	15	144

West Desert, Riverbed

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5050	40	5	45	50	6	56
Archery	PB5019	10	1	11	13	1	14
	Grand total	50	6	56	63	7	70

West Desert, Rush Valley

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5051	25	3	28	30	3	33
Archery	PB5020	6	1	7	7	1	8
	Grand total	31	4	35	37	4	41

West Desert, Snake Valley

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Weapon ^	Hunt Number	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
Any Legal Weapon	PB5052	49	5	54	60	7	67
Archery	PB5021	12	1	13	15	2	17
	Grand total	61	6	67	75	9	84



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Councils

FROM: Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator

DATE: April 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Overview of 2023 antlerless big game permit recommendations

The attached tables summarize the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' recommended permit allocations for the 2023 antlerless hunts. We've made these recommendations after evaluating 2022 harvest information and conducting post-hunt assessments of herd composition.

The number of permits we're proposing for 2023 will help us achieve or maintain the objectives detailed in Utah's big game management plans for harvest size, animal quality and hunting opportunity. For specific information about how individual big game species are managed, please refer to <https://wildlife.utah.gov/> and use the search field to find the statewide management plan for the species of interest.

Below is a summary of the **2023 antlerless hunt recommendations**:

- 1) In 2022, Utah's deer population increased 10% to approximately 335,000 deer as we added 29,270 animals. This increase was primarily due to favorable weather conditions, habitat-improvement efforts, predator management and late summer/early fall monsoon rains in the fall of 2021. Record-setting precipitation in the winter of 2022/2023 will result in decreased winter survival for deer in some parts of northern Utah. At the same time, many parts of central and southern Utah are poised to see high adult and fawn survival, as well as local deer population growth in the coming year.
- 2) For 2023, we recommend 105 fewer antlerless deer permits, decreasing from 635 permits to 530 permits. We recommend eliminating several doe deer hunts on the East Canyon unit, the Chalk Creek unit and the Southwest Desert unit. We are recommending two new antlerless archery deer hunts focused on reducing deer numbers in the towns of Fillmore and Vernal. The antlerless deer hunts we are recommending are designed to reduce depredation on private lands, tackle urban deer issues, address chronic wasting disease (CWD) hotspots and help slow the decline of range conditions.

- 3) Statewide, elk populations declined slightly in 2022. Antlerless permits are still needed to keep elk populations within their management objectives. The statewide elk-population objective is 78,990 elk, and the current statewide estimate is 82,960 elk. We recommend 19,857 antlerless elk permits for the public-drawing and private-lands-only hunts in 2023, as compared to 17,108 permits in 2022, an increase of 2,749 permits.
- 4) For the 2023 public drawing, we recommend adding six antlerless elk hunts and discontinuing six hunts — please see the hunt tables for details.
- 5) We recommend antlerless elk-control permits on the following seven units:

Chalk Creek	Ogden
East Canyon	Pine Valley
Henry Mtns	Zion
Morgan-South Rich	

- 6) We recommend private-lands-only permits on 27 units throughout the state to increase harvest and hunting pressure on private lands. We recommend season dates from Aug. 1, 2023–Jan. 31, 2024. Hunters may use any legal weapon during these hunts. Private-lands-only hunts have minimized depredation challenges in many parts of the state. Hunting units include:

Beaver, East	North Slope, West Daggett
Box Elder, Hansel Mtn	Ogden
Cache	Panguitch Lake
Central Mtns, Manti	Paunsaugunt
Central Mtns, Nebo	San Juan
Chalk Creek	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal
East Canyon	South Slope, Diamond Mtn
Fillmore, Pahvant	South Slope, Yellowstone
Kamas	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin-White River
La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek
Morgan-South Rich	Wasatch Mtns, West
Mt Dutton	West Desert, Tintic Valley
Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	Zion
Nine Mile, Range Creek	

- 7) We recommend 123 fewer doe pronghorn permits in 2023, decreasing from 278 permits to 155 permits. We recommend eliminating some doe pronghorn hunts on the Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden unit, the San Rafael unit and the Southwest Desert unit. The Cache, Rich pronghorn herd is currently experiencing winter loss, and some pronghorn populations in the southern part of the state are still recovering from the impacts of long-term drought.
- 8) We recommend eliminating 9 antlerless moose permits.
- 9) We recommend continuing the Rocky Mountain ewe bighorn sheep hunt on the Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtns unit, with a total of 5 permits.

Please see the antlerless hunt recommendations in the hunt tables for a detailed breakdown of recommended hunts and permit numbers.



2023 DEER HERD STATUS AND ANTLERLESS PERMIT RECS

Unit Name	Objective	Year / Population Estimate Postseason			2022 Antlerless Permits	2023 Antlerless Permits
		2020	2021	2022		
Beaver	14000	10,300	9,400	9,200	-	-
Book Cliffs	9000	4,550	4,250	4,400	-	-
Box Elder	20000	10,100	11,700	16,700	60	60
Cache	25000	14,100	17,900	20,300	-	-
Central Mtns, Manti/San Rafael	28000	24,400	26,500	28,400	-	-
Central Mtns, Nebo	14000	12,500	13,500	15,000	-	-
Chalk Creek	12000	9,100	11,250	11,700	50	-
East Canyon	13500	12,800	9,800	12,000	200	40
Fillmore	9600	6,500	6,700	7,100	15	30
Henry Mtns	2700	900	900	950	-	-
Kamas	8000	7,400	7,150	7,700	-	-
La Sal, Dolores Triangle	3000	1,900	1,900	1,900	-	-
La Sal, La Sal Mtns	8000	6,500	5,900	5,500	-	-
Monroe	7000	5,200	5,000	5,000	20	15
Morgan-South Rich	16000	10,000	10,700	10,800	-	-
Mt Dutton	3200	2,200	2,000	1,960	-	-
Nine Mile	8500	6,800	6,500	6,600	55	75
North Slope	10000	5,800	5,300	6,200	-	-
Ogden	11000	8,600	9,900	9,900	-	-
Oquirrh-Stansbury	11600	10,000	9,600	9,900	25	25
Panguitch Lake	11000	10,100	10,000	8,600	-	-
Paunsaugunt	6500	4,500	5,200	5,100	-	-
Pine Valley	19500	19,500	15,500	18,000	40	50
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	8500	6,750	6,550	7,050	-	-
Plateau, Fishlake	7000	4,900	4,400	4,500	-	-
Plateau, Thousand Lakes	1400	850	750	760	-	-
San Juan, Abajo Mtns	13500	11,000	12,400	12,400	10	10
San Juan, Elk Ridge	2000	750	950	950	-	-
South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond ...	13000	9,200	9,800	11,200	50	125
South Slope, Yellowstone	11000	7,700	7,000	8,400	100	100
Southwest Desert	3500	2,900	2,250	2,400	10	-
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	4000	3,800	3,700	4,000	-	-
Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek	17000	13,700	13,500	16,900	-	-
Wasatch Mtns, West	22600	22,600	16,000	18,700	-	-
West Desert	11200	8,000	7,000	7,800	-	-
Zion	19000	18,000	14,850	17,000	-	-
Grand total		313,900	305,700	334,970	635	530



2023 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNT RECOMMENDATIONS

New Hunt
Recommend Discontinue

Antlerless Deer Hunts					Permits	
Hunt #...	Hunt Name	Weapon	2023 Season Dates	Public Advisories	2022	2023
DA1001	Box Elder, West Bear River	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun	Aug 19 2023 - Oct 08 2023	No Public Land, All private land.	30	30
DA1002	Box Elder, West Bear River	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun	Nov 25 2023 - Dec 31 2023	No Public Land, All private land.	30	30
DA1026	Chalk Creek	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Aug 18 2023	No Public Land, Private lands only	50	-
DA1039	East Canyon	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Aug 18 2023	Hunters should have permission before applying, Private Lands Only	25	-
DA1040	East Canyon	Archery	Aug 19 2023 - Sept 15 2023	Hunters should have permission before applying, Private Land Only	25	-
DA1027	East Canyon, Davis-North Salt Lake	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Sept 15 2023		100	40
DA1028	East Canyon, Davis-North Salt Lake	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023		50	-
DA1048	Fillmore City	Archery	Aug 01 2023 - Sept 04 2023	Hunters should have permission before applying, No Public Land, Primarily Private Land,	-	15
DA1045	Fillmore, Oak City	Archery	Aug 01 2023 - Sept 04 2023	No Public Land, Primarily Private Land,	15	15
DA1003	Monroe/Plateau, Sevier Valley	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun	Aug 01 2023 - Sept 30 2023	Hunters should have permission before applying, Primarily Private Land,	20	15
DA1041	Nine Mile, Green River Valley	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023	Hunters should have permission before applying, Primarily Private Land,	10	25
DA1030	Nine Mile, Price River Valley	Archery	Aug 19 2023 - Sept 15 2023	Hunters should have permission before applying, Primarily Private Land,	20	25
DA1046	Nine Mile, Price River Valley	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun	Sept 27 2023 - Oct 15 2023	Hunters should have permission before applying, Primarily Private Land,	25	25
DA1031	Oquirrh-Stansbury, Settlement Cyn	Archery	Aug 19 2023 - Sept 26 2023	Primarily Private Land,	25	25
DA1009	Pine Valley, Enterprise	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Aug 17 2023	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying,	20	25
DA1018	Pine Valley, New Harmony	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun	Aug 01 2023 - Aug 17 2023	Primarily Private Land, Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying. Two-doe permit.,	20	25
DA1033	San Juan, Monticello	Archery	Aug 01 2023 - Sept 15 2023	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying, Be courteous to homeowners and public.	5	5
DA1042	San Juan, Monticello	Archery	Nov 27 2023 - Dec 31 2023	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying, Be courteous to homeowners and public.	5	5
DA1049	South Slope, Ashley Valley	Archery	Aug 19 2023 - Dec 15 2023	Hunters should have permission before applying,	-	75
DA1044	South Slope, Myton	Any Legal Weapon	Sept 30 2023 - Dec 15 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands, Hunters should have permission before applying, Primarily Private Land, Two Doe Permits	100	100
DA1047	South Slope, Vernal-Ouray Valley	Any Legal Weapon	Sept 30 2023 - Dec 15 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands, Hunters should have permission before applying, Two Doe Permit	50	50
DA1043	Southwest Desert, Cedar Valley	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun	Aug 01 2023 - Aug 17 2023	Primarily Private Land, Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying,	10	-
Grand total					635	530



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Unit Name	Objective	Year / Population Estimate Postseason			2022 Antlerless Permits*	2023 Antlerless Permits*
		2020	2021	2022		
Beaver	1050	1,200	850	900	40	90
Book Cliffs	7500	5,500	5,500	4,300	323	293
Box Elder	675	700	700	900	220	210
Cache	2300	3,000	3,350	1,950	1010	860
Central Mtns, Manti	12000	9,500	9,900	11,700	475	1040
Central Mtns, Nebo	1450	1,850	1,700	2,400	370	670
Chalk Creek	3200	3,400	4,400	4,000	850	850
East Canyon	1800	2,800	3,000	2,900	860	860
Fillmore	1600	1,400	1,350	1,400	160	220
Kamas	850	725	1,050	1,100	275	600
La Sal	2500	2,700	2,100	1,900	820	820
Monroe	1,000-1,400	1,150	1,100	1,100	20	10
Morgan-South Rich	3800	6,900	6,700	6,760	800	810
Mt Dutton	1,500-2,000	1,250	1,400	1,370	110	80
Nine Mile, Anthro	700	1,100	1,100	1,200	750	950
Nine Mile, Range Creek	1800	2,100	2,100	2,200	180	230
North Slope, Summit	300	300	750	750	175	225
North Slope, Three Corners	700	550	600	650	-	-
North Slope, West Daggett	1300	620	1,300	1,200	125	175
Ogden	2000	1,750	2,200	1,950	360	250
Oquirrh-Stansbury	1650	700	800	1,100	-	60
Panguitch Lake	1100	1,450	840	985	90	75
Paunsaugunt	140	200	200	340	165	135
Pine Valley	50	50	50	50	30	30
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	1,200-1,700	1,150	1,200	1,250	50	49
Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	5,000-5,900	5,100	5,450	4,500	470	220
San Juan	1300	1,450	1,400	1,300	300	300
South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond ...	3000	4,000	3,800	3,200	1300	1500
South Slope, Yellowstone	5000	7,400	7,400	7,400	2600	2625
Southwest Desert	975	975	975	975	95	155
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	1800	1,900	2,600	2,600	3525	4775
Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek	3200	3,000	4,000	4,300	All 3 Wasatch Mtns units included above	
Wasatch Mtns, West	3400	3,400	3,500	3,500		
West Desert	350	200	200	200	125	200
Zion	300	800	800	630	430	485
Grand total		80,270	84,365	82,960	17,108	19,857

*Includes Private-Lands-Only permits.



