

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed mule deer management plan?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed management plan?** Please do something different with the Manti. It needs help. Limited Entry, weapons restrictions or something.

Discontinue multi season hunts like dedicated hunter and spike multi season. It's too crowded anymore with all the demand for hunting in Utah.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed deer hunt strategies research project?** Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the research project?** Please add the Manti to the list.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?** Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended season dates?** Please get rid of the early rifle big bull. Split the Manti unit, six mile gets hammered every year, and crowding is horrible. Change the age object to 6-6.5.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed mule deer management plan?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed management plan?** Kudos to the division for listening to comment. I know they can't take all comments as they contradict one another, but adding the option for the extended only should have impact on drawing odds.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed deer hunt strategies research project?** Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the research project?** The purpose of APR are defeated if you allow youth to shoot anything. This is coming from a father of two young (soon to be) hunters. Youth being able to hunt is what is important, not being able to shoot anything. And if they want to shoot anything, they can apply for another unit. It would be more important to see the true impact of this restriction than to allow youth to still shoot any buck.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended season dates?** Adding the 5 days back to the front of the LE Elk Archery is a good call.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed once-in-a-lifetime hunts?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to youth hunting and deer hunting applications?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes?** If you are going to limit applicants to putting in for either DH or General, then you should combine the points they have and just have the DH and General hunts in the same point pool. Having two different points for the same species on the same units just makes it more complicated than it needs to be. Many applicants today have points for both and would not be able to utilize them. Combining the points will allow for them to use what they have, and simplify the process.

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November 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
October 23, 2024 3:52 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed mule deer management plan?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed management plan?** Strongly agree on upping buck to doe ratios STATE WIDE!

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed deer hunt strategies research project?** Somewhat agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended season dates?** Adding more hunt options doesn't help sustainability or point creep

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed mule deer management plan?** Somewhat agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed deer hunt strategies research project?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the research project?** I am all for this research project and also for the antler restrictions and weapons restrictions, it's time for people to learn how to hunt again instead of relying on technology.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?** Somewhat agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to youth hunting and deer hunting applications?** Somewhat agree

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

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended season dates?**

I strongly disagree with the technology limits as a whole. This leads to very negative impacts. Limiting technology leads to wounded animals and is a slippery slope. In my opinion rules like this are very ill advised. We have plenty of rules already on the books that don't have the resources to be enforced. I'm not saying rules are bad. But basic principles like for example, what is an ethical shot on an animal, is not something we can make a rule on. And that is what I feel this kind of ruling is trying to accomplish. Hunting has so many variables for that. principles and ethics are something that is taught and ingrained into a hunters mind. Nothing is perfect in hunting. Weather terrain, shot placement, buck fever, all are huge variables in how we hunt. It takes practice. so for me, I want the best technology to make clean ethical shot. Technology is not a bad thing. This is also leading to very strong arguments on social media of people who are upset. These kind of rules put people into camps. The long range group, archery group, muzzy group etc. it's not good for the community to push for "rules" on each other because they " don't like the way things are done with that certain group" it's a double edge sword and I wish it would stop.

On another note, I agree with the date changes proposal and other proposals on here.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed deer hunt strategies research project?**

Somewhat disagree

**Do you have any comments about the research project?**

I greatly appreciate what the division is trying to do with respect to the antler point proposed regulations. My concern lies in my hunting experience this past muzzleloader hunt. I was given an opportunity at several bucks who were all just past 100 yards from me and did not see nor smell me. I had enough time to study each of them and took a shot and killed the leader of the bachelor group who was the largest and most mature buck by far. This buck however happened to be a 3 point. He was so old that his teeth were almost worn completely out. He scored 153 5/8" and has a spread of 27". Had this regulation been in place that stated I couldn't have shot a buck smaller than a 4 point I would have had to shoot one of the smaller bucks who were not near as old nor mature. Instead of a point regulation I propose a rule in its place that states that bucks cannot be harvested that have a spread less than their ears. With the average mule deer spread being roughly 20-22" wide this would allow bucks to mature while still allowing old and regressed 2 and 3 points to be harvested. I hope that you will consider this worry that many of us adamant hunters have. Thank you for your consideration and time.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

