

RAC AGENDA – April 2019



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| 1. | Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair | |
| 2. | Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- RAC Chair | |
| 3. | Wildlife Board Meeting Update
- RAC Chair | INFORMATIONAL |
| 4. | Regional Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. | R657-5 Big Game & R657-62 Draw Applications Rule Amendments
- Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. | Bucks, Bulls, and OIAL Permit Recommendations for 2019
- Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator and
- Regional Wildlife Manager | ACTION |
| 7. | Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2019
- Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator and
- Regional Wildlife Manager | ACTION |
| 8. | R657-37 CWMU Rule Amendments
- Mike Wardle, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |
| 9. | 2019 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations
- Mike Wardle, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |
| 10. | R657-44 Big Game Depredation Rule Amendments
- Mike Wardle, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |
| 11. | R657- 41 Conservation and Sportsman Permit Rule Amendments
- Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |

Meeting Locations

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| CR RAC – | April 9th, 6:00 PM
Public Library
45 S. Main St. Springville | SER RAC – | April 17th, 6:30 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River |
| NR RAC – | April 10th, 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission
2380 Washington Blvd. #240,
Ogden | NER RAC – | April 18th, 5:30 PM
Wildlife Resources NER Office
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal |
| SR RAC – | April 16th, 5:00 PM
Beaver High School
195 E. Center Street, Beaver | Board Meeting – | May 2nd, 9:00 AM
DNR, Boardroom
1594 W. North Temple, SLC |



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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 25, 2019

To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator

Subject: Rule amendments to Taking Big Game (R657-5) and Drawing Application Procedures (657-62)

The proposed amendments to the Taking Big Game rule would:

- Allow the harvest of more than one pronghorn, using mitigation permits in a depredation situation.
- Clarify that an individual may obtain a maximum of one Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit **and** one desert bighorn sheep permit in the same year.
- Allow handgun-archery-muzzleloader-only hunts. Weapons used in these hunts would have to meet current specifications in rule including additional pistol specifications. No scopes will be allowed. Hunter orange will not be required.
- Allow the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) to issue a Certificate of Registration (COR) to the owner of a domestic sheep operation that would allow the owner, their immediate family or employees to remove a bighorn sheep that is comingling with their domestic sheep. Several factors will be considered before the issuing the COR. When a bighorn is taken under this provision, the animal and all of its parts are to be left intact and provided to DWR personnel.

The proposed amendment to the Drawing Application Procedures rule would:

- Allow youth to apply as a group for antlerless hunts. As long as all the members in the group fit the definition of youth, they will be able to participate in the youth drawing and be considered for the percent of permits allocated to youth hunters.



R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-5. Taking Big Game.

R657-5-1. Purpose and Authority.

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

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

R657-5-2. Definitions.

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

(2) In addition:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

R657-5-35. Doe Pronghorn Hunts.

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

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

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

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

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

(3) [A] Except for mitigation permits issued pursuant to R657-44-8, a person who has obtained a doe pronghorn permit may not hunt pronghorn during any other pronghorn hunt or obtain any other pronghorn permit.

R657-5-39. Desert Bighorn and Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Ram Hunts.

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

(2)(a) A person who has obtained a ram desert bighorn sheep [~~or a ram Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit~~] may not obtain any other desert bighorn sheep [~~or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit~~] or hunt during any other desert bighorn sheep [~~or~~].

(b) A person who has obtained a ram Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit may not obtain any other Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit or hunt any other Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep [~~hunt~~].

(3) Ram desert bighorn sheep and ram Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permits are considered separate once-in-a-lifetime hunting opportunities.

(4)(a) A ram desert bighorn sheep permit allows a person to take one desert bighorn ram within the area, during the seasons, and using the weapon type prescribed by the Wildlife Board.

(b) A ram Rocky Mountain sheep permit allows a person to take one Rocky Mountain bighorn ram within the area, during the seasons, and using the weapon type prescribed by the Wildlife Board.

(5) Successful hunters must deliver the horns of the bighorn sheep to a division office within 72 hours of leaving the hunting area. A numbered seal will be permanently affixed to the horn indicating legal harvest.

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

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

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus point in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(2).

R657-5-48. Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Only Hunt.

(1) The division may establish Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Only hunts for any big gamespecies.

(2) An individual may only use the following weapons on a handgun-archery-muzzleloader-only hunt:

(a) a legal handgun for the species being hunted, consistent with R657-5-9 and Subsection (5), with no attached scope;

(b) legal archery equipment consistent with R657-5-11; or

(c) a legal muzzleloader consistent with R657-5-10, with no attached scope.

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

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

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

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

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

(i) fixed, detachable, or collapsible buttstock;

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

(iii) vertical foregrip; and

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

(6) A Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Only hunt is not a centerfire rifle hunt for purposes of Section 23-20-31 or R657-5-49.

R657-5-49. Hunter Orange Exceptions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

R657-5-50. Authorization to Remove Bighorn Sheep from Domestic Sheep Operations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(f) management priorities for the wild sheep population.

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

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

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

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

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

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

limitations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KEY: wildlife, game laws, big game seasons

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R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-62. Drawing Application Procedures.

R657-62-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for drawing applications and procedures.

(2) Specific season dates, bag and possession limits, areas open, number of permits and other administrative details that may change annually are published in the respective guidebooks of the Wildlife Board.

R657-62-20. Antlerless Species.

(1) Permit Applications.

(a) A person must possess or obtain a valid hunting or combination license in order to apply for or obtain an antlerless permit.

(b) Applicants must meet all age requirements, proof of hunter education requirements and youth restrictions as provided in rule R657-5.

(c) A person may apply in the drawing for and draw the following permits, except as provided in Subsection (d):

(i) antlerless deer;

(ii) antlerless elk;

(iii) doe pronghorn;

(iv) antlerless moose, if available;

(v) ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, if available; and

(vi) ewe desert bighorn sheep, if available.

(d)(i) Any person who has obtained a buck pronghorn permit, bull moose permit, ram Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit, or a ram desert bighorn sheep permit may not apply in the same year for a doe pronghorn permit, antlerless moose permit, ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit, or a ewe desert bighorn sheep permit, respectively, except for permits remaining after the drawing as provided in R657-62-15.

(ii) A resident may apply for an antlerless moose, ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, or ewe desert bighorn sheep in the antlerless drawing, but may not apply for more than one of those permits in a given year.

(iii) A nonresident may apply for all antlerless species in a given year.

(e) Applicants may select up to five hunt choices when applying for antlerless deer, antlerless elk and antlerless pronghorn.

(f) Applicants may select up to two hunt choices when applying for antlerless moose.

(g) Applicants may select up to two hunt choices when applying for ewe bighorn sheep permits.

(h) Hunt unit choices must be listed in order of preference.

(i) A person may not submit more than one application in the antlerless drawing per species.

(2) Youth applications.

(a) For purposes of this section, "youth" means any person 17 years of age or younger on July 31.

(b) Twenty percent of the antlerless deer, elk and doe pronghorn permits are reserved for youth hunters.

(c) Youth applicants who apply for an antlerless deer, elk, or doe pronghorn permit as provided in this Subsection, will automatically be considered in the youth drawing based upon their birth date.

(3) Drawing Order

(a) Permits are drawn in the order listed in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) Any reserved permits remaining and any youth applicants who were not selected for reserved permits shall be returned to the antlerless drawing.

(c) If permits remain after all choices have been evaluated separately for residents and nonresidents, a second evaluation will be done allowing cross-over usage of remaining resident and nonresident permit quotas.

(4) Group Applications

(a) Up to four hunters can apply together for antlerless deer, antlerless elk and doe pronghorn

(b) Group applications are not accepted for antlerless moose or ewe bighorn sheep permits.

(c) Youth hunters who wish to participate in the youth drawing [~~must not~~ may] apply as a group[-], consistent with the following:

(i) all applicants must qualify as a youth;

(ii) a minimum of two youth must apply to be considered as a group application; and

(iii) no more than four youth may apply in a single group application;

(5) Waiting Periods

(a) Antlerless moose waiting period.

(i) Any person who draws or obtains an antlerless moose permit or a cooperative wildlife management unit antlerless moose permit through the antlerless drawing process, may not apply for or receive an antlerless moose permit thereafter for a period of five seasons.

(ii) A waiting period does not apply to:

(A) cooperative wildlife management unit antlerless moose permits obtained through the landowner; or

(B) antlerless moose wildlife expo permits, as provided in R657-55-6.

(b) Ewe bighorn sheep waiting period.

(i) Any person who draws or obtains a ewe bighorn sheep permit through the antlerless drawing process may not apply for or receive a permit for the same species of ewe bighorn sheep for a period of five seasons.

(ii) A waiting period does not apply to ewe bighorn sheep wildlife expo permits, as provided in R657-55-6.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 26, 2019

To: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator

Subject: Overview of 2019 big game and antlerless permit recommendations

The attached tables summarize the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' recommended permit allocations for the 2019 big game and antlerless hunts. We've made these recommendations after evaluating 2018 harvest information and conducting post-hunt assessments of herd composition. The number of permits we're proposing for 2019 will help us achieve or maintain the objectives detailed in Utah's big game management plans for harvest size, animal quality and hunting opportunity. For specific information about how individual big game species are managed please refer to <https://wildlife.utah.gov/> and use the search field to find the statewide management plan for the species of interest.

Below is a summary of the 2019 buck, bull, and once in a lifetime hunt recommendations:

- 1) For general-season deer hunting, we manage a total of 29 hunting units. There are 18 units with a post-season objective of 18-20 bucks per 100 does and 11 units with an objective of 15-17 bucks per 100 does. For 2019, we are recommending permit increases on 7 units, no changes on 15 units, and permit decreases on the remaining 7 units. Statewide, we are recommending 90,450 general-season permits, which is a 200-permit decrease compared to last year.
- 2) Utah's premium limited-entry deer units — Henry Mtns and Paunsaugunt — are managed for older bucks. (The management objective requires that at least 40% of the harvested bucks should be 5 years old or older.) For 2019, we recommend no changes in permits on either the Henry Mtns (49 permits, three-year average of bucks 5 years or older is 61%) or the Paunsaugunt (135 permits, three-year average of bucks 5 years or older is 55%).
- 3) Premium limited-entry deer units are managed for 40-55 bucks per 100 does post-season. For 2019, we recommend a decrease in management buck permits on the Henry Mtns (10 permits, three-year average is 44 bucks per 100 does) and no change in management buck permits on the Paunsaugunt (31 permits, three-year average is 49 bucks per 100 does). We



recommend adding 19 Paunsaugunt cactus buck permits in 2019, increasing from 14 permits to 33 permits.

