

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? consider cutting tags in ALL northern utah units by atleast 50%. The winter has decimated our herd. i fear that if we do not cut tags a substantial amount, the deer herd will never recover. I think you will find that most avid hunters will agree with the proposal to cut tags by even more. thank you.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? i strongly encourage that we discontinue variable zoom scopes on muzzleloaders. They have become more capable than some rifles. Kill rates are way too high for a "primitive" weapon

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I am really shocked that the division isn't making more tag cuts on these northern units like the Cache. The presenter said it himself they will react to changes. How about instead the DWR takes a PROACTIVE approach and make significant tag cuts this year because it is an unprecedented winter. I think at least another 1000 tags should be cut in each of these units. With a winter this extreme take proactive measures. I'm writing this comment as we just got another 12" plus on April 4th. The mountains and winter ranges will get more snow before the end of this spring.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I don't think you've cut enough permits from the northern units that are still as we speak sitting under feet of snow. However, I'm no biologist and you explained your reasonings well and backed them with science so I'll trust that the recommendations are what's best for the deer and not what's best for the pocket book.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? I strongly disagree with most of the technology related recommendations. There is zero real world evidence that supports electronics on rifles, bows, muzzleloaders, etc, has increased anybody's chances for success. Harvest rates don't reflect a strong uptick since this technology has been introduced.

I also disagree with the use of using communication devices on a stalk. I can certainly see an advantage in this, but at the end of the day the hunter stalking still needs to play the wind, stay quiet while communicating, and make the shot. While I do believe this is an advantage, I don't find this to be a significant advantage that has led to a substantial increase in success. It also relies on the spotter to be able to view the ongoing scenario 100% of the time. Which I believe we all know doesn't happen.

Some recommendations are valid, such as the night vision, the aerial photos and plane use. But the rest of it relies on emotion and not data. Just like the trail cameras. Zero data showing technology has led to an increase in hunter success. Just an emotional decision, and emotions should be left at the door when attempting to regulate a sport. Show us the data that a Garmin bow sight has significantly increased harvest success and I'll jump on board, or I'll buy a Garmin.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Let's see the CWMU recommendations numbers for chalk creek unit for deer or any of them for that fact. If you're gonna withhold tags for the general public you better pull back tags for the CWMU outfits as well. If they can tell you how many tags they want let the public do the same. the whole state has had extreme snow loads central units should have a decrease of deer herds as well.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 4, 2023 3:57 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I'm all for banning electronics on weapons, drones, electronic calls, ect however two way radio one concerns me greatly. Being that these radios are carried for safety and not tracking. How am I to prove that they are not used in the tracking or taking of game?

As a tax payer and permit payer, this is greatly concerning. These "rules, and laws" need to be approved by the taxpayers and not a committee.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I have been in several of the units throughout the winter (2-3 times per week) to take advantage of the incredible photo opportunities. I have hunted since 1978 for deer which means I lived through the decimation of the early 80s and 90s. I feel the DWR should very strongly consider reducing hunt permits by 50% on most units and close 2-3 altogether (Ogden, Morgan South Rich). I am seeing exponentially fewer deer on both units. I know this is a flashpoint for folks but time is not on the deer's side considering the late, heavy snow and encroachment on their winter range.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes?

I don't really have anywhere else to express my concerns for one particular CWMU. Myself or children have drawn the Deseret cow elk for 4 years. The last two have been particularly frustrating. They seem to be forcing a paid guide service rather than a public access hunt. You get a handful of days to chase cows with hundreds of other people (similar to public Hunting) unless you schedule a 3-4 hundred dollar private date. It seems to me Wild Country is gaming the system. I have been fortunate to draw Deseret several times over the last 35 years and I have never seen such disregard for the public antlerless hunter as the last 3-4 years has shown.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

STRONGLY DISAGREE - can't express how poorly thought out or scientific the decision is to ban electronics on archery equipment. Looking at facts alone, the Garmin ranging bow site was introduced in 2018 - this is the largest "technological advancement" that this regulation is directly targeting. Therefore, we should be able to see scientific evidence that shows an increased success rate IF this technology gives an "unfair advantage" over the game that is being pursued. Here are the facts. Over the last 10 years here are the average archery success rates in general units across the state:

2013 - 18.80%
2014 - 21.13%
2015 - 24.87%
2016 - 23.09%
2017 - 20.54%
2018 - 23.17% (Garmin Introduced)
2019 - 16.47%
2020 - 19.61%
2021 - 18.08%
2022 - 19.30%

As the data shows, there is no scientific, mathematic, or factual data showing that archery or hunter success rates have increased due to the introduction and usability of an electronic device on a bow. In fact, the data shows the opposite.

Moving away from the scientific and factual data and onto the common sense side of things - why would we want to make a regulation that reduces an archery hunters ability to taking an ethical and precise shot? Why would it be something we put a restriction on in August, just to allow a Muzzle Loader the ability to take a 400 yard shot in September? Or a rifle hunter to take a 1,000 + yard shot in October? If we're talking about ethics, using an electronic sight on a bow is arguably more ethical then a fixed pin where the archery has to guess the range and take a non-precise shot.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I strongly disagree with the technology committee's proposal about the use of electronics on archery equipment. What is the advantage gained by having a bowtie that can range and put a pin in the housing for you? It seems like this is a lazy attempt to rubberstamp and knock out any future electronic equipment without actually reviewing the technology as it comes up. Why do this to archery equipment? For the rifle equipment, if the computer shoots for you or changes the bullet mid-flight for you then yes, that is too far, but that's not possible with archery. With archery, we already have a hand-drawn, non-mechanic release system so now and in the future it's not possible for that technology to be created.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 4, 2023 4:44 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? This is bull [REDACTED].