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EA1222	Beaver, East	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 20 2023 - Dec 09 2023		4	1	5	27	3	30
EA1223	Beaver, East	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 16 2023 - Dec 30 2023		4	1	5	27	3	30
EA1224	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands,	117	13	130	117	13	130
EA1225	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 20 2023 - Dec 17 2023	Excludes Tribe Lands,	147	16	163	147	16	163
EA1004	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands,No Vehicle Access,	27	3	30	-	-	-
EA1007	Box Elder, Grouse Creek	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023		4	1	5	-	-	-
EA1008	Box Elder, Grouse Creek	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 21 2023 - Oct 29 2023		4	1	5	-	-	-
EA1203	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Aug 18 2023		4	1	5	4	1	5
EA1204	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Nov 01 2023		4	1	5	4	1	5
EA1009	Cache, East	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023		436	49	485	360	40	400
EA1010	Cache, Rich	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023		63	7	70	45	5	50
EA1193	Cache, Rich	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Jan 15 2024		63	7	70	45	5	50
EA1011	Cache, Richards Hollow	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Jan 15 2024		40	5	45	36	4	40
EA1012	Cache, Richmond Hyde Park	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Aug 18 2023	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	9	1	10	4	1	5
EA1194	Cache, Richmond Hyde Park	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Dec 08 2023	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	9	1	10	4	1	5
EA1205	Cache, Richmond Hyde Park	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	9	1	10	4	1	5
EA1206	Cache, Richmond Hyde Park	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 09 2023 - Jan 15 2024	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	9	1	10	4	1	5
EA1013	Central Mtns, Central Manti	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023		13	2	15	36	4	40
EA1015	Central Mtns, Ferron Canyon	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023		9	1	10	45	5	50
EA1017	Central Mtns, Gordon Creek-Price Canyon	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 21 2023 - Jan 31 2024		9	1	10	36	4	40
EA1018	Central Mtns, Horn Mtn	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 21 2023 - Dec 31 2023		4	1	5	36	4	40
EA1020	Central Mtns, Mohrland-Stump Flat	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 21 2023 - Jan 31 2024		9	1	10	72	8	80
EA1207	Central Mtns, Moroni Hills	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Aug 19 2023	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	18	2	20	18	2	20
EA1226	Central Mtns, Moroni Hills	Any Legal Weapon	Sept 16 2023 - Oct 06 2023	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	9	1	10	18	2	20
EA1021	Central Mtns, Nebo	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023		81	9	90	162	18	180
EA1208	Central Mtns, Nebo	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 18 2023 - Jan 30 2024	Limited Vehicle Access,	90	10	100	180	20	200
EA1022	Central Mtns, North Manti	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023		112	13	125	225	25	250
EA1023	Central Mtns, South Manti	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023		9	1	10	63	7	70
EA1024	Central Mtns, South Manti	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 21 2023 - Dec 31 2023		18	2	20	108	12	120
EA1025	Central Mtns, West Manti	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 21 2023 - Jan 31 2024		63	7	70	90	10	100
EA1026	Chalk Creek	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Primarily Private Land,	315	35	350	315	35	350
EA1236	East Canyon	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 02 2023 - Jan 14 2024	Limited Access,Primarily Private Land,	324	36	360	324	36	360
Grand total					2,036	232	2,268	2,556	287	2,843



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EA1227	Fillmore, Kanosh Valley	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 02 2023 - Jan 30 2024	Hunters should have permission before applying,Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit,Low Succ...	9	1	10	9	1	10
EA1209	Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 18 2023 - Jan 30 2024	Limited Vehicle Access,	45	5	50	45	5	50
EA1030	Fillmore, Pahvant	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 20 2023 - Dec 09 2023		45	5	50	27	3	30
EA1031	Fillmore, Pahvant	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 16 2023 - Jan 31 2024		45	5	50	27	3	30
EA1033	Kamas	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Jan 31 2024		112	13	125	112	13	125
EA2033	Kamas	Archery	Aug 19 2023 - Sept 20 2023		-	-	-	225	25	250
EA1034	Kamas, Francis	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Jan 30 2024		22	3	25	-	-	-
EA1035	Kamas, Oakley	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Jan 31 2024		112	13	125	112	13	125
EA1037	La Sal, Dolores Triangle	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 14 2023 - Jan 31 2024		45	5	50	45	5	50
EA1038	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023		270	30	300	270	30	300
EA1039	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 21 2023 - Dec 31 2023		225	25	250	225	25	250
EA1237	La Sal, La Sal Mtns-North	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 21 2023 - Dec 31 2023	Excludes CWMUs,	135	15	150	135	15	150
EA1040	Monroe, Koosharem Valley	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit,Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	9	1	10	9	1	10
EA1238	Monroe, Rock Springs	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit,Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt	9	1	10	-	-	-
EA1228	Morgan-South Rich	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 02 2023 - Dec 22 2023	Limited Access,Primarily Private Land,	90	10	100	90	10	100
EA1229	Morgan-South Rich	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 23 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Limited Access,Primarily Private Land,	135	15	150	157	18	175
EA1044	Morgan-South Rich, South Rich	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 02 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Limited Access,Primarily Private Land,	45	5	50	31	4	35
EA1049	Mt Dutton, Deep Creek	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 02 2023 - Dec 17 2023	Limited Access,Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt	27	3	30	27	3	30
EA1186	Mt Dutton/Plateau	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 25 2023 - Dec 30 2023		27	3	30	-	-	-
EA2034	Nine Mile, Anthro	Archery	Aug 19 2023 - Sept 20 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands,	-	-	-	180	20	200
EA1052	Nine Mile, Avintaquin-West Anthro	Any Legal Weapon	Jan 13 2024 - Jan 31 2024	Excludes Tribal Lands,	225	25	250	225	25	250
EA1239	Nine Mile, Range Creek	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023	Limited Access,Primarily Private Land,	36	4	40	27	3	30
EA1240	Nine Mile, Range Creek	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 21 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Limited Access,Primarily Private Land,	54	6	60	90	10	100
EA1054	Nine Mile, West Anthro	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 16 2023 - Dec 31 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands,	225	25	250	225	25	250
EA1056	North Slope, Greendale	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 18 2023 - Nov 29 2023	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	4	1	5	4	1	5
EA1058	North Slope, Henrys Fork-Burnt Fork	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Jan 31 2024		90	10	100	135	15	150
EA1196	North Slope, Summit	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023	Low Success Hunt,	67	8	75	67	8	75
EA1060	North Slope, West Daggett	Muzzleloader	Nov 01 2023 - Nov 09 2023	Muzzleloader Only,	18	2	20	18	2	20
EA1061	North Slope, West Daggett	Muzzleloader	Sept 27 2023 - Oct 05 2023	Muzzleloader Only,	18	2	20	18	2	20
EA1250	North Slope, West Daggett	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 20 2023		27	3	30	27	3	30
Grand total					2,171	244	2,415	2,562	288	2,850



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EA1063	Ogden	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023		27	3	30	67	8	75
EA1064	Ogden	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Dec 01 2023		27	3	30	67	8	75
EA2035	Ogden	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 02 2023 - Dec 24 2023		-	-	-	90	10	100
EA2036	Oquirrh-Stansbury, East	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Jan 31 2024	New Hunt,	-	-	-	54	6	60
EA1069	Panguitch Lake	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 25 2023 - Dec 03 2023	Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt	13	2	15	22	3	25
EA1073	Paunsaugunt	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 25 2023 - Dec 30 2023	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit, Low Success Hunt,Very Low Elk Numbers	45	5	50	18	2	20
EA1187	Paunsaugunt, Hatch Bench	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 02 2023 - Jan 30 2024	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit, Low Success Hunt,Very Low Elk Numbers	13	2	15	13	2	15
EA1074	Pine Valley	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 30 2023	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit,Low Success Hunt,Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success H...	9	1	10	4	1	5
EA1254	Pine Valley	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Jan 10 2024	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit,Low Success Hunt,Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success H...	18	2	20	22	3	25
EA1075	Plateau, Boulder East	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 21 2023 - Dec 31 2023	Limited Vehicle Access,	13	2	15	13	1	14
EA1076	Plateau, Boulder West	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 21 2023 - Dec 31 2023	Limited Vehicle Access,	13	2	15	13	2	15
EA1077	Plateau, Boulder-Circle Cliffs	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Jan 30 2024	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit,Limited Vehicle Access,Low Success Hunt,	18	2	20	18	2	20
EA1078	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023		234	26	260	126	14	140
EA1079	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes East	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 21 2023 - Dec 31 2023		117	13	130	45	5	50
EA1080	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes West	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 21 2023 - Dec 31 2023		72	8	80	27	3	30
EA1081	San Juan	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023		112	13	125	112	13	125
EA1082	San Juan	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 21 2023 - Dec 31 2023		112	13	125	112	13	125
EA1084	San Rafael, North	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Jan 29 2024	Low Success Hunt,Very Difficult Hunt,Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt,Very Low ...	4	1	5	4	1	5
EA1085	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	Archery	Aug 19 2023 - Sept 20 2023	Excludes Tribe Lands, Archery Only	90	10	100	90	10	100
EA1087	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 20 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands,	90	10	100	90	10	100
EA1242	South Slope, Buckskin Hills-Jensen	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 02 2023 - Dec 31 2023		90	10	100	90	10	100
EA1243	South Slope, Buckskin Hills-Jensen	Any Legal Weapon	Jan 01 2024 - Jan 31 2024		90	10	100	90	10	100
EA1089	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 01 2023 - Nov 09 2023		45	5	50	45	5	50
EA1090	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 14 2023 - Nov 22 2023		45	5	50	45	5	50
EA1091	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 28 2023 - Dec 06 2023		45	5	50	45	5	50
EA1094	South Slope, Mosby Mtn	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Jan 07 2024	Excludes Tribe Lands,	90	10	100	90	10	100
EA1098	South Slope, Yellowstone	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 18 2023 - Nov 26 2023	Excludes Tribe Lands,	67	8	75	67	8	75
EA1099	South Slope, Yellowstone	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 09 2023 - Dec 31 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands,	67	8	75	67	8	75
EA1100	South Slope, Yellowstone	Any Legal Weapon	Jan 13 2024 - Jan 31 2024	Excludes Tribe Lands,	67	8	75	67	8	75
EA1244	South Slope, Yellowstone	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 20 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands,Low Success Hunt,	270	30	300	135	15	150
EA1245	South Slope, Yellowstone	Muzzleloader	Nov 01 2023 - Nov 09 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands,Low Success Hunt,Muzzleloader Only,	67	8	75	45	5	50
EA2037	South Slope, Yellowstone	Archery	Aug 19 2023 - Sept 20 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands,New Hunt,	-	-	-	180	20	200
EA1101	Southwest Desert	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 20 2023 - Jan 10 2024	Public Land,	45	5	50	99	11	110
EA1251	Southwest Desert, Burbank/Garrison	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Aug 17 2023	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit,	18	2	20	18	2	20
EA1252	Southwest Desert, Burbank/Garrison	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 30 2023	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit,	18	2	20	18	2	20
EA1253	Southwest Desert, Desert Experimental Range	Any Legal Weapon	Sept 15 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit,Limited Access,	4	1	5	4	1	5
Grand total					2,055	235	2,290	2,112	242	2,354



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EA2038	Wasatch Mtns	Archery	Aug 19 2023 - Sept 08 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands,	-	-	-	1,080	120	1,200
EA1217	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands,	135	15	150	135	15	150
EA1110	Wasatch Mtns, Salt Lake	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 18 2023 - Jan 30 2024	Limited Vehicle Access,Primarily Public Land,	36	4	40	40	5	45
EA1111	Wasatch Mtns, Wallsburg	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 18 2023 - Dec 17 2023	Primarily Public Land,	27	3	30	31	4	35
EA1112	Wasatch Mtns, Wallsburg	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 20 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Limited Vehicle Access,Primarily Public Land,	45	5	50	49	6	55
EA1113	Wasatch Mtns, West Heber	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 18 2023 - Jan 30 2024	Hunters should have permission before applying,Limited Access,	22	3	25	27	3	30
EA1114	Wasatch Mtns, West Timpanogos	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 18 2023 - Jan 30 2024	No Vehicle Access,Primarily Public Land,	27	3	30	31	4	35
EA1189	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	Muzzleloader	Nov 02 2023 - Nov 10 2023	Muzzleloader Only,	360	40	400	382	43	425
EA1231	West Desert, Tintic Valley	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	45	5	50	90	10	100
EA1116	Zion	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 30 2023	Hunters should have permission before applying,Low Success Hunt,Primarily Private Land,	36	4	40	22	3	25
EA1117	Zion	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Jan 10 2024	Hunters should have permission before applying,Low Success Hunt,Primarily Private Land,	144	16	160	180	20	200
Grand total					877	98	975	2,067	233	2,300