- 4) We recommend adding 11 limited-entry deer permits, increasing from 1,133 permits to 1,144 permits.
- 5) We recommend 15,000 spike elk permits and 15,000 any bull permits, as defined in the statewide elk plan.
- 6) We recommend no changes to the number of youth any bull elk permits (500 permits).
- 7) We recommend adding 75 limited-entry bull elk permits, increasing from 2,876 permits to 2,951 permits.
- 8) We recommend adding 180 buck pronghorn permits, increasing from 883 permits to 1,063 permits.
- 9) We recommend adding 13 bull moose permits, increasing from 84 permits to 97 permits.
- 10) We recommend adding 57 bison permits on the Book Cliffs, increasing from 55 permits to 112 permits. On the Henry Mtns, we recommend removing 87 bison permits. This decrease will reduce the total from 219 permits — including additional drought permits — to 132 permits (21 of which are archery permits).
- 11) We recommend adding 17 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permits, increasing from 39 permits to 56 permits.
- 12) We recommend adding 13 desert bighorn sheep permits, increasing from 56 permits to 69 permits.
- 13) We recommend adding 5 mountain goat permits, increasing from 121 permits to 126 permits.

Below is a summary of the 2019 antlerless hunt recommendations:

- 14) In 2018, the statewide deer population increased slightly (by approximately 8,850 animals) to a total of 372,500 deer. This increase was primarily due to the growth of deer populations in the central and northern portions of the state. Populations in portions of the southern, southeastern and northeastern parts of the state showed declines, primarily due to the impacts of severe drought in 2018.
- 15) For 2019, we recommend adding 765 antlerless deer permits — increasing from 1,955 permits to 2,720 permits — and adding five new hunts. Antlerless deer hunts are designed to reduce depredation on private lands and address declining range conditions.
- 16) Statewide, elk populations decreased slightly in 2018. Antlerless permits are needed to keep elk populations within their management objectives. The statewide elk population objective is 78,215 elk, and the current statewide estimate is 79,090 elk. We recommend 9,635 antlerless elk permits for the public drawing in 2019, as compared to 9,835 permits in 2018 — a decrease of 200 permits.

- 17) For the 2019 public drawing, we recommend 18 new antlerless elk hunts.
- 18) We recommend antlerless elk-control permits on the following eight units:
- Henry Mtns
 - South Slope, Yellowstone
 - Chalk Creek
 - Morgan-South Rich
 - West Desert, Vernon
 - West Desert, Tintic
 - East Canyon
 - Pine Valley
- 19) We recommend 9,785 private-lands-only permits on 24 units throughout the state to increase harvest and hunting pressure on private lands. We recommend season dates from Aug. 1, 2019–Jan. 31, 2020. Hunters may use any legal weapon during these hunts. Private-lands-only hunts have minimized depredation challenges in many parts of the state. Hunt units include:
- Ogden
 - East Canyon
 - North Slope, West Daggett
 - South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal
 - San Rafael
 - San Juan
 - Wasatch Mtns, West
 - Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek
 - Paunsaugunt
 - Mt Dutton
 - Zion
 - Fillmore, Oak Creek LE
 - Morgan-South Rich
 - Chalk Creek
 - South Slope, Yellowstone
 - Nine Mile, Anthro
 - La Sal
 - Central Mtns, Manti
 - Beaver, East
 - Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin
 - Central Mtns, Nebo
 - Panguitch Lake
 - West Desert, Vernon/Tintic
 - Box Elder, East
- 20) We recommend adding 115 doe pronghorn permits, increasing from 645 permits to 760 permits. We also recommend eight new doe pronghorn hunts on the following units:
- Central Mountains, Poison Springs Bench
 - Beaver
 - North Slope, West Daggett
 - South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn
 - Fillmore, Oak Creek South (2 hunts)
 - North Slope, Three Corners
 - Panguitch Lake/Zion, North
- 21) We recommend adding 4 antlerless moose permits, increasing from 34 permits to 38 permits.

Hunt Name	Objective	Buck:doe	Buck:doe	Buck:doe	2016-2018	2016	2017	2018	2019	Early
		2016	2017	2018	3_yr_avg	permit rec	permit rec	permit rec	permit rec	Rifle
Beaver	18-20	25	18	15	19.2	3,150	3,350	3,350	3,000	N
Box Elder	15-17	19	19	16	18.0	4,000	3,800	4,200	4,200	N
Cache	15-17	15	15	20	16.7	7,100	6,600	6,600	6,600	N
Central Mountains, Manti/San Rafael	15-17	16	13	17	15.2	9,225	8,800	8,600	8,600	N
Central Mountains, Nebo	15-17	15	17	16	15.9	4,200	4,100	4,100	4,100	N
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	18-20	33	25	30	29.1	7,300	7,300	9,000	9,000	Y
Fillmore	18-20	27	22	15	21.5	2,200	2,400	2,500	2,250	Y
Kamas	18-20	31	22	24	25.7	3,600	3,600	3,800	3,800	Y
La Sal, La Sal Mtns	15-17	17	11	17	15.1	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,600	N
Monroe	18-20	19	14	17	16.7	1,550	1,550	1,200	1,100	N
Mt Dutton	18-20	21	18	16	18.5	750	750	750	675	N
Nine Mile	18-20	27	28	26	26.7	1,300	1,300	1,550	1,650	Y
North Slope	18-20	21	18	20	19.4	3,100	3,100	3,000	3,100	N
Ogden	18-20	21	16	20	19.0	2,700	2,500	2,500	2,500	N
Oquirrh-Stansbury	15-17	23	19	19	20.3	2,900	2,800	2,900	3,200	N
Panguitch Lake	18-20	19	18	16	17.6	3,200	3,200	3,200	2,800	Y
Pine Valley	18-20	24	24	24	24.0	4,100	4,200	4,200	4,500	Y
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	18-20	16	17	13	15.5	2,200	2,100	2,000	1,700	N
Plateau, Fishlake	18-20	18	15	18	17.3	1,500	1,400	1,200	1,100	Y
Plateau, Thousand Lakes	18-20	21	32	26	26.4	300	300	300	300	N
San Juan, Abajo Mtns	15-17	23	22	18	21.2	2,650	2,750	2,750	2,750	N
South Slope, Bonanza/Vernal	15-17	17	19	23	19.7	1,450	1,300	1,450	1,675	N
South Slope, Yellowstone	18-20	23	18	22	21.1	1,750	1,650	1,650	1,800	N
Southwest Desert	18-20	25	24	21	23.0	750	750	800	800	N
Wasatch Mountains, East	18-20	23	19	19	20.0	4,800	4,550	4,250	4,250	N
Wasatch Mountains, West	15-17	16	16	16	15.9	8,200	8,100	8,100	8,100	N
West Desert, Tintic	15-17	—	—	—	—	900	900	900	900	N
West Desert, West	15-17	—	—	—	—	600	600	600	600	N
Zion	18-20	24	23	23	23.2	3,400	3,500	3,600	3,800	Y
Totals						90,675	89,050	90,650	90,450	

2019 PREMIUM LIMITED ENTRY DEER PERMITS AND DATA TRENDS

Hunt Name	Age Objective	% ≥ 5 Yrs 2016	% ≥ 5 Yrs 2017	% ≥ 5 Yrs 2018	% ≥ 5 Yrs 3_yr_avg	2016 permits	2017 permits	2018 permits	2019 permit rec
Antelope Island	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Henry Mtns	40% ≥ 5 yrs old	70	68	46	51	49	49	49	49
Paunsaugunt	40% ≥ 5 yrs old	51	57	57	55	135	135	135	135
Total						185	185	185	185

2019 LIMITED ENTRY DEER PERMITS AND DATA TRENDS

Hunt Name	Buck:Doe Objective	Buck:Doe 2016	Buck:Doe 2017	Buck:Doe 2018	2016-2018 3_yr_avg	2016 permits	2017 permits	2018 permits	2019 permit rec
Book Cliffs (Total)	25-35	32.0	34.0	40.0	35.3	435	435	450	450
Cache, Crawford Mtn	-	-	-	-	-	18	18	18	19
Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	25-35	29	29	49	35.7	34	34	34	36
La Sal, Dolores Triangle	25-35	24	42	28	31.3	19	19	19	19
North Slope, Summit	-	-	-	-	-	200	200	109	97
San Juan, Elk Ridge	25-35	43	30	44	39.0	51	51	51	55
South Slope, Diamond Mtn	25-35	34	34	34	34.0	86	86	86	86
West Desert, Vernon	25-35	36	44	29	36.5	181	181	194	220
Total						1,024	1,024	961	982

2019 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY DEER PERMITS

PREMIUM LIMITED ENTRY BUCK DEER

ARCHERY HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1000	Henry Mtns	9	1	10	9	1	10
DB1001	Paunsaugunt	24	3	27	24	3	27
Total		33	4	37	33	4	37

ANY WEAPON HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1002	Antelope Island	1	0	1	1	0	1
DB1003	Henry Mtns	24	3	27	24	3	27
DB1004	Paunsaugunt	69	8	77	69	8	77
Total		94	11	105	94	11	105

MUZZLELOADER HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1005	Henry Mtns	9	1	10	9	1	10
DB1006	Paunsaugunt	24	3	27	24	3	27
Total		33	4	37	33	4	37

MULTI-SEASON HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1007	Henry Mtns	2	0	2	2	0	2
DB1008	Paunsaugunt	4	0	4	4	0	4
Total		6	0	6	6	0	6

MANAGEMENT BUCK HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1051	Henry Mtns (archery)	7	1	8	2	1	3
DB1052	Henry Mtns (muzzleloader)	7	1	8	2	1	3
DB1009	Henry Mtns (any weapon)	9	1	10	3	1	4
DB1073	Paunsaugunt (archery)				4	1	5
DB1074	Paunsaugunt (muzzleloader)				4	1	5
DB1010	Paunsaugunt (any weapon)	28	3	31	19	2	21
Total		51	6	57	34	7	41

CACTUS BUCK HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1058	Paunsaugunt	13	1	14	30	3	33

LIMITED ENTRY BUCK DEER

ARCHERY HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1011	Book Cliffs	84	9	93	85	9	94
DB1012	Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	6	1	7	6	1	7
DB1013	La Sal, Dolores Triangle	4	0	4	4	0	4
DB1014	San Juan, Elk Ridge	9	1	10	10	1	11
DB1015	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	15	2	17	15	2	17
DB1016	West Desert, Vernon	35	4	39	40	4	44
Total		153	17	170	160	17	177