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I appreciate the Division is committed to reviewing survival rates in the spring prior to issuing final recommendations. I live in the Northern Region (Cache Valley) and am very concerned for fawn survival. The shed ban has been a positive thing, but I don't think very many people are abiding by it. (I recently witnessed two dogs chasing a herd of deer on the Millville face WMA). It is my observation that the deer herd is struggling in a major way. The majority of the herd in down in town and are dealing with dogs, cars, and other challenges that come along with that.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?

I appreciate the Division's ambition to provide more opportunity while maintaining quality. I think the introduction of permits outside of the rut and shortening the duration of the early rifle hunt on limited entry units is a positive thing. I do, however, believe the effect of this winter on elk herds has been downplayed. I live in Cache Valley (near the Cache, South unit) and have spent quite a bit of time watching elk this winter. It appears the elk on the face above Cache Valley have had a difficult time this winter. I think the shed ban and WMA closures have helped, but elk appear to be very skinny and malnourished. I would not be surprised to find a large amount of winter kill in the Cache South unit. Please consider this when issuing permit number recommendations.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?

I appreciate the Division's ambition to provide more opportunity while maintaining quality. I think the introduction of permits outside of the rut and shortening the duration of the early rifle hunt on limited entry units is a positive thing. I do, however, believe the effect of this winter on elk herds has been downplayed. I live in Cache Valley (near the Cache, South unit) and have spent quite a bit of time watching elk this winter. It appears the elk on the face above Cache Valley have had a difficult time this winter. I think the shed ban and WMA closures have helped, but elk appear to be very skinny and malnourished. I would not be surprised to find a large amount of winter kill in the Cache South unit. Please consider this when issuing permit number recommendations.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

After adding and subtracting permit numbers from last year's total numbers, it is 6,525 above what you posted. However I went through each unit and looked them up. I didn't even need to do the increases on existing units because the new hunts are 6,500 new tags you're giving out.

Cache: -1500
Kamas: -600
Nine Mile: -200
North Slope: -400
Ogden: -700
Bonanza/Vernal: -300
South Slope: -300
Wasatch West: -300

Total tags cut: 4,300. That doesn't even cover the three new hunts that bring in 6,500 tags.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

Horrible. Absolutely horrible. Now that you guys got what you wanted with cougars being unprotected and legalized wanton destruction of wildlife, you're now making it harder to hunt coyotes. Coyotes kill up to 75% of new fawns every year. I can't tell you how many coyotes I've called in with an ecaller.

Please change the wording to permit ecallers for predators. Otherwise this is just another law that will continue to ruin deer herds.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 4, 2023 7:29 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I'm sick and tired of all the government over reach on my hunting style. I don't use electronics on my bow but I can't believe that government feel the need to restrict my right to do so. As radios go, I can't believe that you would try and restrict my communication with members of my group. You guys are no better than communist dictators. You are unelected officials ramming through legislation that affects the entire hunting population.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I think we cut more tags and get our deer herds back.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? I think we need less tags out on elk, seems like there are a lot less elk on public lands these days. Or get more tags for the public hunters on private land. Maybe do away with the minimum land requirements for cwmus. Allow smaller landowners to apply and become cwmus and put pressure on the private pieces

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations? Always confused why we have the 10,000 acre rule on cwmus. I think we could add a lot of cwmus and spread out elk points if we got rid of it. For deer as well

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes? Great idea! I love this

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? This is great! I hunt with a recurve and wood arrows, or a traditional muzzleloader. Sometimes a lever gun. This opens up hunts to me again!
Thank you!

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? |

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? Casey Snider needs to be immediately removed from his position on the northern RAC and replaced by someone who cares about utah wildlife and respects the public and wildlife that position represents. His pursuit of a personal agenda by means of bypassing the public process is a disgusting abuse of power and a slap in the face to all of Utahs citizens, sportsmen and wildlife. There is a public process in place for the people who he represents, to discuss wildlife management and changes that need to be made. He completely ignores that system and by doing so, makes it very clear that the voices of Utah citizens do not matter.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Casey Snider needs to be immediately removed from his position on the northern RAC and replaced by someone who cares about utah wildlife and respects the public and wildlife that position represents. His pursuit of a personal agenda by means of bypassing the public process is a disgusting abuse of power and a slap in the face to all of Utahs citizens, sportsmen and wildlife. There is a public process in place for the people who he represents, to discuss wildlife management and changes that need to be made. He completely ignores that system and by doing so, makes it very clear that the voices of Utah citizens do not matter.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? Casey Snider needs to be immediately removed from his position on the northern RAC and replaced by someone who cares about utah wildlife and respects the public and wildlife that position represents. His pursuit of a personal agenda by means of bypassing the public process is a disgusting abuse of power and a slap in the face to all of Utahs citizens, sportsmen and wildlife. There is a public process in place for the people who he represents, to discuss wildlife management and changes that need to be made. He completely ignores that system and by doing so, makes it very clear that the voices of Utah citizens do not matter.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck pronghorn permit recommendations?