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

Talk about fencing around highways or crossing bridges is great. Highway 6 from Spanish fork to price needs to be an area highly considered for this. While reports of dissatisfaction from recent hunters and my own experience on the quality and quantity of bucks.. perhaps vote on to require a buck deer to have at least 3 points on one side (not including brow tine) to be legal for harvest for hunters 18 and older. This could be for all hunts or muzzleloader and any legal weapon hunts. Youth hunters would be eligible to harvest any buck deer.

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November 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
October 27, 2024 8:38 pm

**Which best describes your position** Strongly disagree  
**regarding the proposed deer hunt**  
**strategies research project?**

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**Do you have any comments about the research project?**

I have been in the Dedicated Hunter program since its inception. I have hunted the same area in the Cache Unit for over 46 years. I have been extremely satisfied with deer hunting. Last year hunters were required to pull magnifying scopes off of muzzleloaders. This change cost \$500 for a new sight system. Under this new proposal I will have to scrap my current muzzleloader and invest \$500 to \$600 for a muzzleloader that fits the restricted muzzleloader definition.

We will also be required to remove our scopes off our rifles. "If only our rifles had iron sights", so back to the store to purchase a rifle with iron sights. Another six to nine hundred dollars. This research study could cost each hunter a minimum of \$1,200 if they are in the Dedicated Hunter program or \$500 to \$900 if they draw muzzleloader or rifle tag.

The Cache unit currently has around 200 Dedicated Hunters. Each hunter completes 32 hours or they buy their hours at \$40 per hour. If half of the dedicated hunters drop out due to the new equipment requirements, it could be a loss of 3,200 volunteer hours. Will other sportsman's organizations step up to complete the volunteer hours? Will habitat projects on the Cache unit not be completed?

What is the purpose of this proposal? Is it to increase the number of licenses sales or is it to increase the number of bucks?

The Cache unit currently has 17 bucks per 100 doe's post season. Objective is 15 to 17 bucks per 100 doe's post season. The Cache unit is very weather dependent. When we have a hard winter we lose our deer. If we have more bucks than objective, it takes longer for the deer herds to rebound from winter loss. The bucks out-compete the doe's for survival, reducing the reproduction and survival of fawns.

Next year I will be 62 and my eyesight is declining. I depend on a scope to insure I make a humane harvest. Open sights including a peep sight with a globe front sight has made precision shot almost guess work. I can't imagine a new hunter using open sights when the hunter education course allows them to use scopes to pass their shooting proficiency test.

Lets wait until the data is collected from this years hunt before significant changes are made impacting the 4,000 plus hunters that hunt the Cache unit.

This proposal doesn't do anything for habitat that will sustain deer numbers.

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November 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
October 28, 2024 8:40 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed mule deer management plan?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any comments about the proposed management plan?**

Shorter seasons , archery used to be 2 weekends, go back to 5 day hunt general season, I saw the difference when we did the 5 day hunt, and other hunters agree. Too many guides out scouting year round for outfitters !!! Then the big money hunters "killing the animal" not hunting themselves. (Same thing with pheasants, numbers have dwindled for years, but the season was made longer not shorter to save some of whats left). 3 point or better helps.

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November 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
October 28, 2024 11:10 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to youth hunting and deer hunting applications?**

Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes?**

Put those 2,000+ remaining tags that youth don't draw and take the tags out and don't sell those tags. Save some mule deer for goodness sake! That alone will help with the deer population and put more deer on the landscape, taking those undrawn tags away!