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ANY WEAPON HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1017	Book Cliffs, North	183	20	203	181	20	201
DB1018	Book Cliffs, South	42	5	47	42	5	47
DB1019	Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	17	2	19	19	2	21
DB1020	La Sal, Dolores Triangle	10	1	11	10	1	11
DB1021	North Slope, Summit	98	11	109	87	10	97
DB1022	San Juan, Elk Ridge	26	3	29	28	3	31
DB1023	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	44	5	49	44	5	49
DB1024	West Desert, Vernon	99	11	110	112	13	125
Total		519	58	577	523	59	582

MUZZLELOADER HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1025	Book Cliffs	84	9	93	85	9	94
DB1026	Cache, Crawford Mtn	16	2	18	17	2	19
DB1029	Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	6	1	7	6	1	7
DB1031	La Sal, Dolores Triangle	4	0	4	4	0	4
DB1037	San Juan, Elk Ridge	9	1	10	10	1	11
DB1038	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	15	2	17	15	2	17
DB1042	West Desert, Vernon	35	4	39	40	4	44
Total		169	19	188	177	19	196

MULTI-SEASON HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1044	Book Cliffs	13	1	14	13	1	14
DB1045	Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	1	0	1	1	0	1
DB1046	San Juan, Elk Ridge	2	0	2	2	0	2
DB1047	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	3	0	3	3	0	3
DB1048	West Desert, Vernon	5	1	6	6	1	7
Total		24	2	26	25	2	27

LATE SEASON MUZZLELOADER HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DB1059	Beaver	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1027	Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	18	2	20	18	2	20
DB1028	Fillmore	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1030	Kamas	9	1	10	9	1	10
Discontinued	Monroe	4	1	5	0	0	0
DB1053	Mt Dutton	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1033	Nine Mile	27	3	30	27	3	30
DB1065	North Slope	9	1	10	9	1	10
DB1054	Ogden	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1034	Pine Valley	9	1	10	9	1	10
Discontinued	Plateau, Fishlake	4	1	5	0	0	0
DB1036	Plateau, Thousand Lakes	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1039	South Slope, Yellowstone	9	1	10	9	1	10
DB1040	Southwest Desert	4	1	5	4	1	5
DB1041	Wasatch Mtns, East	27	3	30	27	3	30
DB1043	Zion	11	1	12	11	1	12
Total		151	21	172	143	19	162

2019 ELK PERMIT AND AGE TRENDS

Hunt Name	Objective	Average Age of Harvested Bulls				Permits			
		2016 Age	2017 Age	2018 Age	3 yr avg	Total 2016	Total 2017	Total 2018	Total 2019
Beaver, East	7.75	7.7	8.0	7.6	7.8	27	27	29	31
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	6.75	7.8	6.2	6.4	6.8	152	163	163	147
Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	7.75	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.1	45	40	31	25
Box Elder, Grouse Creek	4.75	5.7	5.2	6.0	5.6	21	24	26	31
Box Elder, Pilot Mtn*	4.75	6.1	6.7	5.3	6.0	7	6	10	8
Cache, Meadowville	4.75	4.7	4.9	5.1	4.9	82	82	82	89
Cache, North	4.75	5.0	4.3	4.6	4.6	33	29	28	28
Cache, South*	6.75	4.7	5.0	5.7	5.1	80	65	55	53
Central Mtns, Manti	5.75	6.3	6.0	6.4	6.2	453	467	467	487
Central Mtns, Nebo	6.75	5.3	5.8	5.8	5.6	61	52	52	47
Fillmore, Pahvant	7.75	8.1	7.9	7.6	7.9	57	57	57	57
La Sal, Dolores Triangle	5.75	-	-	-	-	5	5	5	5
La Sal, La Sal Mtns	5.75	6.3	5.7	5.9	6.0	118	128	133	133
Monroe*	6.75	7.8	6.4	6.7	7.0	32	37	37	39
Mt Dutton*	6.75	6.0	6.1	6.9	6.3	75	67	62	58
Nine Mile, Anthro	5.75	8.1	6.8	8.5	7.8	20	22	24	31
North Slope, Three Corners	5.75	5.4	5.0	4.7	5.0	40	36	32	28
Oquirrh-Stansbury	5.75	6.1	4.4	5.8	5.4	25	25	20	20
Panguitch Lake*	6.75	5.9	5.1	6.1	5.7	55	48	43	39
Paunsaugunt	4.75	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.7	82	85	85	85
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	7.75	8.2	7.3	8.2	7.9	82	82	82	87
Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	5.75	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	192	192	201	206
San Juan	7.75	8.2	7.4	8.3	8.0	64	68	68	68
South Slope, Diamond Mtn	6.75	7.7	7.0	7.3	7.3	48	53	53	56
Southwest Desert	6.75	7.8	6.3	7.2	7.1	111	118	121	125
Wasatch Mtns	5.75	6.7	6.4	6.3	6.5	760	830	890	948
West Desert, Deep Creek*	7.75	7.2	6.4	5.4	6.3	25	25	20	20
Total						2,752	2,833	2,876	2,951

*Indicates a change in age objective from 2015

2019 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BULL ELK PERMITS

Archery Hunts		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
EB3000	Beaver, East	6	1	7	7	1	8
EB3001	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	37	4	41	33	4	37
EB3002	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	7	1	8	5	1	6
EB3003	Cache, Meadowville	19	2	21	20	2	22
EB3004	Cache, North	6	1	7	6	1	7
EB3005	Cache, South	13	1	14	12	1	13
EB3006	Central Mtns, Manti	105	12	117	110	12	122
EB3007	Central Mtns, Nebo	12	1	13	11	1	12
EB3008	Fillmore, Pahvant	13	1	14	13	1	14
EB3009	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	30	3	33	30	3	33
EB3010	Monroe	8	1	9	9	1	10
EB3011	Mt Dutton	14	2	16	18	2	20
EB3012	Nine Mile, Anthro	6	1	7	8	1	9
EB3013	North Slope, Three Corners	7	1	8	6	1	7
EB3014	Oquirrh-Stansbury	4	1	5	4	1	5
EB3015	Panguitch Lake	10	1	11	9	1	10
EB3016	Paunsaugunt	19	2	21	19	2	21
EB3017	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	19	2	21	20	2	22
EB3018	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	45	5	50	47	5	52
EB3019	San Juan Bull Elk	15	2	17	15	2	17
EB3020	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	12	1	13	13	1	14
EB3021	Southwest Desert	27	3	30	28	3	31
EB3022	Wasatch Mtns	240	27	267	256	28	284
EB3023	West Desert, Deep Creek	4	1	5	4	1	5
	Total	678	77	755	703	78	781

2019 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BULL ELK PERMITS

Any Weapon Hunts - Early		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
EB3024	Beaver, East	9	1	10	9	1	10
EB3026	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	50	6	56	45	5	50
EB3028	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	15	2	17	13	1	14
EB3029	Box Elder, Grouse Creek	10	1	11	12	1	13
EB3031	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	9	1	10	7	1	8
EB3032	Cache, Meadowville	25	3	28	28	3	31
EB3034	Cache, North	9	1	10	9	1	10
EB3036	Cache, South	17	2	19	16	2	18
EB3038	Central Mtns, Manti	130	14	144	130	14	144
EB3040	Central Mtns, Nebo	15	2	17	14	2	16
EB3042	Fillmore, Pahvant	17	2	19	17	2	19
EB3045	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	41	5	46	41	5	46
EB3047	Monroe	12	1	13	12	1	13
EB3049	Mt Dutton	19	2	21	12	1	13
EB3051	Nine Mile, Anthro	5	1	6	7	1	8
EB3054	Oquirrh-Stansbury	6	1	7	6	1	7
EB3056	Panguitch Lake	13	2	15	12	1	13
EB3058	Paunsaugunt	25	3	28	25	3	28
EB3061	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	25	3	28	26	3	29
EB3063	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	62	7	69	64	7	71
EB3066	San Juan Bull Elk	21	2	23	21	2	23
EB3068	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	16	2	18	17	2	19
EB3070	Southwest Desert	28	3	31	29	3	32
EB3072	Wasatch Mtns	188	21	209	201	22	223
EB3074	West Desert, Deep Creek	6	1	7	6	1	7
	Total	773	89	862	779	86	865

Any Weapon Hunts - Mid		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
EB3030	Box Elder, Grouse Creek	6	1	7	8	1	9
EB3126	Central Mtns, Manti	14	2	16	20	2	22
EB3053	North Slope, Three Corners	16	2	18	14	2	16
EB3059	Paunsaugunt	9	1	10	9	1	10
EB3064	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	21	2	23	21	2	23
EB3069	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	11	1	12	12	1	13
EB3127	Wasatch Mtns	76	8	84	80	9	89
EB3075	West Desert, Deep Creek	2	0	2	2	0	2
	Total	155	17	172	166	18	184

2019 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BULL ELK PERMITS

Any Weapon Hunts - Late		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
EB3025	Beaver, East	6	1	7	6	1	7
EB3027	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	33	4	37	31	3	34
EB3033	Cache, Meadowville	17	2	19	18	2	20
EB3035	Cache, North	5	1	6	5	1	6
EB3037	Cache, South	11	1	12	11	1	12
EB3039	Central Mtns, Manti	95	11	106	100	11	111
EB3041	Central Mtns, Nebo	11	1	12	10	1	11
EB3043	Fillmore, Pahvant	12	1	13	12	1	13
EB3044	La Sal, Dolores Triangle	5	0	5	5	0	5
EB3046	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	27	3	30	27	3	30
EB3048	Monroe	7	1	8	8	1	9
EB3050	Mt Dutton	13	1	14	7	1	8
EB3052	Nine Mile, Anthro	5	1	6	7	1	8
EB3055	Oquirrh-Stansbury	3	1	4	3	1	4
EB3057	Panguitch Lake	9	1	10	8	1	9
EB3060	Paunsaugunt	9	1	10	9	1	10
EB3062	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	17	2	19	18	2	20
EB3065	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	21	2	23	21	2	23
EB3067	San Juan Bull Elk	14	2	16	14	2	16
EB3071	Southwest Desert	34	4	38	35	4	39
EB3073	Wasatch Mtns	112	13	125	121	13	134
EB3076	West Desert, Deep Creek	2	0	2	2	0	2
	Total	468	54	522	478	53	531