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Private Lands Only Antlerless Elk Hunts

Hunt #	Hunt Name	Weapon	2023 Season Dates	Public Advisories	2022 Permits	2023 Permits
EA2021	Beaver, East	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying,	30	30
EA2026	Box Elder, Hansel Mtn	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Primarily Private Land,	200	200
EA2027	Cache	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying,	300	300
EA2011	Central Mtns, Manti	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying,	200	250
EA2016	Central Mtns, Nebo	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying,	150	250
EA2004	Chalk Creek	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	No Public Land, Private Lands Only	500	500
EA2003	East Canyon	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Hunters should have permission before applying, Private Lands Only	500	500
EA2039	Fillmore, Pahvant	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	No Public Land,	-	100
EA2040	Kamas	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024		-	100
EA2009	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying, Excludes CWMUs, DWR may be conducting aerial surveys...	70	70
EA2002	Morgan-South Rich	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Hunters should have permission before applying, Private Lands Only	500	500
EA2017	Mt Dutton	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Hunters should have permission before applying,	50	50
EA2008	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Excludes Tribal Lands,	250	250
EA2029	Nine Mile, Range Creek	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying,	80	100
EA2005	North Slope, West Daggett	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	No Public Land,	50	100
EA2001	Ogden	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying, Unit may be surveyed aerially during this hunt	300	-
EA2018	Panguitch Lake	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Hunters should have permission before applying,	75	50
EA2015	Paunsaugunt	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Hunters should have permission before applying,	100	100
EA2010	San Juan	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying, Excludes CWMUs, DWR may be conducting aerial surveys...	50	50
EA2028	South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Excludes Tribe Lands, No Public Land,	450	450
EA2030	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Hunters should have permission before applying,	200	400
EA2006	South Slope, Yellowstone	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Excludes Tribe Lands, No Public Land, Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying,	2,000	2,000
EA2014	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin-White River	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Excludes Tribe Lands, Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying,	400	400
EA2013	Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Excludes Tribe Lands, No Public Land,	2,000	2,000
EA2012	Wasatch Mtns, West	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Hunters should have permission before applying,	400	400
EA2019	West Desert, Tintic Valley	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	Low Success Hunt, Very Low Elk Numbers,	75	100
EA2020	Zion	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Jan 31 2024	No Public Land, Please obtain written permission before purchasing this permit.	230	260
Grand total					9,160	9,510



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Antlerless Elk Control Units

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Chalk Creek

East Canyon

Henry Mtns

Morgan-South Rich

Ogden

Pine Valley

West Desert, Tintic

West Desert, Vernon

Zion



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Doe Pronghorn Hunts

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Hunt #...	Hunt Name ⓘ ▲	Weapon	2023 Season Dates	Public Advisories	Res	Non Res	Total	Res	Non Res	Total
PD1012	Box Elder, Promontory	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023	Primarily Private Land,	18	2	20	9	1	10
PD1000	Box Elder, Snowville	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 11 2023 - Dec 10 2023		27	3	30	18	2	20
PD1017	Box Elder, West	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023		18	2	20	9	1	10
PD1002	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023		4	1	5	-	-	-
PD1003	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	Any Legal Weapon	Dec 09 2023 - Dec 30 2023		4	1	5	-	-	-
PD1033	Central Mtns, Poison Springs Bench	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023		13	2	15	13	2	15
PD1034	Fillmore, Oak Creek South	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Aug 13 2023		27	3	30	22	3	25
PD1035	Fillmore, Oak Creek South	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 04 2023 - Dec 02 2023		27	3	30	22	3	25
PD1043	Nine Mile, Anthro-Pleasant Valley	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Aug 18 2023	Limited Access,Primarily Private Land,	63	7	70	9	1	10
PD1005	North Slope, Summit	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 29 2023		4	1	5	4	1	5
PD1037	North Slope, Three Corners	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 21 2023 - Oct 29 2023		4	1	5	4	1	5
PD1038	North Slope, West Daggett	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 21 2023 - Oct 29 2023		4	1	5	4	1	5
PD1007	San Rafael, North-Cleveland	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying, Hunt doe pronghorn on agricultural lands.	4	1	5	-	-	-
PD1030	San Rafael, North-Cleveland	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 05 2023 - Aug 17 2023	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying, Hunt doe pronghorn on agricultural lands.	4	1	5	-	-	-
PD1044	South Slope, Vernal-Ouray Valley	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 07 2023 - Oct 19 2023	Excludes Tribal Lands,Hunters should have permission before applying,Primarily Private Land, Two Doe Permit	9	1	10	22	3	25
PD1008	Southwest Desert, Milford Flat	Any Legal Weapon	Aug 01 2023 - Aug 17 2023	Primarily Private Land,	16	2	18	-	-	-
Grand total					246	32	278	136	19	155



2023 ANTLERLESS MOOSE HUNT RECOMMENDATIONS

Antlerless Moose Hunts

2022 Permits

2023 Permits

Hunt #	Hunt Name ^	Weapon	2023 Season Dates	public_advisories	Res	Non Res	2022 Total	Res	Non Res	2023 Total
MA1000	East Canyon, Davis-North Salt Lake	Any Legal Weapon	Sept 23 2023 - Oct 22 2023		3	0	3	2	0	2
MA1005	Morgan-South Rich	Any Legal Weapon	Sept 23 2023 - Oct 22 2023	Limited Access,Primarily Private Land,	4	1	5	2	0	2
MA1006	Wasatch Mtns, West	Any Legal Weapon	Sept 23 2023 - Oct 22 2023	Boundary Change,	9	1	10	4	1	5
Grand total					16	2	18	8	1	9



2023 EWE ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP HUNT RECOMMENDATIONS

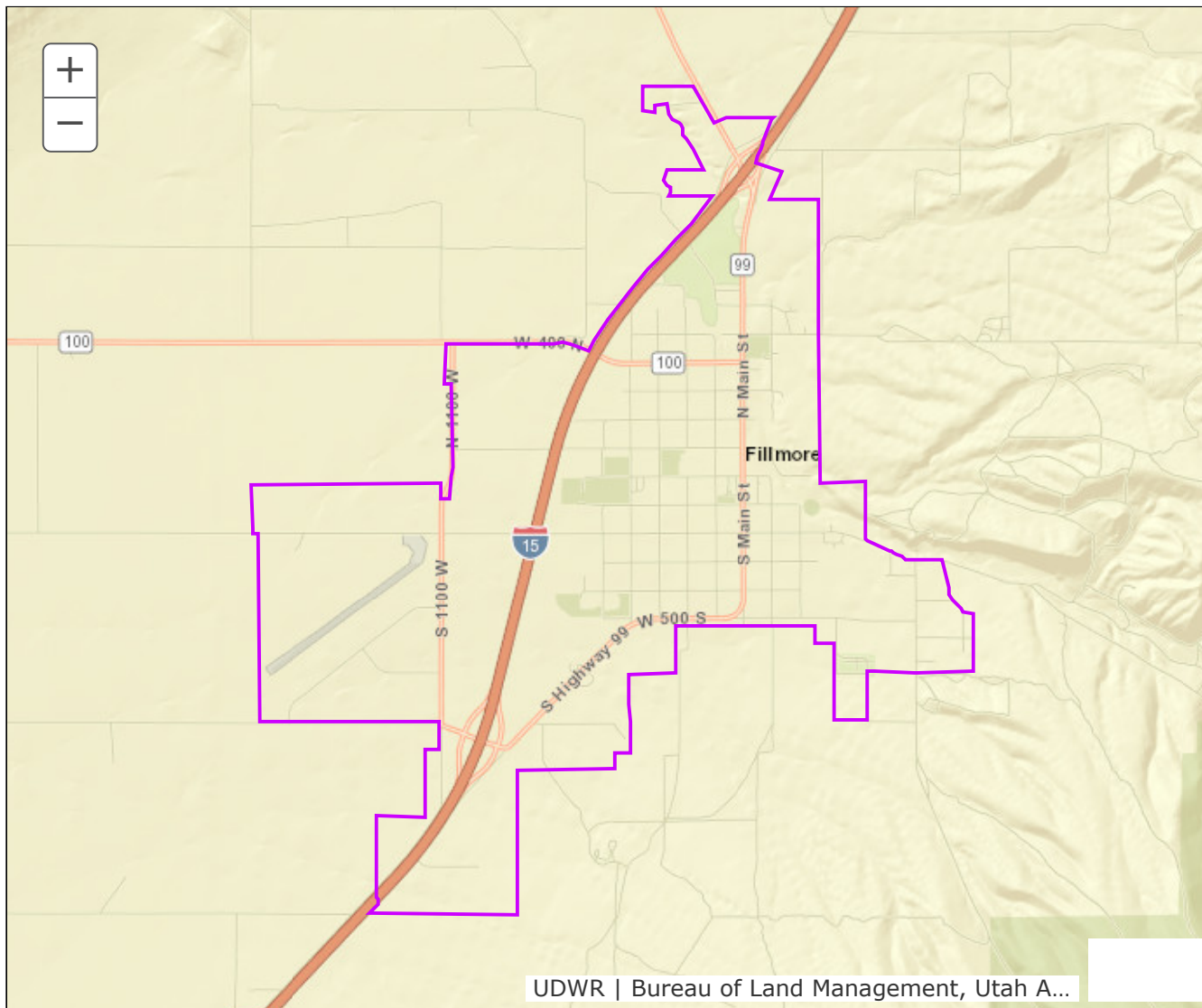
Ewe Bighorn Sheep

Hunt #	Hunt Name ^	Weapon	2023 Season Dates	2022 Permits			2023 Permits		
				Res	Non Res	Total	Res	Non Res	Total
RE1000	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn	Any Legal Weapon	Sept 09 2023 - Sept 17 2023	4	1	5	4	1	5
Grand total				4	1	5	4	1	5

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT Fillmore, Fillmore City

SPECIES Deer

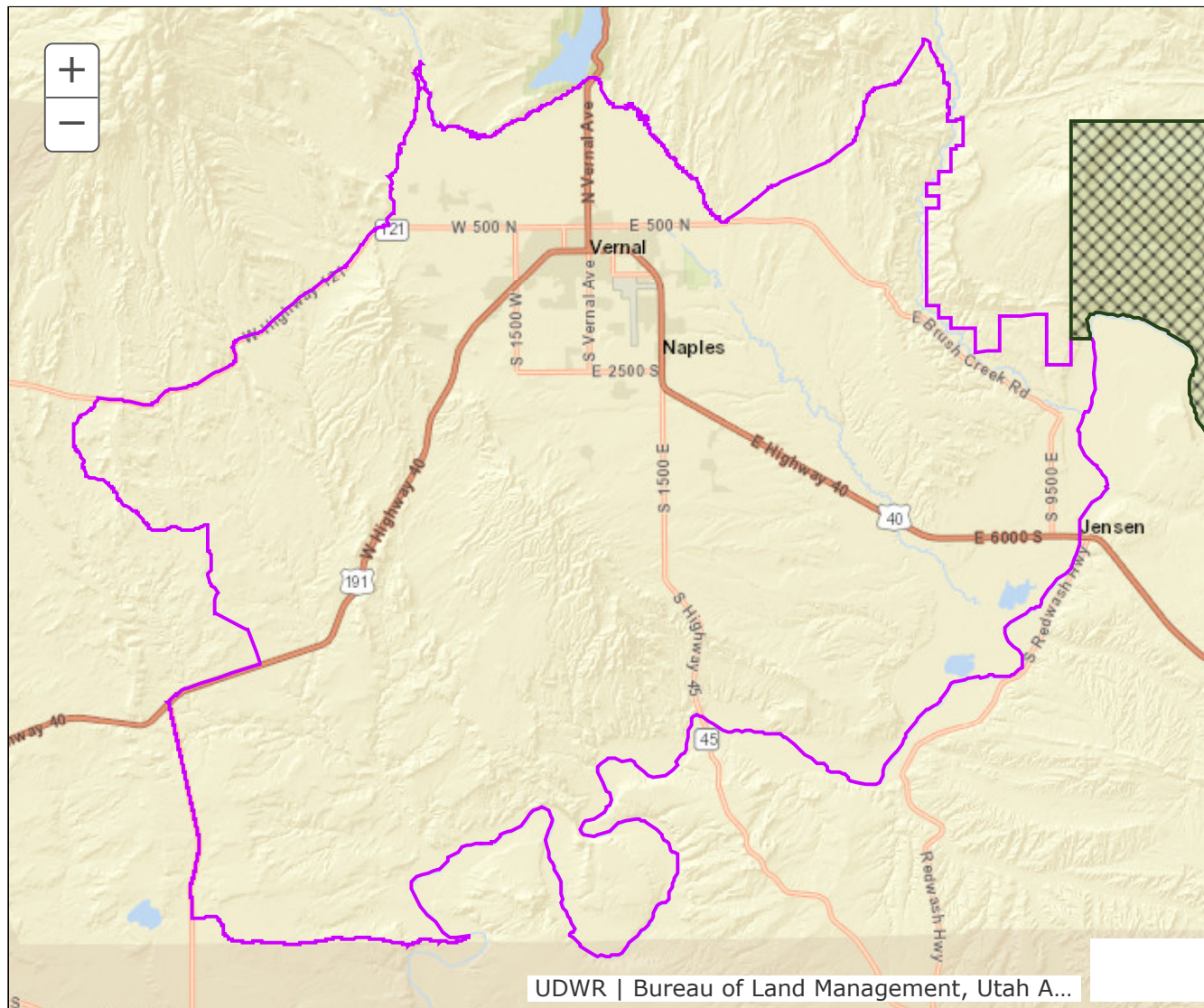


Updated Boundary: Boundary is Fillmore City limits

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT South Slope, Ashley Valley

SPECIES Deer



Updated Boundary: Boundary begins at the Diamond Mountain road and the Brush Creek road; south along the Brush Creek road to the Island Park road; east along this road to the BLM boundary; southeast along this boundary to the Dinosaur National Monument boundary; east along this boundary to Green River; southwest along this river to the Hammaker Bottom road; west along this road to state SR-88; north along this road to SR-191; east along this road to the 12 Mile road; north along this road to SR-121; northeast along this road to the High Line Canal in Vernal; north on this canal to Ashley Creek; east along this creek to the Rock Point canal; east along this canal to the Diamond Mountain road, northeast on this road to the Brush Creek road.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

FROM: Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

DATE: March 28, 2023

SUBJECT: **2023 Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) permit recommendations**

The following is a summary of the 2023 CWMU recommendations for antlerless permits/vouchers. There are three types of applications the DWR receives for CWMUs: new, renewal, and change applications.