Casey Snider needs to be immediately removed from his position on the northern RAC and replaced by someone who cares about Utah wildlife and respects the public and wildlife that position represents. His pursuit of a personal agenda by means of bypassing the public process is a disgusting abuse of power and a slap in the face to all of Utah's citizens, sportsmen and wildlife. There is a public process in place for the people who he represents, to discuss wildlife management and changes that need to be made. He completely ignores that system and by doing so, makes it very clear that the voices of Utah citizens do not matter.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?

Casey Snider needs to be immediately removed from his position on the northern RAC and replaced by someone who cares about Utah wildlife and respects the public and wildlife that position represents. His pursuit of a personal agenda by means of bypassing the public process is a disgusting abuse of power and a slap in the face to all of Utah's citizens, sportsmen and wildlife. There is a public process in place for the people who he represents, to discuss wildlife management and changes that need to be made. He completely ignores that system and by doing so, makes it very clear that the voices of Utah citizens do not matter.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?

Casey Snider needs to be immediately removed from his position on the northern RAC and replaced by someone who cares about Utah wildlife and respects the public and wildlife that position represents. His pursuit of a personal agenda by means of bypassing the public process is a disgusting abuse of power and a slap in the face to all of Utah's citizens, sportsmen and wildlife. There is a public process in place for the people who he represents, to discuss wildlife management and changes that need to be made. He completely ignores that system and by doing so, makes it very clear that the voices of Utah citizens do not matter.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed CWMU rule change?

Casey Snider needs to be immediately removed from his position on the northern RAC and replaced by someone who cares about Utah wildlife and respects the public and wildlife that position represents. His pursuit of a personal agenda by means of bypassing the public process is a disgusting abuse of power and a slap in the face to all of Utah's citizens, sportsmen and wildlife. There is a public process in place for the people who he represents, to discuss wildlife management and changes that need to be made. He completely ignores that system and by doing so, makes it very clear that the voices of Utah citizens do not matter.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes?

Casey Snider needs to be immediately removed from his position on the northern RAC and replaced by someone who cares about Utah wildlife and respects the public and wildlife that position represents. His pursuit of a personal agenda by means of bypassing the public process is a disgusting abuse of power and a slap in the face to all of Utah's citizens, sportsmen and wildlife. There is a public process in place for the people who he represents, to discuss wildlife management and changes that need to be made. He completely ignores that system and by doing so, makes it very clear that the voices of Utah citizens do not matter.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

Casey Snider needs to be immediately removed from his position on the northern RAC and replaced by someone who cares about Utah wildlife and respects the public and wildlife that position represents. His pursuit of a personal agenda by means of bypassing the public process is a disgusting abuse of power and a slap in the face to all of Utah's citizens, sportsmen and wildlife. There is a public process in place for the people who he represents, to discuss wildlife management and changes that need to be made. He completely ignores that system and by doing so, makes it very clear that the voices of Utah citizens do not matter.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 4, 2023 8:33 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Please use some common sense when making a decision about the cougar hunting rules. Unlimited tags and no season will wipe the population out.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? none

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? I would recommend muzzleloader and archery hunts for all OIL species

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? none

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck pronghorn permit recommendations? none

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? -I would recommend that the Division brings back the ability to harvest a cow elk with a antlerless elk permit during deer and bull hunts that take place on the same unit for which the antlerless permit is valid.

-I would recommend the Division to change the loss of preference points when buying a leftover permit or private land /elk control permits

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes? none

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? By this rule on restricted muzzleloader, Will most Northwest ignitions that have exposed caps be considered restricted?

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 4, 2023 10:28 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I strongly disagree with the electronic communication portion proposed in R657-5-7 subsection e. People have been hunting with two-way radios for an extremely long time and this would change a technology that has been utilized for a long time. Not only that, it is a resource for safety for which I am a strong advocate as should the DWR.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 5, 2023 7:02 am

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I am very glad to see tags being cut for northern utah, thank you

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes? Absolutely agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? I agree but I think we need to get rid of scopes on muzzleloaders

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

All of your information on the deer numbers is lagging too far from actual numbers. There is way too much loss this year to have a deer hunt next year. I say this from a person who is boots on the ground over a lifetime of following them and having active roles with the division in many projects. We already lost the weak and young and the last 2-3 weeks the strongest deer have been heavily succumbing to the weather. I am sure this will fall on deaf ears, but at the least I hope for a major reduction in tags of atleast half to the general deer tags as well as the cwmu tags.

As a side note your presentation should have also showed the tag numbers for cwmu operations. You may not want to show that information to the general public but it is only fair for them to see how many tags are allocated to the cwmus.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 5, 2023 9:20 am

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? I think these changes are great. There is a lot of talk on muzzloaders and scopes. Allowing scopes to stay on muzzloaders makes sense, as the harvest success doesn't indicate they have lead to an increased harvest.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 5, 2023 9:39 am

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

First off thanks for all your hard work. I feel like there needs to be a larger reduction in tags in northern utah higher than 20%. Also, I'd like to see antler less deer tags be cut by at least 60% for the next two years in the northern region. Thanks again for your hard work and dedication to satisfy so many polarized opinions.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat agree
Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat agree
Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat disagree
Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?	Strongly disagree
Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?	The use of night vision devices can be effective at keeping hunters safe and learning new area prior to the actual hunt. I prefer the previous statute of it being 48hrs prior to any hunt in the area. Although it should only be used for learning safe paths in the environment, seeing any protected wildlife is always a possibility whether the hunter is even actually wanting to while outdoors

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 5, 2023 10:31 am

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the buck deer permit
recommendations for 2023?