2019 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY BULL ELK PERMITS

Muzzleloader Hunts		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
EB3077	Beaver, East	4	0	4	5	0	5
EB3078	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	22	2	24	20	2	22
EB3079	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	4	1	5	3	1	4
EB3080	Box Elder, Grouse Creek	7	1	8	8	1	9
EB3081	Cache, Meadowville	11	1	12	12	1	13
EB3082	Cache, North	4	0	4	4	0	4
EB3083	Cache, South	7	1	8	7	1	8
EB3084	Central Mtns, Manti	63	7	70	66	7	73
EB3085	Central Mtns, Nebo	7	1	8	6	1	7
EB3086	Fillmore, Pahvant	8	1	9	8	1	9
EB3087	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	18	2	20	18	2	20
EB3088	Monroe	5	1	6	5	1	6
EB3089	Mt Dutton	8	1	9	13	2	15
EB3090	Nine Mile, Anthro	4	0	4	5	0	5
EB3091	North Slope, Three Corners	4	1	5	3	1	4
EB3092	Oquirrh-Stansbury	3	0	3	3	0	3
EB3093	Panguitch Lake	5	1	6	5	1	6
EB3094	Paunsaugunt	12	1	13	12	1	13
EB3095	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	11	1	12	12	1	13
EB3096	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	27	3	30	28	3	31
EB3097	San Juan Bull Elk	9	1	10	9	1	10
EB3098	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	7	1	8	7	1	8
EB3099	Southwest Desert	16	2	18	17	2	19
EB3100	Wasatch Mtns	160	18	178	171	19	190
EB3101	West Desert, Deep Creek	3	0	3	3	0	3
	Total	429	48	477	450	50	500

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Multi-season Hunts		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	Hunt Name	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
EB3102	Beaver, East	1	0	1	1	0	1
EB3103	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	4	1	5	3	1	4
EB3104	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	1	0	1	1	0	1
EB3105	Cache, Meadowville	2	0	2	3	0	3
EB3106	Cache, North	1	0	1	1	0	1
EB3107	Cache, South	2	0	2	2	0	2
EB3108	Central Mtns, Manti	13	1	14	13	2	15
EB3109	Central Mtns, Nebo	2	0	2	1	0	1
EB3110	Fillmore, Pahvant	2	0	2	2	0	2
EB3111	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	4	0	4	4	0	4
EB3112	Monroe	1	0	1	1	0	1
EB3113	Mt Dutton	2	0	2	2	0	2
EB3114	Nine Mile, Anthro	1	0	1	1	0	1
EB3115	North Slope, Three Corners	1	0	1	1	0	1
EB3116	Oquirrh-Stansbury	1	0	1	1	0	1
EB3117	Panguitch Lake	1	0	1	1	0	1
EB3118	Paunsaugunt	3	0	3	3	0	3
EB3119	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	2	0	2	3	0	3
EB3120	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	5	1	6	5	1	6
EB3121	San Juan Bull Elk	2	0	2	2	0	2
EB3122	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	2	0	2	2	0	2
EB3123	Southwest Desert	4	0	4	4	0	4
EB3124	Wasatch Mtns	24	3	27	25	3	28
EB3125	West Desert, Deep Creek	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Total	82	6	88	83	7	90

General Season Youth Any Bull Elk Hunts		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	Hunt Name	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
EB1007	Youth General Any Bull	450	50	500	450	50	500
	Total	450	50	500	450	50	500

2019 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY PRONGHORN PERMITS

ARCHERY HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
PB5000	Beaver	4	0	4	4	0	4
PB5001	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	3	0	3	4	0	4
PB5002	Book Cliffs, South	9	1	10	9	1	10
PB5003	Box Elder, Promontory	2	0	2	3	0	3
PB5004	Box Elder, Puddle Valley	4	0	4	5	0	5
PB5005	Box Elder, Snowville	4	0	4	5	0	5
PB5006	Box Elder, West	3	0	3	4	0	4
PB5007	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	8	1	9	10	1	11
PB5008	Fillmore, Oak Creek South	5	0	5	5	1	6
PB5009	La Sal, Potash/South Cisco	5	0	5	5	1	6
PB5010	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	6	1	7	7	1	8
PB5011	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	8	1	9	11	1	12
PB5053	Nine Mile, Range Creek	2	0	2	2	0	2
PB5012	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	4	1	5	5	1	6
PB5054	Panguitch Lake/Zion, North	4	0	4	6	0	6
PB5013	Pine Valley	6	1	7	7	1	8
PB5014	Plateau, Parker Mtn	20	2	22	31	3	34
PB5058	San Juan, Hatch Point	0	0	0	2	0	2
PB5055	San Rafael, Desert	4	0	4	4	0	4
PB5015	San Rafael, North	14	2	16	16	2	18
PB5016	South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	8	0	8	8	1	9
PB5017	South Slope, Vernal	5	0	5	6	1	7
PB5018	Southwest Desert	22	3	25	23	3	26
PB5019	West Desert, Riverbed	5	1	6	5	1	6
PB5020	West Desert, Rush Valley	4	0	4	4	0	4
PB5021	West Desert, Snake Valley	5	1	6	7	1	8
Total		164	15	179	198	20	218

MUZZLELOADER HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
PB5022	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	8	1	9	10	1	11
PB5059	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	0	0	0	11	1	12
PB5023	Plateau, Parker Mtn	21	2	23	31	3	34
PB5056	San Rafael, North	14	2	16	16	2	18
PB5060	South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	0	0	0	8	1	9
PB5024	Southwest Desert	22	3	25	23	3	26
Total		65	8	73	99	11	110

2019 RECOMMENDED LIMITED ENTRY PRONGHORN PERMITS

ANY WEAPON HUNTS		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
PB5025	Beaver	13	1	14	16	2	18
PB5026	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	12	1	13	14	2	16
PB5027	Book Cliffs, South	34	4	38	35	4	39
PB5028	Box Elder, Promontory	7	1	8	10	1	11
PB5029	Box Elder, Puddle Valley	16	2	18	18	2	20
PB5030	Box Elder, Snowville	13	1	14	17	2	19
PB5031	Box Elder, West	9	1	10	16	2	18
PB5032	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	25	3	28	29	3	32
PB5033	Fillmore, Oak Creek South	16	2	18	20	2	22
PB5034	Kaiparowits	2	0	2	2	0	2
PB5035	La Sal, Potash/South Cisco	18	2	20	22	2	24
PB5036	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	24	3	27	28	3	31
PB5037	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	33	4	37	33	4	37
PB5038	Nine Mile, Range Creek	7	1	8	9	1	10
PB5039	North Slope, Summit	5	0	5	7	0	7
PB5040	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	19	2	21	21	2	23
PB5041	Panguitch Lake/Zion, North	15	2	17	20	2	22
PB5042	Pine Valley	27	3	30	28	3	31
PB5043	Plateau, Parker Mtn	40	5	45	61	7	68
PB5044	San Juan, Hatch Point	7	1	8	5	1	6
PB5045	San Rafael, Desert	13	1	14	14	2	16
PB5046	San Rafael, North	42	5	47	49	5	54
PB5047	South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	29	3	32	25	3	28
PB5048	South Slope, Vernal	18	2	20	23	3	26
PB5049	Southwest Desert	67	8	75	69	8	77
PB5050	West Desert, Riverbed	21	2	23	23	3	26
PB5051	West Desert, Rush Valley	13	1	14	16	2	18
PB5052	West Desert, Snake Valley	22	3	25	29	3	32
Total		567	64	631	659	74	733

2019 RECOMMENDED ONCE IN A LIFETIME PERMITS

Mountain Goat

Any Legal Weapon Hunts		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
GO6800	Beaver (early)	6	2	8	8	2	10
GO6801	Beaver (late)	7	0	7	10	0	10
GO6803	Central Mtns, Nebo	10	0	10	9	1	10
GO6804	Chalk Creek/Kamas, Uintas	7	1	8	11	1	12
GO6817	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	2	0	2	3	0	3
GO6814	Mt Dutton	2	0	2	2	0	2
GO6805	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central	7	1	8	9	1	10
GO6806	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas East	3	0	3	3	0	3
GO6807	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Leidy Peak	3	0	3	3	0	3
GO6808	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas West	15	2	17	20	2	22
GO6809	Ogden, Willard Peak (early)	16	3	19	6	1	7
GO6810	Ogden, Willard Peak (late)	8	1	9	5	1	6
GO6811	Ogden, Willard Peak (Female Goat Only)	7	1	8	1	1	2
GO6818	Wasatch Mtns, Box Elder Peak	3	0	3	2	0	2
GO6819	Wasatch Mtns, Lone Peak	3	0	3	3	0	3
GO6813	Wasatch Mtns, Provo Peak	3	0	3	3	0	3
GO6820	Wasatch Mtns, Timpanogos	4	0	4	4	0	4
Total		106	11	117	102	10	112

Mountain Goat

Archery Hunts		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
GO6821	Central Mtns, Nebo (archery, new hunt)	0	0	0	9	1	10
GO6815	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central (archery)	4	0	4	4	0	4
Total		4	0	4	13	1	14

2019 RECOMMENDED ONCE IN A LIFETIME PERMITS

Desert Bighorn Sheep

HUNT #	HUNT NAME	2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
		Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
DS6600	Henry Mtns	4	0	4	4	0	4
DS6601	Kaiparowits, East	7	1	8	8	1	9
DS6602	Kaiparowits, Escalante	4	0	4	4	0	4
DS6603	Kaiparowits, West	5	1	6	11	1	12
DS6604	La Sal, Potash/South Cisco	3	0	3	4	0	4
DS6605	Pine Valley	3	0	3	4	0	4
DS6606	San Juan, Lockhart	2	0	2	2	0	2
DS6607	San Juan, South	2	0	2	3	0	3
DS6608	San Rafael, Dirty Devil	2	0	2	2	0	2
DS6609	San Rafael, North	3	0	3	5	0	5
DS6610	San Rafael, South	7	1	8	7	1	8
DS6611	Zion (early)	4	1	5	3	1	4
DS6612	Zion (late)	6	0	6	5	0	5
DS6619	Zion (archery only, new hunt)	0	0	0	3	0	3
Total		52	4	56	65	4	69

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep

HUNT #	HUNT NAME	2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
		Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
RS6700	Antelope Island (discontinued hunt)	1	0	1	0	0	0
RS6701	Book Cliffs, South	4	1	5	5	1	6
RS6703	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn (early)	7	0	7	9	0	9
RS6704	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn (late)	6	2	8	7	1	8
RS6722	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn (archery only, new hunt)	0	0	0	4	0	4
RS6702	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	1	0	1	0	0	0
RS6719	Central Mtns, Nebo/Wasatch Mtns	2	0	2	4	0	4
RS6720	Fillmore, Oak Creek	2	0	2	4	0	4
RS6712	Nine Mile, Gray Canyon	7	1	8	9	1	10
RS6713	Nine Mile, Jack Creek	2	0	2	3	0	3
RS6714	North Slope, Bare Top/West Daggett	3	0	3	5	0	5
RS6721	Oquirrh-Stansbury, West (new hunt)	0	0	0	3	0	3
Total		35	4	39	53	3	56