- The DWR received antlerless CWMU applications for 2023 and recommends to approve all of them.
 - 8 renewal applications
 - 3 change applications
- The following table summarizes the permits we are recommending be approved by the Wildlife Board for 2023:

Species	Private	Public
Antlerless elk	9	138
Doe pronghorn	10	15
Totals	19	153

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CRO	Heaston East	Elk	Antlerless	2021	2	8	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	63965	0	18	Salt Lake
CRO	Little Pole Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	2022	6	9	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	11999.7	0	17A	Wasatch
CRO	Mountain Sky Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2022	0	5	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	10213	0	16A	Utah
CRO	Three C	Elk	Antlerless	2021	8	12	08/01 - 01/31	40:60	14676	0	17A	Wasatch
CRO	Wallsburg	Elk	Antlerless	2021	2	8	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	11278	0	17A	Wasatch
NERO	Avintaquin Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	2021	4	4	08/01 - 01/31	50:50	9477	0	17C	Duchesne
NERO	Little Red Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2021	5	15	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	18100	0	17B	Wasatch
NERO	Moon Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	6	09/01 - 10/31	0:100	13000	0	17B	Duchesne
NERO	Sand Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2021	1	5	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	10200	0	17B	Duchesne
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NRO	Bear Springs	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	2	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	14122	0	3	Weber
NRO	Causey Spring	Elk	Antlerless	2022	0	5	08/01 - 1/31	0:100	8725	537	4	Weber
NRO	Chimney Rock	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	12	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	38828	0	4	Morgan
NRO	Coldwater Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	20	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	33667	0	3	Cache
NRO	Cotton Thomas	Elk	Antlerless	2022	0	5	08/01 - 1/31	0:100	13705	0	1	Box Elder
NRO	Deseret	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	310	08/01-01/31	0:100	225228	15359	4	Rich
NRO	Double Cone	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	5	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	5329	4365	1	Box Elder
NRO	Durst Mountain	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	25	08/01 - 10/31	0:100	26358	0	4	Morgan
NRO	East Fork Chalk Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	30	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	15260	0	6	Summit
NRO	Ensign Ranches	Elk	Antlerless	2021	20	60	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	82246	0	6	Summit
NRO	Folley Ridge	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	18260	0	4	Morgan
NRO	George Creek	Deer	Antlerless	2022	0	5	08/01 - 12/31	0:100	11879	783	1	Box Elder
NRO	Grass Valley/Clark Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	50	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	56045	0	6	Summit
NRO	Guildersleeve	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	8000	0	4	Morgan
NRO	Hardscrabble	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	10	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	17623	0	5	Morgan
NRO	Jacob's Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	13850	0	5	Morgan
NRO	Powder Mountain	Elk	Antlerless	2021	1	1	08/01 - 01/31	50:50	11582	0	3	Weber
NRO	Riverview Ranch LLC	Elk	Antlerless	2022	3	7	08/01-01/31	40:60	19817	13895	1	Box Elder
NRO	Royal Ivory Outfitters	Elk	Antlerless	2023	5	15	09/01 - 10/31	25:75	10555	0	8	Summit
NRO	SJ Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	6	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	6476	0	2	Cache
NRO	Sharp Mountain	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	10	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	17650	0	3	Cache
NRO	Skull Crack	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	15	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	27961	0	4	Weber
NRO	South Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	10	09/01 - 10/31	0:100	16260	480	3	Cache
NRO	Strawberry Ridge	Elk	Antlerless	2022	0	10	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	23572	0	2	Rich
NRO	Tunnel Hollow	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	5	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	10237	0	5	Morgan
NRO	Two Bear	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	60	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	35336	0	6	Summit
NRO	Weber Florence Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	50	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	36915	0	6	Summit
NRO	Woodruff Creek South	Elk	Antlerless	2022	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	11971	0	4	Rich
NRO	RLF Deep Creek	Pronghorn	Doe	2021	1	2	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	11129	0	1	Box Elder
SERO	Hiawatha	Elk	Antlerless	2021	4	12	8/1 - 1/31	40:60	16129	0	16B	Carbon
SERO	Indian Head	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	22744	1130	17C	Carbon
SERO	J.B. Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2022	14	21	08/01 - 10/31	40:60	9162	0	13A	Grand
SERO	Jump Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2021	6	9	08/01 - 01/31	40:60	7255	0	16B	Carbon
SERO	Minnie Maud Ridge	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	15940	0	11B	Carbon
SERO	Preston Nutter Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	5	09/01 - 10/31	0:100	26851	0	11B	Carbon
SERO	Redd Ranches	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	35	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	18926.91	0	13A	San Juan
SERO	Roan Cliffs	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	4	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	10045	480	11B	Carbon
SERO	Scofield Canyons	Elk	Antlerless	2021	3	9	8/1 - 1/31	25:75	12310	40	16B	Utah
SERO	Scofield East	Elk	Antlerless	2021	3	9	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	10124	0	16B	Carbon
SERO	Scofield West	Elk	Antlerless	2021	10	30	08/01 - 01/31	40:60	11565	0	16B	Carbon
SERO	Soldier Summit	Elk	Antlerless	2021	3	9	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	22218	0	16B	Utah
SERO	Spring Creek/Dodge	Elk	Antlerless	2021	5	15	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	83689.5	0	14A	San Juan
SRO	Alton	Elk	Antlerless	2021	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	34212	1860	27	Kane
SRO	Bar J Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2021	8	12	08/01 - 01/31	40:60	5970	330	25A	Sevier
SRO	Boobe Hole	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	10	09/01 - 11/20	0:100	12000	0	25A	Sevier
SRO	Grazing Pasture	Elk	Antlerless	2022	6	9	08/1 - 01/31	40:60	6700	0	25A	Sevier
SRO	Johnson Mountain Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2022	0	20	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	13200	91	25A	Sevier
SRO	Mt. Carmel	Deer	Antlerless	2021	0	5	08/01 - 12/31	0:100	14882	460	29	Kane
SRO	Old Woman Plateau	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	4	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	6840	1280	16B	Sevier
SRO	Pahvant Ensign	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	6	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	38417	0	21B	Millard
SRO	Pahvant Ensign	Pronghorn	Doe	2023	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	38417	0	21B	Millard
SRO	Zane	Pronghorn	Doe	2021	2	3	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	9635	0	20	Iron

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NRO	Hardscrabble	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	10	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	Renewal	17623	0	5	Morgan
NRO	Jacob's Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	Renewal	13850	0	5	Morgan
NRO	Royal Ivory Outfitters	Elk	Antlerless	2023	5	15	09/01 - 10/31	25:75	Renewal	10555	0	8	Summit
SERO	Minnie Maud Ridge	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	Renewal	15940	0	11B	Carbon
SERO	Redd Ranches	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	35	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	Renewal	18926.91	0	13A	San Juan
SRO	Pahvant Ensign	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	6	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	Renewal	38417	0	21B	Millard
NERO	Cottonwood Ridge	Pronghorn	Doe	2023	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	8331	0	11A	Duchesne
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SRO	Alton	Elk	Antlerless	4	-2	6	-3	8/1-1/31	40:60	Change	27	Kane
SRO	Heist	Pronghorn	Doe	0	-4	0	-6	9/1-10/31	40:60	Change	20	Iron
SRO	Zane	Pronghorn	Doe	2	-2	3	-3	9/1-10/31	40:60	Change	20	Iron

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CRO	Heaston East	Elk	Antlerless	2021	2	8	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	83965	0	18	Salt Lake
CRO	Little Pole Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	2022	6	9	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	11999.7	0	17A	Wasatch
CRO	Mountain Sky Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2022	0	5	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	10213	0	16A	Utah
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NERO	Moon Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	6	09/01 - 10/31	0:100	13000	0	17B	Duchesne
NERO	Sand Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2021	1	5	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	10200	0	17B	Duchesne
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NRO	Guidersleeve	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	8000	0	4	Morgan
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NERO	Cottonwood Ridge	Pronghorn	Doe	2023	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	8331	0	11A	Duchesne
NRO	RLF Deep Creek	Pronghorn	Doe	2021	1	2	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	11129	0	1	Box Elder
NRO	TL Bar Ranch	Pronghorn	Doe	2023	0	0	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	4540	640	1	Box Elder
SRO	Heist	Pronghorn	Doe	2022	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	9520	0	20	Iron
SRO	Pahvant Ensign	Pronghorn	Doe	2023	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	38417	0	21B	Millard
SRO	Zane	Pronghorn	Doe	2021	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	9635	0	20	Iron

Region	CWMU	Species	Sex	First Year	Rec Private	Rec Public	Rec Hunt Date	Rec Ratio	COR Type	Acres Private	Acres Public	Unit	County
NRO	Grass Valley/Clark Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	50	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	Renewal	56045	0	6	Summit
NRO	Hardscrabble	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	10	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	Renewal	17623	0	5	Morgan
NRO	Jacob's Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	Renewal	13850	0	5	Morgan
NRO	Royal Ivory Outfitters	Elk	Antlerless	2023	5	15	09/01 - 10/31	25:75	Renewal	10555	0	8	Summit
SERO	Minnie Maud Ridge	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	Renewal	15940	0	11B	Carbon
SERO	Redd Ranches	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	35	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	Renewal	16926.91	0	13A	San Juan
SRO	Pahvant Ensign	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	6	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	Renewal	38417	0	21B	Millard
NERO	Cottonwood Ridge	Pronghorn	Doe	2023	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	8331	0	11A	Duchesne
SRO	Pahvant Ensign	Pronghorn	Doe	2023	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	Renewal	38417	0	21B	Millard

Region	CWMU	Species	Sex	Rec Private	Change	Rec Public	Change	Rec Hunt Date	Rec Ratio	COR Type	Unit	County
SRO	Alton	Elk	Antlerless	4	-2	6	-3	8/1-1/31	40:60	Change	27	Kane
SRO	Heist	Pronghorn	Doe	0	-4	0	-6	9/1-10/31	40:60	Change	20	Iron
SRO	Zane	Pronghorn	Doe	2	-2	3	-3	9/1-10/31	40:60	Change	20	Iron

Region	CWMU	Species	Sex	First Year	Rec Private	Rec Public	Rec Hunt Date	Rec Ratio	Acres Private	Acres Public	Unit	County
NRO	Junction Valley	Deer	2 Doe	2022	0	20	08/01 - 12/31	0:100	33362	350	1	Box Elder
NRO	George Creek	Deer	Antlerless	2022	0	5	08/01 - 12/31	0:100	11879	783	1	Box Elder
SRO	Mt. Carmel	Deer	Antlerless	2021	0	5	08/01 - 12/31	0:100	14882	460	29	Kane