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

Neither agree nor disagree

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

I am the former owner of the JB Ranch CWMU. We have always worked very hard to be an exemplary CWMU treating all our hunting guests as if they were family members, regardless of whether they were people we were just meeting or we have had the privilege of hosting before. We have worked hard to steward our land and improve habitat. We were recognized by the State of Utah as the top ranch in forest management several years ago. I believe we were also recognized last year as a top CWMU. I believe the public will suffer if the JB Ranch CWMU permit is not extended, even if just on a trial basis. Many of the same people come year after year because they know the quality of the hunts and our strong wildlife management and conservation efforts. My discussions with the buyer of the ranch led me to believe he will continue the same level of stewardship, if not increase it. He had significant plans for habitat improvement and like us, said he did not intend to do paid hunting on the ranch. My understanding is that hunts during October of this year under his ownership have gone well and have the same level of "service" as we always sought to provide. I understand that the prior criminal record of the new owner is a concern. I too researched that before selling and found it was many years ago with no later issues that I could find. At what point does one say a person has served their time and should be given a second chance? I also understand that there are concerns about his views on CWD. I did not discuss this issue with him as I have never seen any evidence of CWD on the ranch but the area does have cases I am told. Rather than deny the request for renewal of the application on this basis, I would think it would best serve the public interest for you to make your requirements/stipulations known in any new permit and ask the new owner if he can comply with them. If he agrees that he can, you can monitor compliance. If he cannot agree, then the denial of the permit may be warranted. The JB Ranch is sizeable and having limited hunting on the ranch if there is no CWMU will serve to concentrate animals there I suspect, facilitating the spread of CWD. It would seem we would do more harm than good to the public denying the application on this basis. My family took pride in the friendships we created over the years with our public hunters. We were shocked and disappointed to hear this may not continue. I personally think the new owner deserves a chance to perform, even if just on a trial basis. We worked very hard to create something special that I sincerely hope can continue for the benefit of Utah hunters, public and private. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Jim Gallogly

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

Strongly disagree

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

Have a 3 point or better state wide for the next several years. Do major predator control State wide all predators Mountain Lion, Coyote, bear, wolf, and other predators affecting the deer herds. After the general season deer hunt ends no more hunts period. No more shredding trees this is taking away from the habitat of wild life what a waist of wild life funds. The problem is the DWR puts out these surveys and then they do what they want. Our opinion doesn't matter. So continue to do what you want you will anyway.

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed mule deer management plan?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any comments about the proposed management plan?**

Specifically on the San Juan Abajo Unit the plan changes the unit from a 18-20 buck to 15-17 bucks, I strongly disagree with this strategy. If you look at the San Juan unit it has 127,952 acres of CWMU that hold alot of the mule deer. Even in the CWMU portion of this proposal the DWR states that there are older age class deer and a higher buck to doe ratio from the general public portion, but these deer are counted as part of the general season buck to doe ratio. By increasing permits on the public portion to bring down the buck to doe ratio isn't helping fix the problem. Because the San Juan unit is surrounded by CWMU and LE unit it should stay at a the 18-20. If you want to bring down the buck to the 15-17 then I suggest that the CWMU portion kill the bucks to bring down the numbers. In 2022 the CWMU's Deer Haven, Springcreek/dodge, and Summit point killed a total of 79 deer. The General season portion of the San juan killed 834 bucks. Just because of the nature of all the CWMU and such I again say keep it at the 18-20. Because on the public portion it is probably like 8-10 bucks per 100 doe and on the CWMU portion more like 25-30 buck per 100 doe.

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

Strongly disagree

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

Junction Valley with 2023 Harvest Data shows that 0 bull elk were harvested and that satisfaction was a 3.0 which is low if you compare it to other CWMU's. 2022 they have a 60% harvest rate, 2021 they have a 60% harvest rate, 2020 they have a 40% harvest rate, 2019 they have a 60% harvest rate. You have to go back to 2018 for them to have a 100% harvest rate with 5 bull elk permits. If you average it out over the history of the CWMU this CWMU is on the lower end of rates for CWMU's.

Why should they be rewarded with 2 extra bull elk permits if they are not harvesting and have low hunter satisfaction rate. Even if it is split and 1 goes to the CWMU operator and one to the public you are just setting up these hunters to fail and in the end will have a sour taste for the CWMU program which is so great in reality.