2019 RECOMMENDED ONCE IN A LIFETIME PERMITS

Bull Moose

HUNT #	HUNT NAME	2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
		Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
MB6000	Cache	7	1	8	9	1	10
MB6001	Chalk Creek	3	0	3	3	0	3
MB6002	East Canyon	3	0	3	3	0	3
MB6003	East Canyon, Morgan-Summit	3	0	3	3	0	3
MB6004	Kamas	2	0	2	3	0	3
MB6005	Morgan-South Rich	3	0	3	3	0	3
MB6006	North Slope, Summit	11	1	12	13	1	14
MB6007	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	4	0	4	5	0	5
MB6008	Ogden	6	0	6	7	1	8
MB6009	South Slope, Diamond Mtn/Vernal	2	0	2	2	0	2
MB6010	South Slope, Yellowstone	4	0	4	4	0	4
MB6011	Wasatch Mtns/Central Mtns	31	3	34	35	4	39
	Total	79	5	84	90	7	97

2019 RECOMMENDED ONCE IN A LIFETIME PERMITS

Bison

Any Legal Weapon Hunts		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
BI6500	Antelope Island	2	0	2	2	0	2
BI6501	Book Cliffs (hunter's choice)	22	3	25	9	1	10
BI6517	Book Cliffs (hunter's choice)	0	0	0	14	2	16
BI6518	Book Cliffs (hunter's choice)	0	0	0	14	2	16
BI6508	Book Cliffs (cow only)	23	3	26	22	3	25
BI6520	Book Cliffs (cow only, new hunt)	0	0	0	22	3	25
BI6519	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless (hunter's choice, new hunt)	0	0	0	9	1	10
BI6507	Book Cliffs, Wild Horse Bench/Nine Mile, Anthro (hunter's choice)	3	1	4	9	1	10
BI6503	Henry Mtns (hunter's choice)	24	3	27	16	2	18
BI6504	Henry Mtns (hunter's choice)	25	2	27	16	2	18
BI6516	Henry Mtns (hunter's choice)	0	0	0	17	2	19
BI6505	Henry Mtns (cow only)	25	2	27	25	3	28
BI6506	Henry Mtns (cow only)	25	3	28	25	3	28
BI6511	Henry Mtns (cow only)			23	0	0	0
BI6512	Henry Mtns (cow only)			23	0	0	0
BI6513	Henry Mtns (hunter's choice)			22	0	0	0
BI6514	Henry Mtns (hunter's choice)			22	0	0	0
Total		149	17	256	200	25	225

Bison

Archery Hunts		2018 Permits			2019 Permits		
HUNT #	HUNT NAME	Res	Nonres	Total	Res	Nonres	Total
BI6509	Henry Mtns (archery, hunter's choice)	18	2	20	7	1	8
BI6515	Henry Mtns (archery, cow only, new hunt)	0	0	0	12	1	13
Total		18	2	20	19	2	21

2019 DEER HERD STATUS AND ANTLERLESS PERMIT RECS

	Plan	Population	Population	2018	2019
	Population	Estimate	Estimate	Antlerless	Antlerless
Unit Name	Objective	post-2017	post-2018	Permits	Permits
Box Elder	20,000	13,800	16,000	60	60
Cache	25,000	17,200	20,800	0	0
Ogden	11,000	8,700	8,300	0	0
Morgan-South Rich	18,000	14,400	13,000	0	0
East Canyon	13,500	14,300	16,600	200	1,000
Chalk Creek	10,500	13,600	14,700	250	300
Kamas	8,000	8,600	9,100	0	0
North Slope	10,000	8,200	8,600	50	50
South Slope, Yellowstone	13,000	8,800	9,800	0	0
South Slope, Diamond Mtn/Vernal	15,000	10,900	11,900	0	0
Book Cliffs	15,000	7,100	5,500	0	0
Nine Mile	8,500	7,300	7,400	40	75
San Rafael	1,000	No Data	0	0	0
La Sal, La Sal Mtns	13,000	5,300	5,100	0	0
La Sal, Dolores Triangle	5,100	1,900	1,900	0	0
San Juan, Abajo	13,500	12,900	11,700	20	30
San Juan, Elk Ridge	5,600	800	750	0	0
Henry Mtns	2,700	1,900	1,600	0	0
Central Mtns, Manti	38,000	23,300	25,700	0	0
Central Mtns, Nebo	22,600	13,700	14,600	0	0
Wasatch Mtns, West	22,600	23,500	23,000	50	50
Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek	20,000	13,300	14,300	0	0
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	5,000	3,700	3,900	0	0
Oquirrh-Stansbury	11,600	13,500	13,600	50	50
West Desert	11,200	9,500	9,200	0	0
Southwest Desert	4,000	2,900	2,900	40	55
Fillmore	12,500	8,800	8,800	0	0
Beaver	13,000	13,950	13,500	50	50
Monroe	7,500	6,000	5,900	100	100
Mt Dutton	2,700	3,000	3,000	50	50
Plateau, Fishlake	10,000	6,600	6,300	0	0
Plateau, Thousand Lakes	3,000	1,150	1,050	0	0
Plateau, Boulder	12,000	7,900	7,000	250	200
Kaiparowits	1,000	400	400	0	0
Paunsaugunt	6,500	6,000	5,600	0	0
Panguitch Lake	10,000	12,050	11,700	175	150
Zion	15,500	19,000	19,600	150	80
Pine Valley	16,000	19,700	19,700	420	420
STATEWIDE TOTALS	453,100	363,650	372,500	1,955	2,720

2019 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNT RECOMMENDATIONS

2019

HUNT#	HUNT NAME	HUNT INFORMATION	PERMITS	SEASON DATES
DA1000	Beaver, Circleville North		50	10/19-11/02
DA1001	Box Elder, West Bear River	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun Only	40	08/24-10/13
DA1002	Box Elder, West Bear River	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun Only	20	11/30-12/31
DA1026	Chalk Creek	Private Lands Only	300	08/01-08/16 & 11/09-12/31
New Hunt	East Canyon	Private Lands Only	500	08/01-08/16 & 11/09-12/31
New Hunt	East Canyon	Private Lands Only - Archery Only	100	08/17-09/13
DA1027	East Canyon, Davis-North Salt Lake	Archery Only	200	08/01-09/13
DA1028	East Canyon, Davis-North Salt Lake		200	10/05-10/27
DA1003	Monroe/Plateau, Sevier Valley	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun Only	100	08/31-09/30
DA1004	Mt Dutton, Circleville South		50	10/19-11/02
DA1029	Nine Mile, Green River Valley	Archery only	25	08/01-09/13
New Hunt	Nine Mile, Green River Valley	Any Weapon	25	10/05-11/17
DA1030	Nine Mile, Price River Valley	Archery only,	25	08/01-09/13
DA1005	North Slope, Manila-Phil Pico	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun Only	50	09/26-10/04
DA1031	Oquirrh-Stansbury, Settlement Cyn	Archery Only	50	08/17-09/30
DA1007	Panguitch Lake, Panguitch Valley		50	10/05-10/31
DA1032	Panguitch Lake, Parowan Front		100	10/05-10/18 & 12/07-12/15
DA1009	Pine Valley, Enterprise		80	08/01-08/14
DA1017	Pine Valley, Enterprise		80	10/05-10/27
DA1018	Pine Valley, New Harmony	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun Only, Private Lands, 2 Doe Permits	50	08/01-08/14
DA1019	Pine Valley, New Harmony	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun Only, Private Lands, 2 Doe Permits	50	10/05-10/18
DA1020	Pine Valley, Quichapa		80	08/01-08/14
DA1021	Pine Valley, Quichapa		80	10/05-10/27
DA1022	Plateau, Antimony		50	08/01-08/16 & 09/14-09/24
DA1023	Plateau, Antimony		50	10/05-10/31
DA1016	Plateau, East Angle		50	08/01-08/16 & 10/05-10/29
DA1024	Plateau, Fremont River Valley	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun Only	50	09/07-09/30
DA1033	San Juan, Monticello	Archery only	15	08/01-09/14
New Hunt	San Juan, Monticello	Archery only	15	12/02-12/31
New Hunt	Southwest Deseret, Cedar Valley	Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun only	40	08/01- 08/16
DA1035	Southwest Desert, Garrison	2-Doe Permits	15	10/05-10/16
DA1036	Wasatch Mtns, West-Sheep Creek		50	11/02-11/10
DA1025	Zion, Northwest Zion		30	10/05-10/27
DA1010	Zion, Northwest Zion		50	12/07-12/15

Total 2720

2019 PRONGHORN HERD STATUS AND ANTLERLESS PERMIT RECS

	Plan	Population	2018 Rec.	2019 Rec.
	Population	Estimate	Antlerless	Antlerless
Unit Name	Objective	post-2018	Permits	Permits
Beaver	800	700	0	50
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	800	330	0	0
Book Cliffs, South	900	900	0	0
Box Elder, West	180	175	50	35
Box Elder, Promontory	150	60	5	10
Box Elder, Puddle Valley	300	150	0	0
Box Elder, Snowville*	400	450	40	40
Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	1,400	1,350	95	80
Central Mountains, Poison Springs Bench	0	0	0	10
Fillmore, Black Rock	850	1,150	30	150
Kaiparowits	650	50	0	0
La Sal, Potash/South Cisco	375	375	0	0
Mt. Dutton/Paunsaugunt	700	650	100	40
Nine Mile, Anthro	1,100	750	0	0
Nine Mile, Range Creek	300	250	0	0
North Slope, Summit	*	75	5	5
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	950	800	0	25
Panguitch Lake	450	450	0	25
Pine Valley	500	500	0	0
Plateau	1,500	1,625	100	150
San Juan, Hatch Point	300	200	0	0
San Rafael, Desert	600	450	0	0
San Rafael, North	1,200	1,150	150	60
South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn.	1,200	1,000	0	30
South Slope, Vernal	425	380	0	0
Southwest Desert	3,200	2,300	70	50
West Desert, Riverbed	900	750	0	0
West Desert, Rush Valley	400	250	0	0
West Desert, Snake Valley	900	300	0	0
STATEWIDE TOTALS	21,430	17,570	645	760