Region	CWMU	Species	Sex	First Year	Rec Private	Rec Public	Rec Hunt Date	Rec Ratio	Acres Private	Acres Public	Unit	County
CRO	Bear Mountain	Elk	Antlerless	2021	5	15	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	8900	0	16B	Sanpete
CRO	Heaston East	Elk	Antlerless	2021	2	8	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	83965	0	18	Salt Lake
CRO	Little Pole Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	2022	6	9	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	11999.7	0	17A	Wasatch
CRO	Mountain Sky Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2022	0	5	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	10213	0	16A	Utah
CRO	Three C	Elk	Antlerless	2021	8	12	08/01 - 01/31	40:60	14676	0	17A	Wasatch
CRO	Wallsburg	Elk	Antlerless	2021	2	8	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	11278	0	17A	Wasatch
NERO	Avintaquin Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	2021	4	4	08/01 - 01/31	50:50	9477	0	17C	Duchesne
NERO	Little Red Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2021	5	15	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	18100	0	17B	Wasatch
NERO	Moon Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	6	09/01 - 10/31	0:100	13000	0	17B	Duchesne
NERO	Sand Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2021	1	5	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	10200	0	17B	Duchesne
NRO	5S	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	5	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	12028	0	5	Morgan
NRO	Bear Springs	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	2	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	14122	0	3	Weber
NRO	Causey Spring	Elk	Antlerless	2022	0	5	08/01 - 1/31	0:100	8725	537	4	Weber
NRO	Chimney Rock	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	12	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	38828	0	4	Morgan
NRO	Coldwater Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	20	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	33667	0	3	Cache
NRO	Cotton Thomas	Elk	Antlerless	2022	0	5	08/01 - 1/31	0:100	13705	0	1	Box Elder
NRO	Deseret	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	310	08/01-01/31	0:100	225228	15359	4	Rich
NRO	Double Cone	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	5	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	5329	4365	1	Box Elder
NRO	Durst Mountain	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	25	08/01 - 10/31	0:100	26358	0	4	Morgan
NRO	East Fork Chalk Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	30	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	15260	0	6	Summit
NRO	Ensign Ranches	Elk	Antlerless	2021	20	60	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	82246	0	6	Summit
NRO	Folley Ridge	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	18260	0	4	Morgan
NRO	Grass Valley/Clark Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	50	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	56045	0	6	Summit
NRO	Guidersleeve	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	8000	0	4	Morgan
NRO	Hardscrabble	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	10	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	17623	0	5	Morgan
NRO	Jacob's Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	13850	0	5	Morgan
NRO	Powder Mountain	Elk	Antlerless	2021	1	1	08/01 - 01/31	50:50	11582	0	3	Weber
NRO	Riverview Ranch LLC	Elk	Antlerless	2022	3	7	08/01-01/31	40:60	19817	13895	1	Box Elder
NRO	Royal Ivory Outfitters	Elk	Antlerless	2023	5	15	09/01 - 10/31	25:75	10555	0	8	Summit
NRO	SJ Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	6	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	6476	0	2	Cache
NRO	Sharp Mountain	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	10	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	17650	0	3	Cache
NRO	Skull Crack	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	15	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	27961	0	4	Weber
NRO	South Canyon	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	10	09/01 - 10/31	0:100	16260	480	3	Cache
NRO	Strawberry Ridge	Elk	Antlerless	2022	0	10	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	23572	0	2	Rich
NRO	Tunnel Hollow	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	5	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	10237	0	5	Morgan
NRO	Two Bear	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	60	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	35336	0	6	Summit
NRO	Weber Florence Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	50	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	36915	0	6	Summit
NRO	Woodruff Creek South	Elk	Antlerless	2022	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	11971	0	4	Rich
SERO	Hiawatha	Elk	Antlerless	2021	4	12	8/1 - 1/31	40:60	16129	0	16B	Carbon
SERO	Indian Head	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	22744	1130	17C	Carbon
SERO	J.B. Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2022	14	21	08/01 - 10/31	40:60	9162	0	13A	Grand
SERO	Jump Creek	Elk	Antlerless	2021	6	9	08/01 - 01/31	40:60	7255	0	16B	Carbon
SERO	Minnie Maud Ridge	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	8	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	15940	0	11B	Carbon
SERO	Preston Nutter Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	5	09/01 - 10/31	0:100	26851	0	11B	Carbon
SERO	Redd Ranches	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	35	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	18926.91	0	13A	San Juan
SERO	Roan Cliffs	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	4	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	10045	480	11B	Carbon
SERO	Scofield Canyons	Elk	Antlerless	2021	3	9	8/1 - 1/31	25:75	12310	40	16B	Utah
SERO	Scofield East	Elk	Antlerless	2021	3	9	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	10124	0	16B	Carbon
SERO	Scofield West	Elk	Antlerless	2021	10	30	08/01 - 01/31	40:60	11565	0	16B	Carbon
SERO	Soldier Summit	Elk	Antlerless	2021	3	9	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	22218	0	16B	Utah
SERO	Spring Creek/Dodge	Elk	Antlerless	2021	5	15	08/01 - 01/31	25:75	83689.5	0	14A	San Juan
SRO	Alton	Elk	Antlerless	2021	6	9	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	34212	1860	27	Kane
SRO	Bar J Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2021	8	12	08/01 - 01/31	40:60	5970	330	25A	Sevier
SRO	Boobe Hole	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	10	09/01 - 11/20	0:100	12000	0	25A	Sevier
SRO	Grazing Pasture	Elk	Antlerless	2022	6	9	08/1 - 01/31	40:60	6700	0	25A	Sevier
SRO	Johnson Mountain Ranch	Elk	Antlerless	2022	0	20	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	13200	91	25A	Sevier
SRO	Old Woman Plateau	Elk	Antlerless	2021	0	4	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	6840	1280	16B	Sevier
SRO	Pahvant Ensign	Elk	Antlerless	2023	0	6	08/01 - 01/31	0:100	38417	0	21B	Millard

Region	CWMU	Species	Sex	First Year	Rec Private	Rec Public	Rec Hunt Date	Rec Ratio	Acres Private	Acres Public	Unit	County
CRO	Westlake	Pronghorn	2 Doe	2021	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	18717.37	0	19A	Utah
NERO	Antelope Creek	Pronghorn	Doe	2021	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	21252	0	11A	Duchesne
NERO	Cottonwood Ridge	Pronghorn	Doe	2023	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	8331	0	11A	Duchesne
NRO	RLF Deep Creek	Pronghorn	Doe	2021	1	2	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	11129	0	1	Box Elder
NRO	TL Bar Ranch	Pronghorn	Doe	2023	0	0	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	4540	640	1	Box Elder
SRO	Heist	Pronghorn	Doe	2022	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	9520	0	20	Iron
SRO	Pahvant Ensign	Pronghorn	Doe	2023	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	38417	0	21B	Millard
SRO	Zane	Pronghorn	Doe	2021	4	6	09/01 - 10/31	40:60	9635	0	20	Iron

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-37. Cooperative Wildlife Management Units for Big Game or Turkey.

R657-37-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Section 23-23-3, this rule provides the standards and procedures applicable to Cooperative Wildlife Management Units organized for the hunting of big game or turkey.

(2) Cooperative Wildlife Management Units are established to:

(a) increase wildlife resources;

(b) provide income to landowners;

(c) provide the general public access to private and public lands for hunting big game or turkey within a Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit;

(d) create satisfying hunting opportunities;

(e) provide adequate protection to landowners who open their lands for hunting; and

(f) provide landowners an incentive to manage lands to protect and sustain wildlife habitat and benefit wildlife.

R657-37-9. Permit Allocation.

(1) The division shall issue CWMU permits for hunting big game or turkey to permittees:

(a) qualifying through a drawing conducted for the general public as defined in Subsection R657-37-2(2)(c); or

(b) named by the landowner association member or landowner association operator.

(2) CWMU [~~landowner association members~~landowners, presidents, operators, and their spouses and dependent children cannot apply for CWMU permits specific to their CWMU that are offered in the public drawing.

(3) A landowner association member or landowner association operator shall be issued vouchers that may be used to purchase hunting permits from division offices.

(4)(a) The division and the landowner association operator must, in accordance with Subsection (4), determine:

(i) the total number of permits to be issued for the CWMU; and

(ii) the number of permits that may be offered by the landowner association to the general public as defined in Subsection R657-37-2(2)(c).

(b) In determining the total number of permits allocated under Subsection (4)(a), the division will consider:

(i) acreage and habitat conditions on the CWMU;

(ii) management objectives of the CWMU and surrounding wildlife management units;

(iii) classification and survey data;

(iv) depredation and nuisance conflicts; and

(v) other factors that may influence hunt quality and the division's ability to meet wildlife management objectives.

(c) A CWMU may only offer a management buck permit for a public hunter if that CWMU lies entirely within a wildlife management unit that also offers management buck hunts.

(5) The Wildlife Board shall increase the number of permits or hunting opportunities made available to the general public to reflect the proportion of public lands to private lands within the CWMU.

(6)(a) Big game permits may be allocated using an option from:

(i) table one for moose and pronghorn; or

(ii) table two for elk and deer.

(b)(i) Over the term of the certificate of registration, and at all times during the its term, at least 40% of the total permits for bull moose and buck pronghorn and at least 60% of the antlerless moose and antlerless pronghorn permits will be allocated to the public and distributed via the public drawing.

(ii) Notwithstanding subsection (b)(i) above and Tables 1 and 2, if the proportion of permits allocated to the public over consecutive certificate of registration terms substantially deviates from that identified in subsection (b)(i), the Wildlife Board may approve a modified permit distribution scheme that fairly allocates public and private permits.

(c) At least one buck or bull permit or at least 10% of the bucks or bulls permits, whichever is greater, must be made available to the general public through the big game drawing process.

(d) Permits shall not be issued for spike bull elk.

(e) Turkey permits shall be allocated in a ratio of fifty percent to the CWMU and fifty percent to the general public, with the public receiving the extra permit when there is an odd number of total permits.

TABLE 1

MOOSE AND PRONGHORN		
Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit's Share		
Option	Bucks/Bulls	Does/Antlerless
1	60%	40%
Public's Share		
Option	Bucks/Bulls	Does/Antlerless
1	40%	60%

TABLE 2

ELK AND DEER		
Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit's Share		
Option	Bucks/Bulls	Antlerless
1	90%	0%
2	85%	25%
3	80%	40%
4	75%	50%

Public's Share		
Option	Bucks/Bulls	Antlerless
1	10%	100%
2	15%	75%
3	20%	60%
4	25%	50%

(7)(a) The landowner association member or landowner association operator must meet antlerless harvest objectives established in the CWMU management plan under Subsection R657-37-4(3)(a)(ii).

(b) Failure to meet antlerless harvest objectives based on a three-year average may result in discipline under Section R657-37-14.

(8) A landowner association member or landowner association operator must provide access free of charge to any person who has received a CWMU permit through the general public big game or turkey drawings, except as provided in Section 23-23-11.

(9) If the division and the landowner association member disagree on the number of permits to be issued, the number of permits allocated, or the method of take, the Wildlife Board shall make the determination based on the biological needs of the big game or turkey populations, including available forage, depredation, and other mitigating factors.

(10) A CWMU permit entitles the holder to hunt the species and sex of big game or turkey specified on the permit and only in accordance with the certificate of registration and the rules and proclamations of the Wildlife Board.

(11) Vouchers for antlerless permits may be designated by a landowner association member to any eligible person as provided in Rule R657-5 and the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, and Rule R657-42.

(12)(a) If a landowner association has a CWMU voucher that is not redeemed during the previous year, a landowner association may donate that voucher to a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, provided the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) the voucher donation is approved by the director prior to transfer;

(ii) the voucher is donated for a charitable cause, and the landowner association does not receive compensation or consideration of any kind other than tax benefit; and

(iii) the recipient of the voucher is identified prior to obtaining the director's approval for the donation.

(b) A CWMU voucher approved for donation under this section may be extended no more than one year.

(c) The division must be notified in writing and the donation completed before August 1st the year the CWMU voucher is to be redeemed.

(d) Vouchers may be used in reciprocal hunting agreements in accordance with Subsection R657-7-(2)(b).

(13)(a) A complete list of the current CWMUs, and number of big game or turkey permits available for public drawing shall be published in the respective proclamations of the Wildlife Board for taking big game or turkey.

(b) The division reserves the exclusive right to list approved CWMUs in the proclamations of the Wildlife Board for taking big game or turkey. The division may unilaterally decline to list a CWMU in the proclamation where the unit is under investigation for wildlife violations, a portion of the property comprising the CWMU is transferred to a new owner, or any other condition or circumstance that calls into question the CWMUs ability or willingness to allow a meaningful hunting opportunity to the public permit holders that would otherwise draw out on the public permits.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Councils

FROM: Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator

DATE: April 3, 2023

SUBJECT: **Amendments to Utah Admin. Rule R657-5 (Taking Big Game rule) related to mandatory harvest reporting for antlerless hunters, game animal retrieval, game meat salvage, and wildlife health and disease considerations.**

The DWR is recommending changes to R657-5 to maintain quality harvest data, to ensure hunters recover harvested animals and game meat, and to safeguard wildlife health.