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

In the past year, I have hunted and spent a significant amount of time on the Zion, Panguitch Lake, Wasatch East, South Slope Yellowstone, and Kamas units.

Starting with the Zion deer unit: the quality of deer has declined dramatically over the past several years due to extreme drought. In 2022, the Wildlife Board reduced the permit allocation from 3,100 to 2,325 permits. It was not enough. To increase those permits to 2,900 permits is reckless. If anything, the permits should remain at 2,325 permits in 2023 to account for compensatory mortality caused by the 316% snowpack as of April 5th. These deer are starving to death and no increases in buck permits should take place and no doe permits should be issued in 2023.

My comments for the Panguitch Lake unit are similar to my comments for the Zion unit with the exception that 1,700 permits were issued in 2022 and 1,700 permits are being recommended for 2023. The permits should be reduced to the 1,200 permit number used in 2021 to account for compensatory mortality this winter with over 300% snowpack. No doe or cow permits should be issued for this unit in 2023.

I will turn my comments to the Wasatch East, South Slope Yellowstone, and Kamas units. The permits for the Wasatch East deer unit have been constant at 4,250 for the past three years. I would agree with the permit allocation for 2021 and 2022, but not for 2023. Deer and elk mortality this winter with 222% snowpack has been extremely impactful to the deer and elk populations. I would recommend reducing the permit allocation by 20% to account for the exponentially higher winter mortality rates. The same should be applied to the South Slope and Kamas units. The DWR has recommended decreasing the South Slope Yellowstone permits from 1,300 to 1,000 - and I agree with that proposal. For the Kamas unit, the DWR has recommended decreasing buck deer permits from 2,800 to 2,200. I would recommend a decrease to 2,000 permits for the Kamas unit.

Above all else, we know that bucks can't have fawns, and I would like to plead with the RAC committees and Wildlife Board to not issue any doe or cow permits for deer or elk in 2023. We need those females to reestablish our herds after this incredibly harsh winter. I live in Summit County and have personally identified over 200 dead deer and elk within 2-miles of my house this winter due to roadkills and starvation.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?

"Based on the most recent flight survey"

That has to be the worst statement for wildlife management that could possibly be conceived during a year with 200%+ snowpack and up to 800 inches of total snow in some areas of the state. It is inconceivable that moose, rocky mountain, and mostly mountain goat populations will not be impacted by this past winter's snow accumulations. I live in Summit County and have personally identified over 200 dead deer and elk within 2-miles of my house this winter due to roadkills and starvation. The moose that I have seen have all been right along the fences near the highways searching for food in snow past their bellies. Mountain goat populations along the Wasatch Mountains and in the Uintah will have experienced die-offs that we have not witnessed since we began managing these populations in Utah. I will also note that I have a Master of Natural Resources degree and everything that I have ever learned tells me that proposed permit allocations for northern Utah are extremely high and not conservative in the slightest. This is a year to lean heavily on being conservative and thinking about the future more so than the present year.

I have 19 mountain goat points and would potentially draw a High Uintahs permit this year. However, I am hedging my bets that the hunters who do draw this year will have an eye-opening negative experience when they attempt to find mountain goats after this winter's storms. It's not worth two decades of applying to obtain a permit without knowing that the population of mountain goats is still intact and growing.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?

I like that there are unlimited youth general season permits. It is extremely hard for youth to draw deer permits, and this allows parents to introduce these kids to hunting and keep them hunting every year.

I do like that the permit increase on limited entry units is being increased incrementally so we do go past our estimations.

I do like reducing the number of early-season elk tags, but those mid-season hunts during the spike hunt are going to be a huge challenge and there will be a learning curve for hunters.

I have 21 points, so I won't go for a late-season archery hunt, but I think that is a great opportunity hunt.

HAM hunts are just muzzleloader hunts. Why not just make them a muzzleloader hunt? Thank you for removing several of the HAM hunts and making them general season hunts.

I don't love seeing an increase in the total number of bull permits this year simply due to snow, but I do think the bulls survived this winter better than the cows and especially the calves statewide. I would recommend that the Wildlife Board not permit ANY cow elk hunts in 2023.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck pronghorn permit recommendations?

Wyoming estimates that they have lost 30-50% of their antelope between Evanston and Braggs. Colorado estimated similar declines in the northwest corner of their state. It's great to see that the Cache unit permit allocation is reduced, some of the units near Vernal have also seen declines. I would recommend not issuing any doe antelope permits in 2023.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? The state has lost an unprecedented number of does and fawns as well as cows and calves. I live in Summit County and have personally identified over 200 dead deer and elk within 2-miles of my house this winter due to roadkills and starvation.

THE STATE SHOULD NOT ISSUE ANY DOE OR COW HUNTS IN 2023!!! ESPECIALLY, NOT IN NORTHERN UTAH!!!

The 2022 data is obsolete going into April 2023. It simply does not account for all the winter mortality caused by the extremely long and cold winter. Any unit with a snowpack above 150% should not have any antlerless hunts - other than depredation hunts to mitigate damages and conflict in areas with greater than 80% private lands.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations? If any antlerless permits are going to be issued in the state of Utah, they should only be in areas where there is at least 80% private land. Those areas are typically where you would also find CWMUs. This is particularly true in the northern region. I am opposed to any antlerless permits on public lands in 2023 to reestablish our herds going into 2024. We need to take a conservative approach in 2023.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed CWMU rule change? Employees of a CWMU should be able to put in for publicly drawn permits. It's not a big issue.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes? I like mandatory harvest reporting in 2023 for antlerless big game hunts. We need the data to keep transparency between the DWR and the public. It should support the DWR's data and recommendations.