*Indicates 2-doe permits

2019 DOE PRONGHORN HUNTS

HUNT #	HUNT NAME	HUNT INFORMATION	TOTAL PERMITS	RESIDENT PERMITS	NONRES PERMITS	SEASON DATES
PD1012	Box Elder, Promontory		10	9	1	11/09-12/031
PD1000	Box Elder, Snowville	2-doe permits	40	36	4	11/09-12/15
PD1017	Box Elder, West		35	31	4	11/09-12/31
PD1001	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden		20	18	2	09/14-09/22
PD1003	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden		40	36	4	12/14-12/31
PD1002	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden		20	18	2	10/05-10/27
New	Central Mountains, Poison Springs Bench	new hunt	10	9	1	10/05-10/27
PD1027	Fillmore, Oak Creek South		50	45	5	10/05-10/27
New	Fillmore, Oak Creek South	new hunt	50	45	5	08/01-08/16
New	Fillmore, Oak Creek South	new hunt	50	45	5	11/02-12/01
New	Beaver	new hunt	50	45	5	10/05-10/27
PD1018	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt		40	36	4	10/05-10/18
PD1005	North Slope, Summit		5	4	1	09/14-09/22
New	North Slope, Three Corners	new hunt	15	13	2	10/19-10/27
New	North Slope, West Daggett	new hunt	10	9	1	10/19-10/27
New	Panguitch Lake/Zion, North	new hunt	25	22	3	11/18- 12/1
PD1019	Plateau, Parker Mtn		50	45	5	08/01-08/16
PD1020	Plateau, Parker Mtn		50	45	5	10/05-10/29
PD1006	Plateau, Parker Mtn		50	45	5	11/23-12/22
PD1007	San Rafael North, Cleveland		20	18	2	10/05-10/17
PD1030	San Rafael North, Cleveland		20	18	2	08/01-08/14
PD1028	San Rafael North, Mounds Reef	2-doe permits	10	9	1	08/01-08/14
PD1029	San Rafael North, Mounds Reef	2-doe permits	10	9	1	10/05-10/17
PD1008	Southwest Desert, Milford Flat		25	22	3	08/01-08/17
PD1009	Southwest Desert, Milford Flat		25	22	3	10/5-10/27
New	South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	new hunt	30	27	3	10/19-10/27
Total			760	681	79	

2019 ANTLERLESS MOOSE HUNTS

HUNT #	HUNT NAME	HUNT INFORMATION	TOTAL PERMITS	RESIDENT PERMITS	NONRES PERMITS	SEASON DATES
MA1000	East Canyon, Davis-North Salt Lake		5	4	1	09/14-10/18
MA1001	East Canyon, Morgan-Summit	Limited Public Land	5	4	1	09/14-10/18
MA1004	North Slope, Summit		10	9	1	09/14-10/18
MA1002	Ogden	Limited Public Land	9	8	1	09/14-10/18
MA1003	Ogden, West		9	8	1	09/14-10/18
Total			38	33	5	

2019 MOOSE POPULATION STATUS AND ANTLERLESS PERMIT RECS

	Plan	Population	2018	2019 Rec.	Population
	Population	Estimate	Antlerless	Antlerless	Estimate
Unit Name	Objective	post-2018	Permits	Permits	Post-hunt
West Box Elder	75	20	0	0	25
Cache	300	250	0	0	270
Ogden	450	430	14	18	450
Morgan_Rich	500	400	0	0	400
East Canyon	300	485	10	10	485
Chalk Creek	400	330	0	0	330
Kamas	125	80	0	0	80
North Slope, Summit	350	250	10	10	250
North Slope, Daggett	150	110	0	0	130
South Slope, Yellowstone	175	110	0	0	120
South Slope, Vernal / Diamond Mountain	125	30	0	0	40
Wasatch Mountains	500	315	0	0	350
STATEWIDE TOTALS	3,375	2,790	34	38	2,905

2019 ELK HERD STATUS AND ANTLERLESS PERMIT RECS

Unit	Plan	Pop.	Pop.	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	Population	Estimate	Estimate	Antlerless	Antlerless	Private Lands	Private Lands	Antlerless	Antlerless
	Objective	post-2017	post-2018	Permits	Permits	Permits	Permits	Control	Control
Box Elder	675	700	700	35	30	0	200		
Cache	2,300	2,300	2,500	660	740	0	0		
Ogden	2,000	2,750	1,750	470	355	400	600	Y	
Morgan-South Rich	3,800	4,100	3,650	200	200	160	160	Y	Y
East Canyon	1,800	2,400	2,400	600	600	250	250	Y	Y
Chalk Creek	3,200	4,800	4,000	350	350	1,000	1,000	Y	Y
Kamas	850	1,650	600	550	215	0	0	Y	
North Slope, Summit	300	800	275	250	150	0	0		
North Slope, West Daggett	1,300	1,650	700	250	190	200	120		
North Slope, Three Corners	700	400	430	0	0	0	0		
South Slope, Yellowstone	5,000	7,200	7,500	632	150	2,000	2,000	Y	Y
South Slope, Diamond Mtn/Vernal**	3,000	2,300	4,300	558	715	300	450		
Book Cliffs	7,500	6,300	6,500	128	90	0	0		
Nine Mile, Anthro	700	1,000	1,200	230	450	200	200		
Nine Mile, Range Creek	1,800	1,400	1,350	0	0	0	0		
San Rafael*	0	30	30	10	10	0	20		
La Sal	2,500	2,600	2,900	265	280	30	50		
San Juan*	1,300	1,300	1,300	180	150	50	50	N	
Henry Mtns	0	25	30	5	0	0	0	Y	Y
Central Mtns, Manti	12,000	11,300	11,300	1,030	660	100	200		
Central Mtns, Nebo	1,450	2,100	1,300	300	225	300	100		
Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek	3,200	1,900	2,200	0	0	2,000	2,000		
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	1,800	1,900	2,000	0	50	400	400		
Wasatch Mtns, West	3,400	3,400	3,400	570	570	1,000	1,000		
Oquirrh-Stansbury	1,650	1,100	1,100	0	0	0	0		
West Desert*	350	200	350	10	75	100	150	Y	Y
Southwest Desert	975	1,200	1,500	450	700	0	0		
Fillmore	1,600	1,500	1,400	220	140	0	100		
Beaver	1,050	1,450	1,500	880	980	0	100		

2019 ELK HERD STATUS AND ANTLERLESS PERMIT RECS

Unit	Plan	Pop.	Pop.	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	Population	Estimate	Estimate	Antlerless	Antlerless	Private Lands	Private Lands	Antlerless	Antlerless
	Objective	post-2017	post-2018	Permits	Permits	Permits	Permits	Control	Control
Monroe	1,000-1,400	1,050	1,000	35	30	0	0		
Mt Dutton	1,500-2,000	1,800	1,500	530	450	50	50		
Plateau, Fish Lake/Thousand Lakes	5,000-5,900	4,700	4,900	150	90	0	0		
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	1,200-1,700	1,200	1,200	240	180	0	0		
Paunsaugunt	140	275	275	170	200	120	120		
Panguitch Lake	1100-1,300	1,500	1,400	700	500	75	75		
Zion	300	600	600	80	90	370	390		
Pine Valley	50	75	50	15	20	0	0	Y	Y
STATEWIDE TOTALS	78,215	80,955	79,090	10,753	9,635	9,105	9,785	9	7

*Antlerless control permits are only on a portion of this unit

2019 RECOMMENDED ANTLERLESS ELK HUNTS

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Hunt #	Hunt Name	Hunt Information	Total	Res	Nonres	Season_dates
EA1183	Beaver, East	Muzzleloader Only	130	117	13	10/30-11/07
New	Beaver, East	New Hunt, Public Land	150	135	15	10/05-10/27
EA1184	Beaver, North	Public Land	225	202	23	12/16-01/05
EA1190	Beaver, North	Public Land	225	202	23	01/11-01/31
EA1191	Beaver, North	Public Land	250	225	25	11/23-12/14
EA1003	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek East		60	54	6	11/16-12/15
EA1004	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	No Vehicle Access, No Vehicle Access	30	27	3	10/5-10/17
EA1007	Box Elder, Grouse Creek	Primarily Private Land	10	9	1	08/01-09/10 & 10/05-10/17
EA1008	Box Elder, Grouse Creek	Primarily Private Land	10	9	1	10/19-10/27
New	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	New Hunt	5	4	1	08/01-08/31
New	Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	New Hunt	5	4	1	10/01-11/01
EA1009	Cache, East		485	436	49	10/05-10/17
EA1010	Cache, Rich		35	31	4	8/01-08/16 & 10/05-10/27
EA1193	Cache, Rich		35	31	4	11/9 - 01/12
EA1011	Cache, Richards Hollow		45	40	5	11/9-01/01
EA1012	Cache, Richmond Hyde Park	Primarily Private Land	35	31	4	08/01-08/16
EA1194	Cache, Richmond Hyde Park	Primarily Private Land	35	31	4	11/09-12/13
New	Cache, Richmond Hyde Park	New Hunt, Primarily Private Land	35	31	4	10/05-10/27
New	Cache, Richmond Hyde Park	New Hunt, Primarily Private Land	35	31	4	12/14-01/12
EA1013	Central Mtns, Central Manti		30	27	3	10/05-10/17
EA1014	Central Mtns, Ephraim		50	45	5	11/27-01/31
EA1015	Central Mtns, Ferron Canyon		30	27	3	10/05-10/17
EA1185	Central Mtns, Ferron Canyon Southeast		20	18	2	11/27-12/15
EA1017	Central Mtns, Gordon Creek-Price Canyon		30	27	3	11/27-01/31
EA1018	Central Mtns, Horn Mountain		10	9	1	11/27-12/31
EA1019	Central Mtns, Milburn		50	45	5	11/27-01/31
EA1020	Central Mtns, Mohrland-Stump Flat		10	9	1	11/27-01/31
New	Central Mtns, Moroni Hills	New Hunt	75	67	8	08/01-10/17
EA1021	Central Mtns, Nebo		75	67	8	10/05-10/17
New	Central Mtns, Nebo	New Hunt	75	67	8	11/21-01/31
EA1022	Central Mtns, North Manti		250	225	25	10/05-10/17
EA1023	Central Mtns, South Manti		40	36	4	10/05-10/17
EA1024	Central Mtns, South Manti		60	54	6	11/27-12/31
EA1025	Central Mtns, West Manti		80	72	8	11/27-01/31
EA1026	Chalk Creek	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying	350	315	35	10/05-10/27 & 11/09-01/31
EA1027	East Canyon, Davis-North Salt Lake	Primarily Private Land	260	234	26	10/05-10/17 & 11/09-01/05
EA1028	East Canyon, Morgan	Primarily Private Land	155	139	16	10/05-10/17 & 11/09-01/05
EA1029	East Canyon, Summit	Primarily Private Land	185	166	19	10/05-10/17 & 11/09-01/05
New	Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	New Hunt, Use Oak Creek LE Deer boundary	100	90	10	12/2/19-1/31/20
EA1031	Fillmore, Pahvant	Public Land, excludes tribe lands	20	18	2	12/02-12/31