Below is a summary of the recommended changes to R657-5:

1. Mandatory harvest reporting for antlerless hunters
 - a. Require harvest reporting within 30 days after their season ends for hunters with permits for antlerless deer, antlerless elk, doe pronghorn, antlerless moose and bighorn ewe.
 - b. Hunters who fail to submit their antlerless big game harvest report within 30 days would be ineligible to apply for the antlerless hunt drawing the next year.
 - c. To reinstate antlerless hunt drawing eligibility, permit holders must pay a late fee and file their harvest report.
2. Game retrieval and meat salvage requirements
 - a. After shooting at a big game animal, a hunter must physically check the spot where the animal was located during the shot to see if it was wounded or killed.
 - b. Hunters must take the following meat from harvested animals:
 - i. Front quarters, above the knee
 - ii. Hind quarters, above the hock

- iii. Along the backbone, between the neck and hind quarters, including the loins and tenderloins (does not include rib or neck meat)
3. Wildlife health considerations
- a. The DWR may designate units or hunts where all or some hunters with valid permits may be required to participate in chronic wasting disease (CWD) testing
 - b. Discontinuing the practice of issuing free replacement permits to hunters who harvest a CWD-positive animal
 - c. Prohibit the sale of “inedible byproducts” taken from big game carcasses

For additional details, please see the redline version of proposed rule changes included in the RAC packet.

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-5. Taking Big Game.

R657-5-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for taking deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat.

(2) Specific dates, areas, methods of take, requirements, and other administrative details which may change annually are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-20. Purchasing or Selling Big Game or its Parts.

(1) A person may only purchase, sell, offer or possess for sale, barter, exchange or trade any big game or its parts as follows:

(a) Antlers, heads and horns of legally taken big game may be purchased or sold only on the dates published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game;

(b) Untanned hides of legally taken big game may be purchased or sold only on the dates published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game;

(c) [~~Inedible byproducts, excluding~~tanned hides[, ~~antlers and horns~~] of legally [possessed]taken big game [~~as provided in Subsection 23-20-3,~~] may be purchased or sold at any time;

[~~—(d) tanned hides of legally taken big game may be purchased or sold at any time;~~] and

(~~e~~d) shed antlers and horns may be purchased or sold at any time.

(2)(a) Protected wildlife that is obtained by the division by any means may be sold or donated at any time by the division or its agent.

(b) A person may purchase or receive protected wildlife from the division, which is sold or donated in accordance with Subsection (2)(a), at any time.

(3) A person selling or purchasing antlers, heads, horns or untanned hides shall keep transaction records stating:

(a) the name and address of the person who harvested the animal;

(b) the transaction date; and

(c) the permit number of the person who harvested the animal.

(4) Subsection (3) does not apply to scouting programs or other charitable organizations using untanned hides.

R657-5-27. Antlerless Deer Hunts.

(1)(a) To hunt antlerless deer, a hunter must obtain an antlerless deer permit.

(b) A person may obtain only one antlerless deer permit or a two-doe antlerless deer permit through the division's antlerless big game drawing.

(2)(a) An antlerless deer permit allows a person to take one antlerless deer using the weapon type, within the area, and during season dates specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A two-doe antlerless deer permit allows a person to take two antlerless deer using the weapon type, within the area, and during the season specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(c) A person may not hunt antlerless deer on any deer cooperative wildlife management unit unless that person obtains an antlerless deer permit for that specific cooperative wildlife management unit.

(3) A person who has obtained an antlerless deer permit may not hunt during any other antlerless deer hunt or obtain any other antlerless deer permits, except as provided in R657-44-3.

(4)(a) A person who obtains an antlerless deer permit and any of the permits listed in Subsection (b) may use the antlerless deer permit during the established season for the antlerless deer permit and during the established season for the applicable permits listed in Subsection (b) provided:

(i) the permits are both valid for the same area;

(ii) the appropriate archery equipment is used, if hunting antlerless deer during an archery season or hunt; and

(iii) the appropriate muzzleloader hunt equipment is used, if hunting antlerless deer during a muzzleloader season or hunt.

(b)(i) General buck deer for archery, muzzleloader, any weapon, or dedicated hunter;

(ii) General bull elk for archery, muzzleloader, any weapon, or multi-season;

(iii) Premium limited entry buck deer for archery, muzzleloader, any weapon, or multi-season;

(iv) Limited entry buck deer for archery, muzzleloader, any weapon, or multi-season;

(v) Limited entry bull elk for archery, muzzleloader, any weapon, or multi-season;

or

(vi) Antlerless elk.

(c) A person that possess an unfilled antlerless deer permit and harvests an animal under authority of a permit listed in Subsection (b), may continue hunting antlerless deer as prescribed in Subsections (a) and (b) during the remaining portions of the Subsection (b) permit season.

(5)(a) A person who has obtained an antlerless deer permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting an antlerless deer.

(b) Antlerless deer permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any general season antlerless, general season doe, general season antlerless cooperative wildlife management, or general season doe cooperative wildlife management unit permit or preference point in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(3).

R657-5-34. Antlerless Elk Hunts.

(1) To hunt antlerless elk, a hunter must obtain an antlerless elk permit.

(2)(a) An antlerless elk permit allows a person to take one antlerless elk using the weapon type, within the area, and during season dates specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A person may not hunt antlerless elk on an elk cooperative wildlife management unit unless that person obtains an antlerless elk permit for that specific cooperative wildlife management unit.

(c) Antlerless elk control permits are not valid on cooperative wildlife management units.

(3)(a) A person may obtain three elk permits each year, in combination as follows:

(i) a maximum of one bull elk permit;

(ii) a maximum of one antlerless elk permit issued through the division's antlerless big game drawing; and

(iii) a maximum of two antlerless elk permits acquired over the counter or online after the antlerless big game drawing is finalized, including antlerless elk:

(A) control permits, as described in Subsection (5);

(B) depredation permits, as described in Section R657-44-8;

(C) mitigation permit vouchers, as defined in Subsection R657-44-2(2); and

(D) private lands only permits, as described in Subsection (6).

(b) Antlerless elk mitigation permits obtained by a landowner or lessee under Section R657-44-3 do not count toward the annual three elk permit limitation prescribed in this subsection.

(i) "Mitigation permit" has the same meaning as defined in Subsection R657-44-2(2).

(c) For the purposes of obtaining multiple elk permits, a hunter's choice elk permit is considered a bull elk permit.

(4)(a) To obtain an antlerless elk control permit, a person must first obtain a big game buck, bull, or once-in-a-lifetime permit. An antlerless elk control permit allows a person to take one antlerless elk using the same weapon type, during the same season dates, and within areas of overlap between the boundary of the buck, bull, or once-in-a-lifetime permit and the boundary of the antlerless elk control unit, as provided in the Antlerless guidebook by the Wildlife Board.

(b) Antlerless elk control permits are sold over the counter or online after the division's antlerless big game drawing is finalized.

(c) A person that possesses an unfilled antlerless elk control permit and harvests an animal under the buck, bull, or once-in-a-lifetime permit referenced in Subsection (b), may continue hunting antlerless elk as prescribed in Subsection (b) during the remaining portions of the buck, bull, or once-in-a-lifetime permit season.

(5)(a) A private lands only permit allows a person to take one antlerless elk on private land within a prescribed unit using any weapon during the season dates and area provided in the Big Game guidebook by the Wildlife Board.

(b) No boundary extension or buffer zones on public land will be applied to private lands only permits.

(c) Private lands only permits are sold over the counter or online after the division's antlerless big game drawing is finalized.

(d) "Private lands" means, for purposes of this subsection, any land owned in fee by an individual or legal entity, excluding:

(i) land owned by the state or federal government;

(ii) land owned by a county or municipality;

(iii) land owned by an Indian tribe;

(iv) land enrolled in a Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit under Rule R657-37;
and

(v) land where public access for big game hunting has been secured.

(6)(a) A person who has obtained an antlerless elk permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting an antlerless elk.

(b) Antlerless elk permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any general season antlerless, general season doe, general season antlerless cooperative wildlife management, or general season doe cooperative wildlife management unit permit or preference point in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(3).

R657-5-36. Doe Pronghorn Hunts.

(1)(a) To hunt doe pronghorn, a hunter must obtain a doe pronghorn permit.

(b) A person may obtain only one doe pronghorn permit or a two-doe pronghorn permit through the division's antlerless big game drawing.

(2)(a) A doe pronghorn permit allows a person to take one doe pronghorn using the weapon type, within the area, and during the season specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A two-doe pronghorn permit allows a person to take two doe pronghorn using the weapon type, within the area, and during the season dates specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(c) A person may not hunt doe pronghorn on any pronghorn cooperative wildlife management unit unless that person obtains a doe pronghorn permit for that specific cooperative wildlife management unit.

(3)(a) A person who has obtained a doe pronghorn permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a doe pronghorn.

(b) Doe pronghorn permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any general season antlerless, general season doe, general season antlerless cooperative wildlife management, or general season doe cooperative wildlife management unit permit or preference point in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(3).

R657-5-37. Antlerless Moose Hunts.

(1) To hunt antlerless moose, a hunter must obtain an antlerless moose permit.

(2)(a) An antlerless moose permit allows a person to take one antlerless moose using any legal weapon within the area and season specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A person may not hunt antlerless moose on a moose cooperative wildlife management unit unless that person obtains an antlerless moose permit for that specific cooperative wildlife management unit as specified on the permit.

(3)(a) A person who has obtained an antlerless moose permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting an antlerless moose.

(b) Antlerless moose permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any limited entry antlerless, or limited entry ewe permit or bonus point in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(3).

R657-5-40.5. Desert Bighorn and Rocky Mountain Bighorn Ewe Hunts.

(1) To hunt a ewe desert bighorn sheep or a ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, a hunter must obtain the respective ewe permit.

(2)(a) A ewe permit allows a person to take one ewe using any legal weapon within the area and season specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3) Ewe desert bighorn sheep and ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permits are considered separate hunting opportunities.

(4)(a) A person who has obtained a ewe desert bighorn sheep or a ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a ewe desert bighorn sheep or a ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

(b) Ewe desert bighorn sheep and ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any limited entry antlerless, or limited entry ewe permit or bonus point in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(3).

R657-5-43. Carcass Importation.

(1) It is unlawful to import dead elk, moose, mule deer, or white-tailed deer or their parts from any state or province which has deer or elk diagnosed with Chronic Wasting Disease, except the following portions of the carcass:

- (a) meat that is cut and wrapped either commercially or privately;
- (b) quarters or other portion of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;
- (c) meat that is boned out;
- (d) hides with no heads attached;
- (e) skulls or skull plates with antlers attached, so long as all brain matter and spinal column material is removed;
- (f) antlers with no meat or tissue attached;
- (g) upper canine teeth, also known as buglers, whistlers, or ivories; or
- (h) finished taxidermy heads.

(2)(a) ~~[The]~~A list of the affected states, provinces, game management units, equivalent wildlife management units, or counties, which have deer, elk, or moose

diagnosed with Chronic Wasting Disease shall be available at division offices and through the division's website.

(b) Importation of harvested elk, moose, mule deer, or white-tailed deer or its parts from the affected areas are hereby restricted pursuant to Subsection (1).

(3) Nonresidents of Utah transporting harvested elk, moose, mule deer, or white-tailed deer from the affected areas are exempt if they:

(a) do not leave any part of the harvested animal in Utah and do not stay more than 24 hours in Utah;

(b) do not have their deer, elk, or moose processed in Utah; or

(c) do not leave any parts of the carcass in Utah.

R657-5-44. Chronic Wasting Disease - Infected Animals and Testing.

(1) Any person who under the authority of a permit issued by the division legally takes a deer, elk, or moose that is later confirmed to be infected with Chronic Wasting Disease may:

(a) retain the entire carcass of the animal;

(b) retain any parts of the carcass, including antlers, and surrender the rest to the division for proper disposal~~[-or]~~

~~[(c) surrender all portions of the carcass in their actual or constructive possession, including antlers, to the division and receive a free new permit the following year for the same hunt.]~~

~~[(2) The new permit issued pursuant to Subsection (1)(c) shall be for the same species, sex, weapon type, unit, region, and otherwise subject to all the restrictions and conditions imposed on the original permit, except season dates for the permit shall follow the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game published in the year the new permit is valid.]~~

~~[(3) Notwithstanding other rules to the contrary, private landowners and landowner associations may refuse access to private property to persons possessing new permits issued under Subsection (1)(c).]~~

(4)(a) The division may identify big game hunting units where ~~[an individual]~~all or some permit holders may be ~~[randomly selected to]~~required submit their harvested animal to the division for Chronic Wasting Disease testing.