I DO NOT THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO GIVE JUNCTION VALLEY 2 EXTRA BULL ELK PERMITS.

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November 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
October 30, 2024 2:56 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed deer hunt strategies research project?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the research project?** I like the idea of weapon restrictions for muzzel loaders and rifles. Also agree with the four point or better. Would like to see these changes implemented on more units specifically on the manti, nine mile, lasal, and abajo mountains.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?** Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended season dates?** I would like to see archery elk dates be pushed back another week to September 24th ish and then have the rifle hunt be after the muzzel loader hunt.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed mule deer management plan?**

Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed management plan?**

The Manti/ SanRafel unit needs to be split into two separate units, basically right down the center. This is the largest unit in the state. Units varies so great it should not be managed the same.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed deer hunt strategies research project?**

Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the research project?**

Please implement antler restrictions in some shape or form. Especially on the more popular units like the Manti. The 5 units proposed are not as popular and will not provide the same social feedback .  
Even provide more hunting opportunities by allowing more antler restrictions much like spike bull elk but for deer. Especially for youth , they should have as much opportunity as possible.

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

Strongly disagree

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

I don't think it's in the best interest of the state the division of wildlife or the public to deny the new owner of the Jb Ranch CWMU entrance into the program.

The Jb Ranch has been very helpful and beneficial to the state in their management, also helping to control a cow elk population. They have given tags to Hunt's for the Brave, A Utah nonprofit to help take veterans hunting.

I have met the new owner. He is committed to the same management style, although he has had some problems in the past he is committed to this program and our management style. I think it's in Utah's best interest to have him in the program. It's an easier way to keep an eye on things and it will benefit the whole region.

In talking to the new owner, he is totally willing to be under a probationary period as well. I think that's the best route to go and I encourage you to make that change.

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November 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
November 5, 2024 12:19 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed deer hunt strategies research project?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you have any comments about the research project?**

I am not against most of what you are proposing. Change is hard but I understand somethings need to change. I hunt the Boulder Unit and have for 20 years. With regards to the Weapons restriction I think you should consider the use of RED DOT's. A lot of people Including myself have aging eyes and have a harder time seeing Iron Sights. A RED DOT would solve this issue and keep the Weapons Restricted but allow more people to participate. Also I do not won a rifle with Iron Sights and would need to purchase a new one to hunt with. I know a lot of people in this camp as well. If RED DOTs were allowed i could simply replace my scope with a RED DOT and keep my same rifle. Thanks

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November 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
November 5, 2024 6:51 pm

**Which best describes your position**      Somewhat agree  
**regarding the proposed mule deer**  
**management plan?**

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed management plan?**

I'm ecstatic to see recommendations for restricted weapon units. I'm deeply disappointed to see a recommendation to reduce buck-to-doe objectives for general units.

**Restricted Weapons trial:**

I have long advocated for a general season mule deer hunting structure with weapon restrictions. I'm extremely supportive of this recommendation and urge the RAC and Board to support this trial. I believe this hunt structure will allow for additional hunting opportunity, many quality hunting experiences for participants while enabling a segment of quality bucks in the population. I wish the trial include more units, but understand and support starting small to understand results and public perception.

**Reduced buck-doe-ratios:**

Its frustrating to see the proposed reduction in buck-doe-ratios for the general units. I recommend buck-to-doe objectives from the previous plan be used for the current plan. There are three reasons I oppose this recommendation:

1. After roughly 120 mule deer hunts across the western states and goodness who knows how many scouting trips it has been my experience hunts on units with buck-to-doe ratios below 17 are marginal experiences. Few bucks, small bucks and dissatisfaction among hunters are the typical results. I believe units should be managed for buck-to-doe ratios between 18-26, because of this belief I do support lowering ratios for limited entry units.
2. I would suggest the data compiled on buck-to-doe ratios affects on herd productivity is correlativity in nature, not causal. Almost without fail management for higher buck-to-doe ratios in the western states managed on a unit basis is done on lower productive herds where habitat doesn't support robust fawn recruitment. Because of this suppressed fawn recruitment game managers tend to be conservative in tag allocation and season dates inadvertently managing for a slightly higher buck-to-doe ratio.
3. I can't decide where I stand on CWD. But what I read continuously for CWD recommendations are: manage age in the bucks, population densities and robust monitoring. Nowhere do I see mention of population densities being managed adding insult to injury that we are electing to lower and already middling buck-to-doe ratio objective.