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EA1030	Fillmore, Pahvant	Public Land, excludes tribe lands	20	18	2	10/05-10/18
EA1033	Kamas	Primarily Private Land	100	90	10	10/05-10/27 & 11/9-01/31
EA1034	Kamas, Francis	Primarily Private Land	25	22	3	10/05-10/27& 11/09-01/31
EA1035	Kamas, Oakley	Primarily Private Land	75	67	8	10/05-10/27 & 11/09-01/31
EA1036	Kamas, West Hills	Primarily Private Land	15	13	2	10/05-10/27 & 11/09-01/31
EA1037	La Sal, Dolores Triangle		50	45	5	12/16-01/31
EA1038	La Sal, La Sal Mtns		120	108	12	10/05-10/17
EA1039	La Sal, La Sal Mtns		80	72	8	11/20-01/31
New	La Sal, La Sal Mtns-Taylor Flat	New Hunt	30	27	3	10/05-10/27
EA1040	Monroe, Koosharem Valley	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit, Primarily Private Land, Small hunt area	30	27	3	08/01-08/14 & 09/14-09/24
EA1042	Morgan-South Rich, East Lost Creek	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying	60	54	6	10/05-10/17 & 11/09-01/05
EA1044	Morgan-South Rich, South Rich	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying	50	45	5	10/05-10/17 & 11/09-01/05
EA1045	Morgan-South Rich, South Weber	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying	30	27	3	10/5-10/17 & 11/09-01/05
EA1046	Morgan-South Rich, West Lost Creek	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying	60	54	6	10/05-10/17 & 11/09-01/05
EA1047	Mt Dutton		50	45	5	10/05-10/18
EA1048	Mt Dutton		50	45	5	11/18-12/01
EA1049	Mt Dutton, Deep Creek	No Vehicle Access, Limited Access	100	90	10	12/02-12/15
EA1050	Mt Dutton, East	Limited Vehicle Access	100	90	10	12/16-12/31
EA1051	Mt Dutton, East	Limited Vehicle Access	100	90	10	01/01-01/12
EA1186	Mt Dutton/Plateau		50	45	5	11/23 -12/31
New	Nine Mile, Avintaquin-West Anthro	New Hunt, Excludes Tribe Lands, Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt	200	180	20	01/18-01/31
EA1054	Nine Mile, West Anthro	Excludes Tribe Lands, Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt	250	225	25	12/14-12/31
EA1055	North Slope, Greendale	Public Land	20	18	2	10/5-10/17
EA1056	North Slope, Greendale	Public Land	10	9	1	11/21-12/06
EA1058	North Slope, Henry's Fork-Burnt Fork		75	67	8	11/09-01/31
EA1059	North Slope, Manila-Phil Pico	Private lands. Hunters should have permission before applying	10	9	1	01/01-01/31
EA1196	North Slope, Summit		75	67	8	10/5-10/27
EA1060	North Slope, West Daggett	Muzzleloader Only, Public Land	40	36	4	10/31-11/8
EA1061	North Slope, West Daggett	Muzzleloader Only, Public Land	60	54	6	09/26-10/04
EA1062	North Slope, West Daggett	Public Land	50	45	5	12/18-12/31
EA1063	Ogden		175	157	18	08/01-08/16 & 10/05-10/17
EA1064	Ogden		180	162	18	11/09-12/31
EA1066	Panguitch Lake		100	90	10	12/07-12/15
EA1067	Panguitch Lake		100	90	10	12/21-12/29
EA1068	Panguitch Lake		200	180	20	01/04-01/26
EA1069	Panguitch Lake		100	90	10	11/23-12/01
EA1073	Paunsaugunt	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	100	90	10	11/18-12/31
EA1187	Paunsaugunt, Hatch Bench	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	100	90	10	12/07-01/31
EA1074	Pine Valley	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	20	18	2	10/05-10/27 & 11/08-01/20
EA1075	Plateau, Boulder East	Limited Vehicle Access	100	90	10	11/23-12/31
EA1076	Plateau, Boulder West		60	54	6	11/23-12/31

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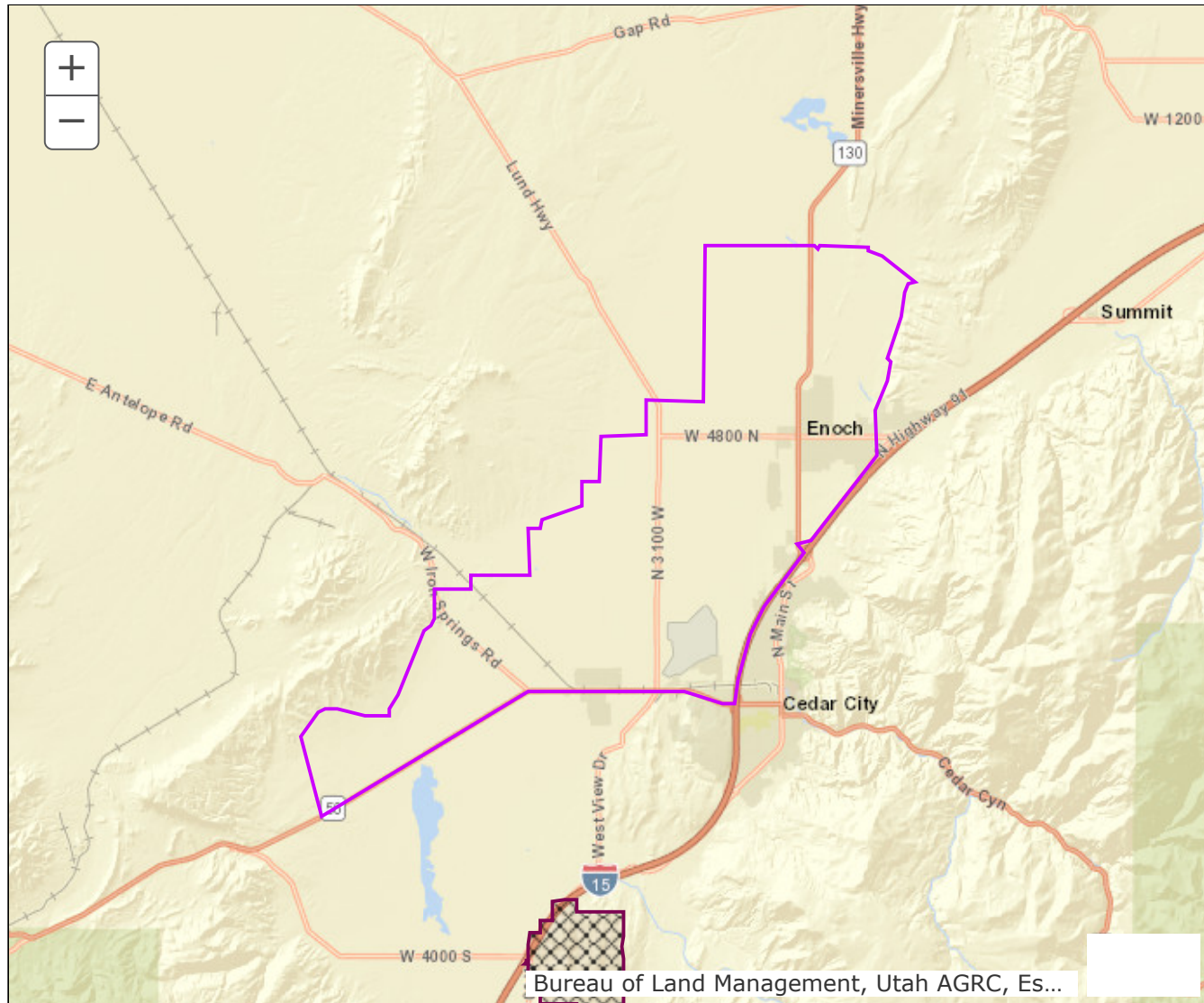
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EA1077	Plateau, Boulder-Circle Cliffs	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit, Limited Vehicle Access, Very rugged, difficult hunt	20	18	2	10/05-01/31
EA1078	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes		50	45	5	10/05-10/17
EA1079	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes East		20	18	2	11/23-12/31
EA1080	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes West		20	18	2	11/23-12/31
EA1081	San Juan		100	90	10	10/05-10/17
EA1197	San Juan, Elk Ridge		50	45	5	10/05-10/17 & 11/20-01/31
EA1084	San Rafael, North	Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt, Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt	10	9	1	10/30-01/31
EA1085	South Slope, Bonanza-Vernal	Archery Only	100	90	10	08/17-09/13
EA1087	South Slope, Bonanza-Vernal	Any Weapon	100	90	10	10/05-10/17
EA1089	South Slope, Diamond Mtn		75	67	8	11/01-11/14
EA1090	South Slope, Diamond Mtn		75	67	8	11/21-12/04
EA1091	South Slope, Diamond Mtn		75	67	8	12/19-12/31
EA1092	South Slope, Little Mtn-Buckskin Hills	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit, Primarily Private Land, Low Success Hunt/Weather Dependent	105	94	11	12/7-01/03
EA1093	South Slope, Little Mtn-Buckskin Hills	Infrequent Elk Herd in Hunt Unit, Primarily Private Land, Low Success Hunt/Weather Dependent	105	94	11	01/04-01/31
EA1094	South Slope, Mosby Mtn	Excludes Tribe Lands, Any Weapon	80	72	8	11/09-12/15
EA1098	South Slope, Yellowstone	Excludes Tribe Lands, Limited Access through Tribe Lands	50	45	5	11/23-12/07
EA1099	South Slope, Yellowstone	Excludes Tribe Lands, Limited Access through Tribe Lands	50	45	5	12/14-12/31
EA1100	South Slope, Yellowstone	Excludes Tribe Lands, Limited Access through Tribe Lands	50	45	5	01/11-01/31
EA1101	Southwest Desert		50	45	5	10/05-10/27
EA1102	Southwest Desert		125	112	13	11/18-12/01
New	Southwest Desert	New Hunt	125	112	13	12/07-12/20
New	Southwest Desert	New Hunt	125	112	13	12/26-01/08
New	Southwest Desert	New Hunt	125	112	13	01/14-01/27
EA1103	Southwest Desert, Northwest Part		30	27	3	10/05-10/27
EA1104	Southwest Desert, Northwest Part		30	27	3	11/18-12/01
New	Southwest Desert, Northwest Part	New Hunt	30	27	3	12/07-12/20
New	Southwest Desert, Northwest Part	New Hunt	30	27	3	12/26-01/08
New	Southwest Desert, Northwest Part	New Hunt	30	27	3	01/14-01/27
New	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	New Hunt, Very Difficult, Low Success Hunt, Excludes Tribe Lands	50	45	5	10/05-10/17
EA1110	Wasatch Mtns, Salt Lake		40	36	4	11/23-01/31
EA1111	Wasatch Mtns, Wallsburg		30	27	3	11/23-12/22
EA1112	Wasatch Mtns, Wallsburg		50	45	5	12/23-01/31
EA1113	Wasatch Mtns, West Heber		25	22	3	11/23-01/31
EA1114	Wasatch Mtns, West Timpanogos		25	22	3	11/23-01/31
EA1189	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	Muzzleloader Only	400	360	40	10/31-11/07
New	West Desert, Tintic	New Hunt, Very Low Elk Numbers, Low Success Hunt	75	67	8	08/01-01/31
EA1116	Zion	Excludes Zion National Park, Primarily Private Land	40	36	4	10/05-10/27
EA1117	Zion	Excludes Zion National Park, Primarily Private Land	50	45	5	11/08-01/20
Total			9635	8654	981	