(b) Big game hunting units that are eligible for mandatory testing will be identified in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(c) Individuals possessing permits who are~~[-randomly]~~ selected as participants in the big game Chronic Wasting Disease testing program will be notified in writing before the opening day of their hunt with a list of program requirements.

(d) An individual who fails to comply with mandatory testing requirements in this rule may be declared ineligible to apply for or receive any big game licenses, permits, or certificates of registration until they comply with the requirements of this rule and any assessment of fees under Section R657-42-9.

R657-5-50 Game Retrieval and Meat Salvage Minimum Requirements

(1)(a) No person shall wound or kill big any game animal without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it and take it into possession.

(b) For the purpose of this subsection, making a reasonable effort shall include a person physically going to the nearest location where the big game animal was when a person attempted to take the big game animal in order to search for any sign the big game animal was wounded or killed, and take the big game animal into possession and properly tag it as per rule R657-5-17.

(1) Any hunter who harvests a big game animal shall salvage the meat from the front quarters as far down as the knees, meat from the hindquarters as far down as the hocks, and the meat along the backbone between the neck and hindquarters including the loins and tenderloins, excluding meat on the ribs and neck.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 3, 2023

To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Derrick Ewell Wildlife Biologist

Subject: R657-5 Taking Big Game rule change, definitions for regular weapons, H.A.M.S.S hunts, and restricted weapons. As well other recommended technology regulations.

The DWR is recommending changes to Rule 657-5 to define changes to regular archery, muzzleloader, and any legal weapon (rifle) definitions, H.A.M.S.S. hunt definitions, and restricted weapons for archery, muzzleloaders, and rifles. The DWR is also recommending adding additional technology related regulations.

Regular weapons definitions by weapon type:

1. Archery:
 - Any currently legal bow without electronics, excluding illuminated nocks and cameras
2. Muzzleloader:
 - Any currently legal muzzleloader without electronics, except for illuminated reticles
3. Any Weapon:
 - Rifle-No electronics, except for illuminated reticle
 - Crossbow- Any currently legal crossbow without electronics, excluding illuminated nocks and cameras
 - Shotguns- No electronics, except for illuminated reticle
 - Handguns- No electronics, except for illuminated reticle
 - Airguns/airbows- No electronics, except for illuminated reticle

H.A.M.S.S. weapons definitions by weapon type:

1. Hand gun:
 - Have only open sights or peep sights (no scopes)
 - Be free of any electronic devices



- Have no more than a single barrel 15 inches or less in length, including the chamber
 - Have a single rear handgrip, without any form of a fixed, detachable, or collapsible buttstock
 - Not have any apparatus or extension behind the rear grip capable of being used to steady the handgun against the body while firing; or a vertical foregrip
 - Be no more than 24 inches in overall length
2. Archery:
 - Any currently legal bow without electronics, excluding illuminated nocks and cameras
 3. Muzzleloader:
 - Any legal muzzleloader without electronics and without a scope
 4. Shotgun:
 - Have only open sights or peep sights(no scopes)
 - Be free of any electronic devices
 - Be 20 gauge or larger
 - Fire only size 00 or larger buckshot or slug ammunition
 - No semi-automatics
 5. Straight-walled Cartridge Rifle:
 - Any straight-walled cartridge with a minimum bullet diameter of .35 caliber with a minimum case length of not less than 1.16 inches
 - No semi-automatics
 - No scopes

Restricted weapons definitions by weapon type:

1. Archery:
 - The bow must be a single-stringed recurve or a longbow
 - It must not have sights or any cables, pulleys, cams or attached electronic devices
 - Minimum 40 pound draw
2. Muzzleloader:
 - Be equipped only with a flint percussion cap or a musket cap (209 primers and all other modern ignition types are prohibited)
 - Be equipped with an ignition system in which any portion of the cap entirely exposed and visible when the hammer of the weapon is cocked and ready to fire
 - Be free of any electronic devices
 - Have only open sights or peep sights
3. Any Weapon (Rifle):
 - Have only open sights or peep sights
 - Be free of any electronic devices
 - Not be a semi-automatic rifle



Other recommended technology regulations

1. Prohibit the use of projectiles for which the path can be altered or electronically tracked after it has been sent in motion
2. Prohibit the use of electronic communication to receive real-time information on hunter or game location to aid in the stalking of a specific big game animal (includes two way radios, phones, etc...)
3. Prohibit the use of visual enhancement technology, such as nanotechnology, except for basic devices used solely for magnification
4. Prohibit the use of pattern recognition technology, such as artificial intelligence
5. Prohibit the use of live-feed aerial imaging
6. Prohibit the use of electronically amplified calls or sounds for the taking of big game
7. Prohibit the use of any type of aircraft, drone, or other airborne vehicle or device between July 31 and January 31st to locate, or attempt to observe or locate any protected wildlife
8. Prohibit the use of any type of night vision device between July 31 and January 31st to locate, or attempt to observe or locate any protected wildlife

See redline version of rule included in the RAC and Board packet.



R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-5. Taking Big Game.

R657-5-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, the Wildlife Board has established:

(a) this rule for taking deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat.

(b) [appropriate weapons or devices to take big game and restrictions to weapons or devices to take big game.](#)

(2) Specific dates, areas, methods of take, requirements, and other administrative details which may change annually are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Antlerless deer" means a deer without antlers or with antlers five inches or shorter.

(b) "Antlerless elk" means an elk without antlers or with antlers five inches or shorter.

(c) "Antlerless elk control permit" means a permit allowing an individual to harvest an antlerless elk on an antlerless elk control unit.

(d) "Antlerless moose" means a moose with antlers shorter than its ears.

(e) "Arrow quiver" means a portable arrow case that completely encases all edges of the broadheads.

(f) "Buck deer" means a deer with antlers longer than five inches.

(g) "Buck pronghorn" means a pronghorn with horns longer than five inches.

(h) "Bull elk" means an elk with antlers longer than five inches.

(i) "Bull moose" means a moose with antlers longer than its ears.

(j) "Cow bison" means a female bison.

(k) "Doe pronghorn" means a pronghorn without horns or with horns five inches or shorter.

(l) "Draw-lock" means a mechanical device used to hold and support the draw weight of a conventional or compound bow at any increment of draw until released by the archer using a trigger mechanism and safety attached to the device.

(m) "Drone" means an autonomously controlled, aerial vehicle of any size or configuration that is capable of controlled flight without a human pilot aboard.

(n)(i) "Night Vision Device" means any device that enhances visible or non-visible light, including but not limited to: night vision, thermal imaging, infrared imaging, or electronics that enhance the visible or non-visible light spectrum.

(ii) "Night Vision Device" does not include Trail Cameras as defined in Subsection (x).

(o) "Ewe" means a female bighorn sheep or any bighorn sheep younger than one year of age.

(p) "Hunter's choice" means either sex may be taken.

(q) "Immediate family member" means the landowner's or lessee's spouse, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepchild, grandchild, grandfather, and grandmother.

(r) "Limited entry hunt" means any hunt published in the hunt tables of the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, which is identified as limited entry and does not include general or once-in-a-lifetime hunts.

(s) "Limited entry permit" means any permit obtained for a limited entry hunt by any means, including conservation permits, wildlife expo permits, sportsman permits, cooperative wildlife management unit permits and limited entry landowner permits.

(t) "Once-in-a-lifetime hunt" means any hunt published in the hunt tables of the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, which is identified as once-in-a-lifetime, and does not include general or limited entry hunts.

(u) "Once-in-a-lifetime permit" means any permit obtained for a once-in-a-lifetime hunt by any means, including conservation permits, wildlife expo permits, sportsman permits, cooperative wildlife management unit permits and limited entry landowner permits.

(v) "Ram" means a male desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep older than one year of age.

(w) "Spike bull" means a bull elk which has at least one antler beam with no branching above the ears. Branched means a projection on an antler longer than one inch, measured from its base to its tip.

(x) "Stalking" means when game has been located and the hunter engages in deliberate movements, on foot, in an effort to harvest the located game.

(y) "Trail camera" means a device that is not held or manually operated by a person and is used to capture images, video, or location data of wildlife using heat, or motion to trigger the device.

R657-5-7. Prohibited Weapons and Devices.

(1) A person may not use any weapon or device to take big game other than those expressly permitted in this rule.

(2) A person may not use the following prohibited weapons or devices to take big game:

(a) a firearm capable of being fired fully automatic;

(b) any light enhancement device or aiming device that casts a visible beam of light;[

of]

(c) a firearm equipped with a computerized targeting system that marks a target, calculates a firing solution and automatically discharges the firearm at a point calculated most likely to hit the acquired target;

(d) a projectile for which the path can be altered or electronically tracked after it is sent in motion; or

(e) electronic communication to receive real-time information on hunter or game location to aid in the stalking of a specific big game animal.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting laser range finding devices or illuminated sight pins for archery equipment.

(4) [Use]The following restrictions are placed on the use of specialized hunting technologies and equipment.

(a) A person may not use any night vision device to locate or attempt to locate a big

game animal ~~[from 48 hours before any big game hunt in the area through 48 hours after any big game hunt ends in the area]~~between July 31 and January 31;

(b)(i) A person shall not place, maintain, or use any trail camera or non-handheld device capable of capturing image, video, location, time, or date data in the field to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of big game between July 31 and December 31;

(ii) Engage in the sale or purchase of trail camera or other non-handheld device media, including images, video, location, time or date data to take, aid in the take or attempted take of big game; or

(iii) Engage in the storage and sale or purchase of stored media, including images, video, location, time, or date data to take, aid in the take or attempted take of big game.

(c) The prohibition on the use of trail cameras does not apply to:

(i) private landowners monitoring or protecting their property from trespass;

(ii) monitoring active agricultural operations;

(iii) to aid in the take of bear and cougar depredating livestock; and

(iv) municipalities participating in the Urban Deer Program.

(d) trail cameras and other non-handheld devices described in Subsection 5-7(4)(b)(i) on private property cannot be used to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of big game between July 31 and December 31.

(e) A person may not use visual enhancement technology, such as nanotechnology, except for basic devices used solely for magnification;

(f) A person may not use pattern recognition technology, such as artificial intelligence;

(g) a person may not use live feed aerial imagery; or

(h) a person may not use electronically amplified calls or sounds.

R657-5-8. Rifles, Shotguns, Airguns, and Crossbows.

(1) A rifle used to hunt big game must :

(a) fire centerfire cartridges and expanding bullets; and

(b) have no attachment capable of electronic function, other than illuminated reticles.

(2) A shotgun used to hunt big game must :

(a) be 20 gauge or larger[, firing];

(b) fire only 00 or larger buckshot or slug ammunition; and

(c) have no attachment capable of electronic function, other than illuminated reticles.

(3) An airgun used to hunt big game must:

(a) be pneumatically powered;

(b) be pressurized solely through a separate charging device; and

(c) may only fire a bolt or arrow:

(i) no less than 16 inches long;

(ii) with a fixed or expandable broadhead at least 7/8 inch wide at its widest position;

and

(iii) traveling no less than 400 feet per second at the muzzle; and

(d) have no attachment capable of electronic function, other than illuminated reticles.

- (4)(a) A crossbow used to hunt big game must :
- (a) have a minimum draw weight of 125 pounds and a positive mechanical safety mechanism[.];
 - (b) A crossbow arrow or bolt used to hunt big game must be at least 16 inches long and have:
 - (i) fixed broadheads that are at least 7/8 inch wide at the widest point; or
 - (ii) expandable, mechanical broadheads that are at least 7/8 inch wide at the widest point when the broadhead is in the open position; and
 - (iii) no electronic function other than an illuminated nock.
 - (c) Unless otherwise authorized by the division through a certificate of registration, it is unlawful for any person to:
 - (i) hunt big game with a crossbow or airgun during a big game archery hunt;
 - (ii) carry a cocked crossbow containing an arrow or a bolt while in or on any motorized vehicle on a public highway or other public right-of-way; or
 - (iii) hunt any protected wildlife with a crossbow utilizing a bolt that has any chemical, explosive or electronic device attached.
- (5) A crossbow used to hunt big game may have a ~~[fixed or variable magnifying scope]~~telescopic sight only during an any weapon hunt But no other attachment capable of electronic function, other than illuminated reticles.

R657-5-9. Handguns.

- (1) A handgun used to take big game may not have an attachment capable of electronic function, other than illuminated reticles.
- (2) A handgun may be used to take deer and pronghorn, provided the handgun:
- (a) is a minimum of .24 caliber;
 - (b) fires a centerfire cartridge with an expanding bullet; and
 - (c) develops 500 foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle.
- (~~2~~3) A handgun may be used to take elk, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat, provided the handgun;
- (a) is a minimum of .24 caliber;
 - (b) fires a centerfire cartridge with an expanding bullet; and
 - (c) develops 500 foot-pounds of energy at 100 yards.

R657-5-10. Muzzleloaders.