Most hunters don't know how to get to the tenderloins. I think this is going to cause law enforcement issues due to confusion. I never gut deer or elk, I process the whole animal on the mountain and only take the meat and antlers off the mountain. Tenderloins can be very difficult to access and on the smaller game animals, they are very small.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

The technology committee is a good idea but gives a lot of power to a very small audience. I think the hunters should be surveyed extensively before making any recommendations for adoption.

The weapon recommendations are acceptable. I like not allowing semi-automatic shotguns, but I don't fully understand the straight-walled rifle addition. Who has those?

Restricted weapons: If the Wildlife Board adopts any of the three definitions. Let it be known, that any permits for restricted weapons should not be taken away from modern weapon permit pools. This caters to an extremely small audience and should be managed accordingly.

I am extremely opposed to restricting electronic communication for stalking a big game animal. The gray area between hunting/seeking and stalking will be very difficult to determine in some situations and conservation officers will abuse this rule. It is almost impossible to subjectively implement.

I'm okay with the rules for transmitting cameras, drones, and night vision.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 5, 2023 11:54 am

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?

I feel on these hunt units the Utah dwr is really catering to private landowners we need to drastically decrease the amount of cow elk permits on these private lands if they opened up these areas to more hunting there would be not as many issues. instead big game hunting is now so commercialized they run all these outfitter services and maintain their property for elk then when there's too many we simply handout all these permits, please take a look at these units and see if there's a better solution maybe more cwmu tags are a better option.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? This is very well presented, and I'm very pleased with these recommendations.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes? Funny, I always thought this was already the law under wanton waste... really happy about the rule to physically check after a shot.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

Some that have invested in this technology won't be very happy, but I think the committee really did a good job with the recommendations this time around. We needed a line in the sand somewhere, and this is very clear and easy to understand. I struggle some with the communications portion of this only because it will be very hard to enforce, and could have hunters finding themselves getting a citation when they actually didn't do anything wrong.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 5, 2023 1:34 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? scopes on muzzleloader during general season Elk or Deer, not much said about it.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? The Cache unit is such a large unit, I personally think you could increase the number of Bull Moose permits on this unit and not hurt the herd at all.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes? How would a C.O. enforce whether a hunter hiked to the place an animal was standing when they shot at it? I agree, every hunter "should" go to the place where the animal was standing and check for blood, hair etc. to verify a hit or miss, but hunters are lazy and will easily take an across the canyon shot, but would not be willing to hike down to the bottom of that draw and up the other side to verify. What avenues will I have as a sportsman who witnesses this to be able to report it and have it stand up in court? It would become a he said, she said discussion. Thanks for trying to impliment ethics in our hunting, but those willing to do this would do so regardless of a law or rule to this effect.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I question the restriction of cameras on Muzzleloaders and any weapons. Why allow them on bows and crossbows and not these other weapons. Some people like to have a video of their shots on animals. I see no reason not to allow cameras be mounted on any weapon as long as it is not used in the taking of the game animal.

Restricted weapons: Why not keep the draw weight of the bows at the now minimum of 30 lbs. I see no reason to raise the weight limit on a restricted weapon. Keeping the weight limit down at 30 lbs. actually makes the weapon more restricted.

Definition of muzzleloaders: I've used a muzz rifle for over 40 years and have never heard of a flint percussion cap. I think you meant to separate a flint lock from a percussion cap lock and got things screwed up. I'd change the definition to include a flint lock and add that both the flint and the frizzen need to be exposed to the elements when the hammer is cocked. The cap lock would then be as per your definition under flint percussion cap without "flint" being a part of the definition of course. I like where your committee went with this. I expected to see something along the lines of spears, snares, bungee pits etc. being outlawed all together. But what you have is acceptable at this time in my mind. Thanks for all the hard work.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 5, 2023 2:57 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?

I love what you do for our wildlife in Utah and I thank you for all your hard work. I would like to see a archery only hunt for bull moose. It seems like there is an archery only hunt for all the other once-in-a-lifetime species except for moose. Maybe there is a good reason for this and I'm just unaware of what the reason is. Thanks!

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

The creation of the "Restricted Weapons" definitions is very exciting, especially the definition for Traditional Archery. We definitely need to change this from "restricted weapons" to "traditional weapons" or something along those lines. Hunters hate the idea of being "restricted" or limited or having anything taken away and by calling these "restricted weapons" it is going to create unnecessary opposition and confusion. I know it's just a word but I have already seen many hunters having a hard time looking past that "R" word. The truth is that these will be the tools that can be used to expand hunting opportunities and lessen the negative impact on our resources simultaneously. Traditional Archery has extreme potential to positively impact the entire hunting community if it is implemented into game management in a broad and meaningful way. I have spent a lot of time gathering public input and looking at the potential for Traditional Archery to be used as a game management tool and would love to have the opportunity to discuss further. I genuinely feel like this is something that could be hugely beneficial for the entire hunting community and should not be overlooked.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? I think cow numbers are going down for the last few years on Boulder. You are on the low end of objective. Tags should be decreased more

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? Why no illuminated reticle on cross bows? Crossbows are very limited on what's available and meets your regulations. Finding no magnification scope with no illumination is nearly impossible. Plus it has to be able to handle multidirectional recoil. No open sights for these bows as well.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 5, 2023 10:28 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

Why no illuminated reticle for crossbows? We are very limited in sights/scopes for these. Finding a no magnification scope without illumination is almost impossible. And it also has to be able to handle reverse recoil. I have contacted vortex and they do not offer anything that has zero magnification without illumination. And no open sights are offered that I can find.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 6, 2023 7:05 am

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? Drop the buck deer permits to 0 for the year of 2023 let the animals grow...