I urge the RAC and the Board to reject this proposal for general units, and adopt objectives from the previous plan instead. I support lowering buck-to-doe ratios for the limited entry units, this is a reasonable recommendation balancing opportunity, quality and risk of CWD.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed deer hunt strategies research project?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the research project?**

Love the concept and have long advocated for restricted weapons. This is a win win. More opportunity and will create better quality. I'm skeptical of antler point restrictions since over a long period of time this will impact the genetics in the herd, but for a four year trial it could produce interesting results. I urge the RAC and Board to support this proposal.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed mule deer management plan?**

Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed management plan?**

My question is this last year you proposed this and it did not pass you allocated on all three hunts 714 tags for 2023 season you say the unit is below numbers but for the 2024 hunting season all three you allocated 1300 permits that's 586 more tags WHY I am ALW hunter why are we and the muzzleloader hunters the only groups getting changes its time to cut the days of the bow hunt

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to youth hunting and deer hunting applications?**

Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes?**

if the youth tags are not getting allocated to archery just don't give them to the rifle hunt this allows them to hunt all 3 hunts you have already lost the youth to hunting when dad can't draw he's not teaching hunting to kids

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Form Name:  
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November 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
November 6, 2024 10:51 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed deer hunt strategies research project?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the research project?**

Please use restricted weapons and include archery in these seasons!!  
Make thousand lakes general not limited entry

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November 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
November 7, 2024 8:49 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed deer hunt strategies research project?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the research project?**

I support the restricted weapons proposals and feel that traditional archery should be included for all restricted weapons hunts. This approach is a step in the right direction to start promoting weapons that encourage less technology in our hunting strategies. Over time, it could lead to increased hunter opportunity and increased herd health.

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November 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
November 7, 2024 8:51 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed deer hunt strategies research project?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the research project?**

I support the restricted weapons proposals and feel that traditional archery should be included for all restricted weapons hunts. This approach is a step in the right direction to start promoting weapons that encourage less technology in our hunting strategies. Over time, it could lead to increased hunter opportunity and increased herd health.

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November 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback  
November 7, 2024 5:55 pm

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

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

I (Robert Eichenour and owner of JB Ranch) am writing to request your recommendation to the Wildlife Board to approve JB Ranch's application for renewal of a Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU). I understand my past conviction may raise concerns in connection with the operation of a CWMU. Despite these potential concerns and the initial recommendation of denial from the Department of Wildlife Sources, I believe that my experience, knowledge, and commitment to wildlife conservation make me a suitable candidate for this role.

I recently purchased the property known as JB Ranch on or about September 30, 2024, which I currently operate as a CWMU, but which status expires January 31, 2025. As the new owner of JB Ranch, I am passionate about continuing its legacy of providing exceptional hunting opportunities for the public, and I recognize the importance of maintaining the ranch's high standards and adhering to all rules and regulations applicable to CWMUs.