- (1) A muzzleloader may be used during any big game hunt, except an archery hunt, provided the muzzleloader:
- (a) has both the powder and bullet loaded from the muzzle;
 - (b) has open sights, peep sights, or a variable or fixed power scope, including a magnifying scope;
 - (c) has a single barrel;
 - (d) has a minimum barrel length of 18 inches;
 - (e) is capable of being fired only once without reloading;
 - (f) powder and bullet, or powder, sabot and bullet are not bonded together as one unit for loading;
 - (g) is loaded with black powder or black powder substitute, which must not contain smokeless powder; and

(h) has no attachment capable of electronic function, other than illuminated reticles.

(2)(a) A lead or expanding bullet or projectile of at least 40 caliber must be used to hunt big game.

(b) A bullet 130 grains or heavier, or a sabot 170 grains or heavier, must be used for taking deer and pronghorn.

(c) A 210 grain or heavier bullet must be used for taking elk, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat, except sabot bullets used for taking these species must be a minimum of 240 grains.

(3) A person who has obtained a muzzleloader permit for a big game hunt may use only muzzleloader equipment authorized in this Subsections (1) and (2) to take the species authorized in the permit.

(4) A person who has obtained an any weapon permit for a big game hunt may use muzzleloader equipment authorized in this Section to take the species authorized in the permit.

R657-5-11. Archery Equipment.

(1) Archery equipment may be used during any big game hunt, except a muzzleloader hunt, provided:

(a) the minimum bow pull is 30 pounds at the draw or the peak, whichever comes first;

(b) arrowheads used have two or more sharp cutting edges that cannot pass through a 7/8 inch ring;

(c) expanding arrowheads cannot pass through a 7/8 inch ring when expanded, and

(d) arrows must :

(i) be a minimum of 20 inches in length from the tip of the arrowhead to the tip of the nock; and

(ii) have no electronic function other than illuminated nocks; and

(iii) the bow does not include, have attached ,or use any electronic device other than:

(A) illuminated sight pins; or

(B) a device capable of capturing picture or video data provided the given device cannot aid in the take of a big game animal.

(2) The following equipment or devices may not be used to take big game:

(a) a crossbow, except as provided in Subsection (5) and Rule R657-12;

(b) arrows with chemically treated or explosive arrowheads;

(c) a mechanical device for holding the bow at any increment of draw, except as provided in Subsection (5) and Rule R657-12;

(d) a release aid that is not hand held or that supports the draw weight of the bow, except as provided in Subsection (5) and Rule R657-12;

(e) a bow with a magnifying aiming device; or

(f) an airgun, except as provided in Subsection (5).

(3) Arrows carried in or on a vehicle where a person is riding must be in an arrow quiver or a closed case.

(4) A person who has obtained an archery permit for a big game hunt may only use archery equipment authorized in Subsections (1) and (2) to take the species authorized in the permit.

(5) A person who has obtained an any weapon permit for a big game hunt may use archery equipment authorized in this section to take the species authorized in the permit, and may also use a crossbow, draw-lock, or airgun satisfying the minimum requirements of this rule.

(6) A person hunting an archery-only season on a once-in-a-lifetime hunt may only use archery equipment authorized in Subsections (1) and (2) to take the species authorized in the permit.

R657-5-14. Use of Vehicle or Aircraft.

(1)(a) A person may not use an airplane, drone, or any other airborne vehicle or device, or any motorized terrestrial or aquatic vehicle, including snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles, except a vessel as provided in Subsection (c), to take protected wildlife.

(b) A person may not take protected wildlife being chased, harmed, harassed, rallied, herded, flushed, pursued or moved by any vehicle, device, or conveyance listed in Subsection (a).

(c) Big game may be taken from a vessel provided:

(i) the motor of a motorboat has been completely shut off;

(ii) the sails of a sailboat have been furled; and

(iii) the vessel's progress caused by the motor or sail has ceased.

(2) A person may not use any type of aircraft, drone, or other airborne vehicle or device ~~[from 48 hours before any big game hunt begins in the area where they are flying through 48 hours after any big game hunting season ends in the area where they are flying]~~ between July 31 and January 31 to locate, or attempt to observe or locate any protected wildlife.

(3)(a) The provisions of this section do not apply to the operation of an aircraft, drone, or other airborne vehicle or device used for the purposes of transporting hunters, equipment, or legally harvested wildlife, provided the aircraft takes off and lands only from an improved airstrip, where there is no attempt or intent to locate protected wildlife.

(b) Hunters that are transported by aircraft into an area may not hunt protected wildlife until the following day.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "improved airstrip" means a take-off and landing area with a graded or otherwise mechanically improved surface free of barriers or other hazards that is traditionally used by pilots for the purposes of air travel.

R657-5-47. Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Straight-walled Rifle-Only Hunt.

(1) The ~~[division]~~ Wildlife Board may ~~[establish]~~ prescribe Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Straight-walled Rifle-Only hunts for any big game species.

(2) An individual may only use the following weapons on a Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Straight-walled Rifle-Only hunt:

(a) a legal handgun for the species being hunted, consistent with Section R657-5-9 ~~[and Subsection]~~ must:

(i) ~~[5]~~ have no attached scope;

(ii) have no more than a single barrel 15 inches or less in length, including the chamber;

- (iii) be no more than 24 inches in overall length; and
- (iv) have a single rear handgrip without any form of:
 - (A) a fixed, detachable, or collapsible buttstock;
 - (B) an apparatus or extension behind the rear grip capable of being used to steady the handgun against the body while firing; or
 - (C) a vertical foregrip;
- (b) legal archery equipment consistent with Section R657-5-11;
- (c) a legal muzzleloader consistent with Section R657-5-10, with no attached scope; or
- (d) a legal shotgun consistent with Section R~~657-5-8~~657-5-8(2), with the following restrictions:
 - (i) no attached scope; and
 - (ii) not semi-automatic.
 - (e) a rifle as detailed in R657-5-8(1), with the following restrictions:
 - (i) not semi-automatic; and
 - (ii) utilizes a straight-walled cartridge with a minimum bullet diameter of .35 caliber and a minimum case length of not less than 1.16 inches.

(3) A person who has obtained a Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Straight-walled Rifle-Only permit may take one animal of the big game species identified on the permit.

(4) A person who has obtained a Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Straight-walled Rifle-Only permit may only hunt under that permit during the season dates and within the boundaries identified on the permit and in the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

~~[(5) In addition to the requirements in Section R657-5-9, a handgun used to take a big game animal in a Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Only hunt must:]~~

~~[(a) have no more than a single barrel 15 inches or less in length, including the chamber;]~~

~~[(b) have a single rear handgrip without any form of a:]~~

~~[(i) fixed, detachable, or collapsible buttstock;]~~

~~[(ii) apparatus or extension behind the rear grip capable of being used to steady the handgun against the body while firing; or]~~

~~[(iii) vertical foregrip; and]~~

~~[(c) be no more than 24 inches in overall length.]~~

(6) A Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Straight-walled Rifle-Only hunt is not a centerfire rifle hunt for purposes of Section 23-20-31 or R657-5-48.

(7) A Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Straight-walled Rifle-Only permit may not be used on an extended archery hunt.

R657-5-48. Restricted Weapons Hunt.

(1)(a) The Wildlife Board may prescribe Restricted Weapon Type hunts for any big game species.

(b) A person who has obtained a Restricted Weapon Type permit may not hunt within Cooperative Wildlife Management unit areas.

(c) A person who has obtained a Restricted Weapon Type permit may only hunt

within the unit specified on the permit and no other general season, limited entry, or premium limited units, except as provided by the Wildlife Board in the guidebooks for big game.

(d) A permit issued for a Restricted Weapon Type season identified in subsection (1)(a) allows a person to take a species designated on the permit within the area, during the season dates, and using the weapon type described in subsections (2) through (6) and specified on the permit.

(2) "Restricted Archery Equipment" means archery equipment as detailed in R657-5-11(1) through (3) with the following restrictions:

(a) must be a single stringed long bow or recurve bow with no cables, pulleys or cams;

(b) has no sights; and

(c) has a draw weight of 40 pounds or more.

(3) "Restricted Muzzleloader Equipment" means muzzleloader equipment as detailed in R657-5-10(1) and (2) with the following restrictions:

(a) the ignition system is limited to traditional flintlock, musket cap, or percussion cap which must be entirely visible when the hammer is drawn back. All other ignition systems, including 209 primers, are prohibited; and

(b) contains only open sights or peep sights.

(4) "Restricted Rifle Equipment" means a rifle as detailed in R657-5-8(1) with the following exceptions:

(a) contains only open sights or peeps sights; and

(b) cannot be semi-automatic.

(5) Restricted Archery permits may not be used on an extended archery hunt.

(6) A person who has obtained an any weapon permit for big game may use any restricted weapon authorized in this section to take the species authorized on the permit.

R657-5-49. Hunter Orange Exceptions.

(1) A person shall wear a minimum of 400 inches of hunter orange material on the head, chest, and back while hunting any species of big game, with the following exceptions:

(a) Hunters participating in a once-in-a-lifetime, statewide conservation, or statewide sportsmen hunt;

(b) Hunters participating in an archery or muzzleloader hunt outside of an area where an any weapon general season bull elk or any weapon general season buck deer hunt is occurring;

(c) Hunters participating in a Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Straight-walled Rifle-Only hunt outside of an area where an any weapon general season bull elk or any weapon general season buck deer hunt is occurring;

(d) Hunters hunting on a cooperative wildlife management unit unless otherwise required by the operator of the cooperative wildlife management units;

(e) Hunters participating in a nuisance wildlife removal hunt authorized under a certificate of registration by the division; and

(f) Hunters participating in an archery hunt with unit boundaries and season dates that overlap the unit boundaries and season dates for the youth any bull elk hunt.

R[~~657-5-49~~657-5-50. Authorization to Remove Bighorn Sheep from Domestic Sheep Operations.

(1) The division may issue a certificate of registration to the owner of a domestic sheep operation allowing for the removal of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep or desert bighorn sheep found to have physical contact with domestic sheep.

(2) If a domestic sheep grazing operation wishes to acquire a certificate of registration, it must submit an application to the division.

(3) In evaluating the application, the division may consider:

(a) the size and location of the domestic sheep operation;

(b) past efforts to maintain spatial separation between wild and domestic sheep;

(c) the ability of state officials to respond to potential commingling events in a timely manner;

(d) future plans to improve spatial separation between wild and domestic sheep;

(e) historical disease status of the wild sheep population; and

(f) management priorities for the wild sheep population.

(4) The division may deny an application for a certificate of registration if, in the opinion of the division, there are other means available to respond to a commingling event.

(5) The division shall require any certificate of registration holder to comply with the following provisions:

(a) the grazing operation shall immediately notify the division if a wild bighorn sheep is found within 1 mile of any domestic sheep;

(b) the grazing operation shall utilize all reasonable means to notify the division of the threatened commingling event before undertaking any lethal removal action;

(c) a wild bighorn sheep may only be lethally removed if it is within 1 mile of a domestic sheep;

(d) the grazing operation will inform the division within 24 hours of a lethal removal effort, or as soon as practical thereafter, considering access and logistic limitations;

(e) all lethally removed wild bighorn sheep will be field-dressed and preserved in a manner so as to allow donation for human consumption;

(f) the entire carcass of each lethally removed bighorn sheep shall be relinquished to division personnel, including intact head, horns and cape; and

(g) only legal weapons identified in Rule R657-5 may be used in lethal removal activities.

(6)(a) Owners, employees, and immediate family members may be named as authorized individuals to act under the authority of a certificate of registration.

(b) Any individual acting under the authority of a certificate of registration must be specifically named on the certificate of registration.

(7)(a) The division may establish a term for the validity of a certificate of registration.

(b) The division may revoke a certificate of registration where the certificate of registration holder, an individual named on the certificate, or someone acting under their direct authority violated this rule, the Wildlife Resources Code, or the certificate of registration.

(8) The procedures and rules governing any adverse action taken by the division or the Wildlife Board against a certificate of registration or an application for certificate of registration are set forth in Rule R657-2.

R[~~657-5-50~~657-5-51. Game Retrieval and Meat Salvage Minimum Requirements.

(1)(a) No person shall wound or kill big any game animal without making a

reasonable effort to retrieve it and take it into possession.

(b) For the purpose of this subsection, making a reasonable effort shall include a person physically going to the nearest location where the big game animal was when a person attempted to take the big game animal in order to search for any sign the big game animal was wounded or killed, and take the big game animal into possession and properly tag it as per rule R657-5-17.

~~(1)~~(2) Any hunter who harvests a big game animal shall salvage the meat from the front quarters as far down as the knees, meat from the hindquarters as far down as the hocks, and the meat along the backbone between the neck and hindquarters including the loins and tenderloins, excluding meat on the ribs and neck.

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