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? Drop the permits to 0 let them grow for a year. I've watched the elk die around my house in the masses this winter ??

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? Drop all permits to 0 let the animals come back from the hard winter kill for 1 year at least

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 6, 2023 7:32 am

**Which best describes your position
regarding the technology
recommendations for 2023?**

Somewhat disagree

**Do you have any additional comments
about the technology
recommendations?**

I would like to see scopes with more than 1x magnification prohibited from being legal to use on muzzleloaders.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 6, 2023 8:16 am

**Which best describes your position
regarding the technology
recommendations for 2023?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments
about the technology
recommendations?**

I oppose the proposed rule banning of 2 way radios and mobile phones for stalking. I think both are useful tools that have been used for decades without (in my opinion) a negative impact on wildlife management or hunting community. Will the use of spotters and hand signals also be banned? Aren't they all different means of accomplishing the same objective?

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly agree
Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?	Love the way this video was done and the information it gives to the public. I think the general decrease on northern units due to the harsh winter and the general increase on southern units due to 3 years of decent moisture makes great sense and I totally support it.
Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly agree
Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?	I think the new elk management plan as it was passed it great.
Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly agree
Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?	As much as I lie antlerless deer hunting I think the recommendations are great.
Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat agree
Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?	I like the proposal but I think we need to address how many antlered tags the CWMU's are getting on their split.
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change?	Neither agree nor disagree
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes?	Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I think that most of this makes sense.

I do think that since none of this will be set in stone until after the application period that restrictions that apply to weapon types should not take effect until the 2024 hunting seasons. I think this is important because the public will have made application choices based on current rules.

I also don't necessarily agree with all the restriction for electronics on scopes and bows as I don't believe we have seen a significant increase in success on hunts since this technology has emerged so it seems like a bit of an overreach. Obviously people should not be allowed to use scopes or weapons that aim for them and pull the trigger at the right moment but I think range finding sights don't make a difference although I don't have much experience with them it seems like they just help insure less wounded animals.

I support the ban of drones and other live ariel feed to locate game during the hunting seasons.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Great presentation and I always look forward to this. I am surprised with the tag quotas as it seems like each unit is down thousands of deer. I would like to see more deer like when we were back to the 400,000 number. It seems like we are way down from this number and it would be nice to see some effort going into this and getting it back to objective of that 404,000 statewide.

My proposal to do this would be to limit the number of non resident tag holders similar to what AZ does for their general season tags.

I propose 3 point or better to increase number of deer and quality. Let some of the deer grow if we are killing mostly 1-2 year old deer. I propose that by asking for a 3 point or better rule with possibly the exception of from ages youth to 16 years old they can shoot whatever buck to get them excited but once you kill a spike or two point it should be the goal to get a bigger buck and enjoy hunting.

I would also like to see more Archery only units like the Wasatch NOT just extended areas. But more archery only to give opportunities to hunters but also disperse the pressure and build quality of bucks! We all know that archery hunters have low success rates so give some preference in tag numbers and areas to bowhunters.

Thank you for your time and for all you do for our wildlife!

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?

The biggest issue I have with once-in-a-lifetime permits is that this state completely caters towards non-residents. Yes I know you only issue 10% of tags but still WHY do non-residents get to put in for EVERY species and residents only get to choose 1!!!! That is crazy to me still. Let the residents have multiple or start building points for other species maybe give opportunities like classes etc that can give residents an additional bonus point... (Like AZ does), but please stop catering towards non residents by allowing them to apply for each species. I can guarantee every resident would be willing to pay a little more if we had the chance to actually hunt them in our lifetime!

More archery only units to get people out of the point pool and give hunters opportunities to check some species off their list whether they are successful or not.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?

Although I do agree with most of this I don't know if I fully agree on all the cow tags and late season cow hunts.

Please limit the number of non-resident elk hunters cap it at lets say 2000 permits. I am happy with the unlimited archery permits but limit the amount of non resident hunters on not only archery but the other "unlimited" hunts y'all have proposed.

Also I would like to see some projects put together that the public can be a part of to help wintering deer and elk on the winter range by planting shrubs, trees, bushes etc to help limit winter kill and even fences to keep them off the highway.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?

Stop late season cow hunts into January. They struggle already to survive and have been hunted hard so stop hunting them in January.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I strongly agree with the proposed changes. From what I understand the money generated from hunting licenses is essential for conservation efforts. If that is true then it would be great if we had a way to increase or maintain hunting license revenue while simultaneously reducing our impact on our resources. This is where the traditional hunting weapons or "restricted" hunting weapons can be used as extremely important game management tools. I hope that it can be effectively communicated to the hunting community how much we (the hunting community) stand to GAIN through by utilizing more traditional hunting weapons and not making it look like a way to "restrict" us.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

General Season Deer

I support the recommendations from the Division. I would support further cuts on the Cache unit but we also need to hunt deer and killing bucks does not affect deer herds like does. In the future, lets push for better habitat management and funding to increase habitat. We can't increase the deer herd if we don't have the habitat to support it.