The Council's recommendation for approval of JB Ranch's application of renewal for CWMU is in the best interest of the public, and I will be an exceptional partner and operator of JB Ranch as a CWMU, for at least the following reasons:

- **Extensive Operator Experience:** My 40-year career in the ranching industry, both as an operator of the historic, high fenced hunting ranch known as Circle E Ranch in Grimes County, Texas and the Canada del Oso (Canyon of the Bear) Ranch in Mora County, New Mexico, has provided me with invaluable knowledge and skills in wildlife management. During this time, I bought and sold thousands of animals all over the United States and I maintained the largest elk herd in the State of Texas for many years.
- **Dedication to Ethical Behavior and Community Involvement Following Prior Conviction:** In 2006, I was arrested and charged with smuggling white-tailed buck deer from Minnesota to Circle E Ranch in Grimes County, Texas. Shortly thereafter, I served eighteen months in federal prison, followed by a three-year probationary period. I acknowledge the serious nature of my past actions and the consequences I faced. That experience has profoundly humbled me, shaped my perspective on life, and made me a more grateful person. I have learned from my mistakes and have dedicated myself to living a responsible and law-abiding life. Since my conviction, I have demonstrated a strong commitment to ethical behavior and community involvement. I have donated many hunting opportunities to Make-A-Wish Foundation, to various church groups, to kids, and to veteran groups, and I plan to continue to make such donations for hunting opportunities on JB Ranch.
- **Public Access:** I am committed to providing public access to JB Ranch, including the campground and guided hunting opportunities. Currently, JB Ranch receives the following for the public: two buck deer tags, two bull elk tags, and twenty-one antlerless/cow tags. I hope to continue to provide hunting opportunities to the public through CWMU.
- **Commitment to Conservation and Ethical Hunting Practices:** As a lifelong hunter who harbors a deep appreciation for the outdoors and nature, I am committed to preserving wildlife populations and their habitats. I believe

that a well-managed CWMU can balance hunting opportunities with conservation goals. I promise to strictly adhere to all hunting regulations and promote fair-chase principles.

- Collaboration with DWR and State Agencies: After I served my sentence, I received no violations from any governmental authority in the states of Texas or New Mexico during my time as the operator of Circle E Ranch and Canada del Oso Ranch because I am committed to following applicable rules and regulations to these activities. When I first purchased JB Ranch, I believed cameras, feed stations and blinds would have been suitable for the ranch, as was the case with my prior operation of my prior ranches. However, I have since educated myself on why I was mistaken. I will cooperate fully with the Department of Wildlife Resources and other relevant government agencies, officials and employees to ensure the long-term sustainability of JB Ranch and the CWMU. I am committed and I pledge that we will not feed or put out mineral blocks except as may be permitted under applicable rules and regulations.

- Future Plans: I care deeply about JB Ranch. I plan to implement multiple initiatives to enhance the ranch's wildlife habitat, including planting additional forage and conducting controlled burns, all within the applicable rules and regulations and with the cooperation of, and counsel from, the Department of Wildlife Resources and other applicable governmental authorities. Additionally, I wish to surrender and waive approximately 50% of the number of harvested bucks to allow for larger antler growth, which would give the public a chance at larger mature deer in a much older age bracket.

As the Council well knows, JB Ranch is a pillar in the CWMU program. I am eager to apply my knowledge and experience to the management of JB Ranch as a CWMU. I am committed to maintaining the ranch's high standards, adhering to all CWMU rules and regulations, and promoting ethical hunting practices. I believe that JB Ranch can continue to be a valuable asset to the community and a model for wildlife conservation, as it has been for decades.

I respectfully request that the Council recommend approval of JB Ranch's application for renewal of CWMU status to the Wildlife Board. I believe that this decision would be in the best interest of both the ranch and the State of Utah.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be happy to provide any additional information or documentation that may be required.

Sincerely,

Robert Eichenour, Owner of JB Ranch

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed mule deer management plan?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed management plan?** Let's hunt more Bears.  
There should not be trophy bears on the landscape.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed deer hunt strategies research project?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the research project?** Let's get more units restricted.  
Let's get high power long range scopes off rifles.  
Let's get the hunting back to hunting, not shooting 600-1200 yards.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?** Somewhat agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to youth hunting and deer hunting applications?** Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes?** All Utah Resident youth 12-18 should be able to have a general deer tag. It's a shame how many kids 12-18 only get 1 tag in those years. Kids that play fall sports don't get time to hunt too many days. Let's get these kids hunting.

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