Limited Entry Deer

Overall, I support the recommendations by the Division. There are a couple units that are significantly above the 40% of harvest above 5 years of age. These units should be seeing an increase in tag allocation. It does no good to set parameters if we are not going to hold to them whether it is increasing tags or decreasing tags.

I think we should cut the Late Season Muzzleloader tags on the Cache down to 5 tags. We are cutting 1500 off the General Season, the Limited Entry can also take hit.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?

I support the Divisions recommendations. I am glad to see the increase of Desert Sheep.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?

General Elk

I support the Division in their recommendations. We need to kill more elk on the Northern units. They are directly affecting winter range for deer and the deer herd needs help.

Limited Entry Elk

I support the recommendations from the Division. I am glad to see the increase in elk tags over the entire state of Utah. We need to kill more elk when we have them so we don't have the same issues happening in Northern Utah across the entire State.

There are a couple units that are above their age objective. We need to increase tags on these units. If we are exceeding the parameters set, we should be adjusting things to bring it back within the parameters. If the age objective is 6 and we are seeing 7, that is a good thing and tags should be increased. If the age objective is 6 and we are seeing 5, tags should be reduced.

I really support the Late Season Archery tags and am glad to see this as an option. Let's watch the success rates on these close and issue tags accordingly.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?

Overall, I agree with the Division recommendations. I would like to see more elk killed on the Cache unit to help the deer herd.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?

I do not support these variances. We have parameters set for CWMUs and it seems like every year we deviate from them. CWMUs are important and helpful but let's stick to the rules or rewrite the rules. I really don't see that this would provide that big of a benefit to the general public to justify the variances.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes?

I support all the rule changes recommended by the Division.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? I support all recommendations from the Division.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? Utah Deer populations are in an extrema crisis this year. On a recent drive from Fruitland to Vernal over fifty dead deer were counted. Snow has caused a catastrophic collapse in our deer populations. All deer we watched were in starvation conditions. This also translates into high fawn mortality rates. Emergency extreme reductions should be made to conserve our Deer population.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? After speaking with your DWR Officers in the Echo Junction area. We personally saw several dead mature bulls. Many of those live bulls were in horrible shape. Utah needs to take emergency action to maintain any future for our Elk populations. Calf mortality due to the unprecedented snow levels will be extrema. The officer we spoke to said he too have found seven new deaths to starvation. He informed us that many of the bulls we were watching would not make it. through March and April. I have hunted Utah for over 50 years and this year will make it hard for our big game to rebound. As for the new split hunt, Every year we have made this our annual family vacation. Two weeks with family from all over the state. The increase in Utah hunters has made permits more difficult to obtain. We have been fortunate to have received tags. But this year will be different. I would have liked to see an approach like the Buck deer tags with specific areas and permits by region al lining with the current Buck deer applications. This would give the DWR more latitude and control over specific populations. One area has a high population that needs to be reduced where another has a lower population and needs less hunters. Make it a draw. Not first come 15,000 and a free for all the second week. The increased hunters will have an impact to the population and make the second week a mess for all those who hunt the general season open bull tag.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes?

This is long over due. There also should be an increased fine for wanton waist. I hunt the back country of Flaming Gorge. Several times I have found carcasses that have had the head cut off, hind quarters, back straps. But tenderloins, and front shoulders were left. Without a reported harvest you have not accurate data to back up harvest reports. So you never knew how many animals were harvested. Thank you for getting this done.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 6, 2023 2:17 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? 530 total antlerless deer tags is ridiculous. I saw 15 doe on my hunt last year and one Buck that was so small, I passed on it. There are far too many does in many of the

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Southern Region Units listed are increasing 2525 permits even though most of them are under objective or just at objective. This is being done after the longest, coldest, wettest, winter in Utah History. Why???? This is when tags should be decreased due to the likelihood that many of the bucks that were counted could have died after losing their horns during their most vulnerable time of winter February - April when at the weakest!!!! Don't let them kill the bucks this year when in reality they don't have any idea what survived after February. These counts are done prior to that right??? If they all lived we should have plenty of feed to hold them over due to all the water in the hills until 2024. This is not stockpiling, this is common since!!!! CONSIDER WAITING A YEAR TO INCREASE TAGS AFTER WE KNOW THE FULL EFFECT TO OUR DEER AFTER THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WINTER ON RECORD!!!! INSTEAD DECREASE TAGS FOR THE TIME BEING!!

Beaver under objective 3 year - Pahvant in objective parameter - Monroe Under Objective 3 year
Dutton under objective 3 year - Zion in objective parameter - Pine Valley in objective parameter

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I really like the increases that were made for the Pine Valley and Zion units. I can support what they were increased to. I know Pine Valley has always been a unit of contention when a tag increase is proposed. I probably spend as much time or more than anyone else that hunts there and I like seeing big deer just the same as the next person. But right now, the odds to draw that tag if you were to start with 0 points last year. It would take 15 years to draw the second rifle hunt. That's not what we want to see for a GS deer unit. The deer are down right now but I still seen good bucks last year. They are still there. I just had to work a little harder to find them. PLEASE!! Don't decrease the tags lower then what the proposed numbers are. Thanks for your time

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? I wish the presentation had a more detail on why a unit is being increased or decreased from the previous year.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? I really appreciate all that was involved in restructuring the elk hunts. I think this is a great step to having options to be able to increase tags over the next few years.
I would like to see more tags issued on the Beaver unit. Last year it was increase by 27 tags and the average age still went up. With it being 1.4 years over the objective I believe it could be raised up closer to 85-90 tags and still be just fine.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I was one that was in favor of scopes on muzzleloaders. I think we made a mistake by allowing that. I would like to see it go to open sights only. Utah is one of the last states now to allow a scope on a muzzy. The same reason tags were cut on the early rifle elk hunt is the same reason to go back to open sights on muzzys. That hunt will still be a very high success rate as long as we allow scopes to be used. Also, when the late season muzzy deer hunts were passed there was no scopes allowed. I believe that hunt would have never pass today with the way muzzleloaders can shoot with a scope.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Please cap non residents. Non residents draw general tags more easily than residents. Or maybe let some non residents draw and if there are any left over tags they go to residents in a left over allocation/draw/ otc/ first one first serve etc.

How are we going to get herd numbers up? Limit in areas that were hit hard with winter kill and open up more in areas that can handle it.

3 point it better tulle

More archery only units to build good bucks and genetics and have areas for bowhunters that breed an incredible amount of bucks and high quality given the low success of archery.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?

Non residents shouldn't be allowed to put in for every animal. They should have to choose 1. Now maybe residents could put in for multiple or top 2 or 3 animals. Non residents should be one! And the same goes for limited entry. Don't allow them to apply for every limited entry let residents of their own state build up multiple points

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?

Non residents should be limited on all tags. How do else expect to sustain an elk population with unlimited late season elk hunters? Late season rife hunts shouldn't be unlimited. In some of these units you are opening the herds will be decimated in a year or two please re consider.

Late season bull tags have got to be limited drastically or go all together. Late season bull elk hunts are hard on bulls!

One thing is for certain non residents should be capped at 1000 or less like other states.

I know every utah resident wold be willing to pay more for a tag if the tags stayed with the residents.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I have hunted in Utah almost every year for decades. I strongly support the recommendations. Current and pending advancements in technology are stripping hunting of every feature that has historically defined it and embodied its merit and appeal. Technological advances are reducing hunting to simply to killing an animal. Early in its history, Utah sportsmen recognized the need to impose restrictions to preserve hunting ethics and wildlife populations. For instance, even though waterfowl populations in Utah were extraordinarily abundant, Utah sportsmen supported (a) a ban on guns with a bore larger than 10 gauge, (b) a ban on spring shooting, (c) bans on night hunting, (d) possession and bag limits, (e) bans on "battery blinds". The list could go on. Please support these recommendations in order to preserve the traditions, values, and practices that make hunting worth saving and passing on to future generations.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

Restricting the use of real time communication like radios and Cell Phones is an extremely dangerous decision against honest hunters. As a Ham Radio operator and communications volunteer at many different events taking place in areas without cell service, the ability to communicate on real time is a matter of life and death. If a hunter were to fall and hurt themselves to the point they can not walk, they would be unable to inform their partners or rescue personnel of their condition and location. If hunting parties were unable to communicate, they risk even more unfortunate accidents, should they fire their weapon in the direction of another hunter. Some individuals and groups will and do abuse this technology, but implementing restrictions won't stop them. It will only take potentially life saving means of communication away from those honest hunters that would otherwise be at risk of being lost or killed.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 9, 2023 3:15 am

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I am unsure of one point. I do disagree with some of the recommendations but can also see the need. It's more of a disagreement because of convenience and will abide the rules for the betterment of the herds. The one point I have is that archery says no electronics except camera and nock. Does this mean we cannot have a sight light that helps to see the pins? I hunt a lot of deep, dark timber where even at noon it's difficult to see the pins as the fiber optic doesn't receive enough sunlight. I feel like being sure of your pin is a necessity for ethical shots and helps to not pick the wrong one. Choosing one pin off could leave animals wounded and unrecoverable. The light I am speaking of does not project or aid in the take but merely takes the place of natural sunlight that is gathered by the sight. Still is physical sight pins and a manual movement by hand on "slider" sights. The light is powered by a standard watch battery and only projects directly onto the fiber that runs into the sight housing creating the physical aiming point inside.

I do appreciate your work and though we disagree on some points, I can usually understand your different viewpoints.

Maybe I am reading this one wrong or it just hasn't been considered.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Please explore the potential of changing mountain goat tags from either sex to billy only as well as requiring a check in process for harvested goats.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? Please consider removing the general season any bull elk muzzleloader permits into a separate pool within the 15K.
So 12,500 any weapon and 2,500 muzzleloader for example.

If the any bull units can handle a second season with unlimited tags please consider increasing the youth only draw hunt from 500 to 1000 tags.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes? Please address what if any geo-tagging requirements will be during the RAC/Board presentations.
Thank you for the requirement to check the area where an animal was when shot at.
Great move to eliminate the sale of inedible products.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? Please include the use of ear pieces and microphones to be prohibited in real time communication. This will help with enforcement and their is no need for this method of silent communication when not stalking in on an animal.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? You population estimates for East Canyon and Wasatch elk seem to be grossly over exaggerated.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed big game rule changes? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 10, 2023 11:58 am

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

It sounds like you're looking at many facets of managing the deer herds. It seems like some more cuts should be made, more are going to get by cars and winter is not going away, sure more are going to succumb to it.

Form Name:
Submission Time:

April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 10, 2023 9:58 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? Another massive over-reach from the division. I can't see a way to effectively enforce these proposed rules.