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT Southwest Desert, Cedar Valley

SPECIES deer

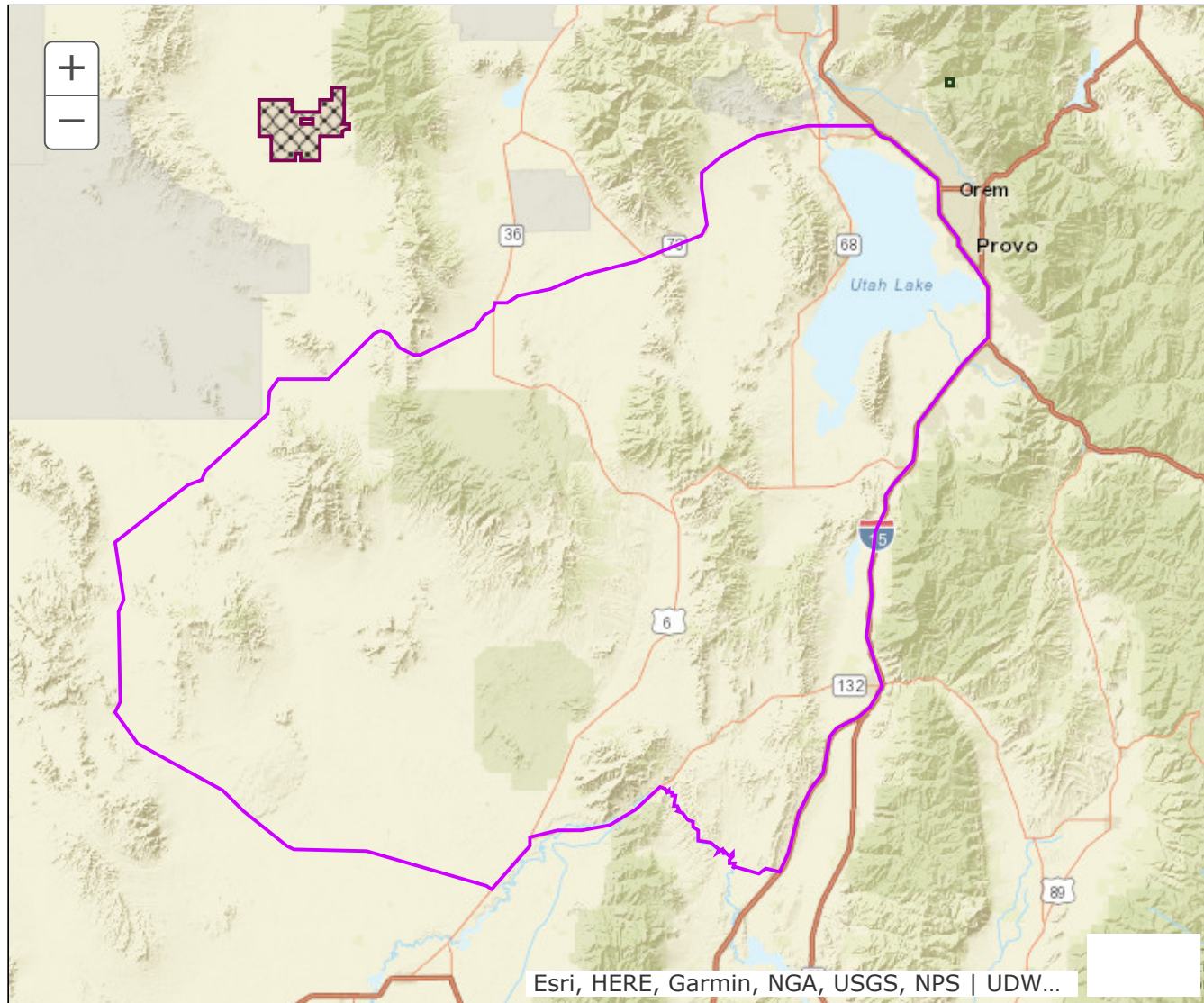


Updated Boundary: Iron County--Boundary begins SR-56 and I-15 (Exit 59); west on SR-56 to the Swett Hills road; north on this road to the Eight Mile Hills road; north and east on this road to the Iron Springs Road: north on this road to 2240 N; east on this road to 6300 W; north on this road to 2400 N ; east of this road to 5300 W; north on this road to 3200 N; east on this road to 3425 N; northeast on this road to 3600 N; east on this road to a point straight south of 4400N; north from this point to 4000 N; east on this road to 4100 W; north on this road to Mid Valley Road; east on this road to 3300 W; north on this road to 5400 N; east on this road to 2300 W; north on this road to 8000 N; east on this road to Braffits Creek; southwest on this road to 2200 E; south on this road to Enoch Road; south on this road to Old Highway 91; southwest on this road to SR-130; south on this road to I-15 (Exit 62); south on I-15 to SR-56 (Exit 59).

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT West Desert, Tintic Valley

SPECIES Elk

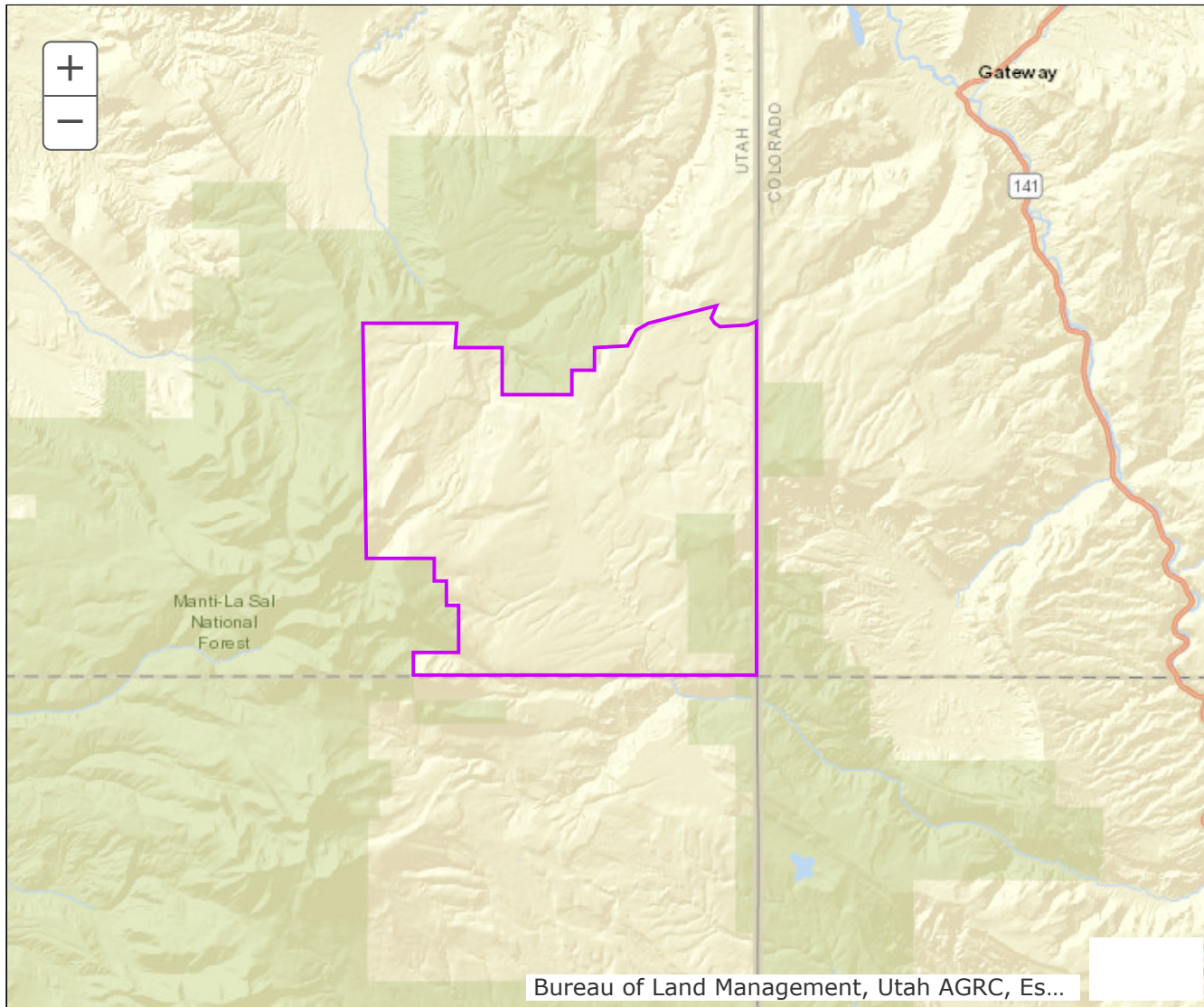


Updated Boundary: Juab, Millard, Tooele and Utah Counties—Boundary begins at I-15 and SR-73 in Lehi; south on I-15 to Exit 207 and Mills Road; west on this road to the Sevier River; northwest along this river to SR-132; west on SR-132 to US-6; southwest on US-6 to SR-174 (Brush Wellman/IPP Road); northwest on SR-174 to the Dugway Valley Road; north on this road to the Pony Express Road; northeast on this road to SR-36; north on SR-36 to the Faust Junction and Pony Express Road; east on this road to SR-73; east on SR-73 to I-15 in Lehi. Excludes all CWMUs. USGS 1:100,000 Maps: Delta, Fish Springs, Lynndyl, Manti, Nephi, Provo, Rush Valley. Boundary questions? Call the Springville office, 801-491-5678.

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT La Sal, Taylor Flat

SPECIES elk

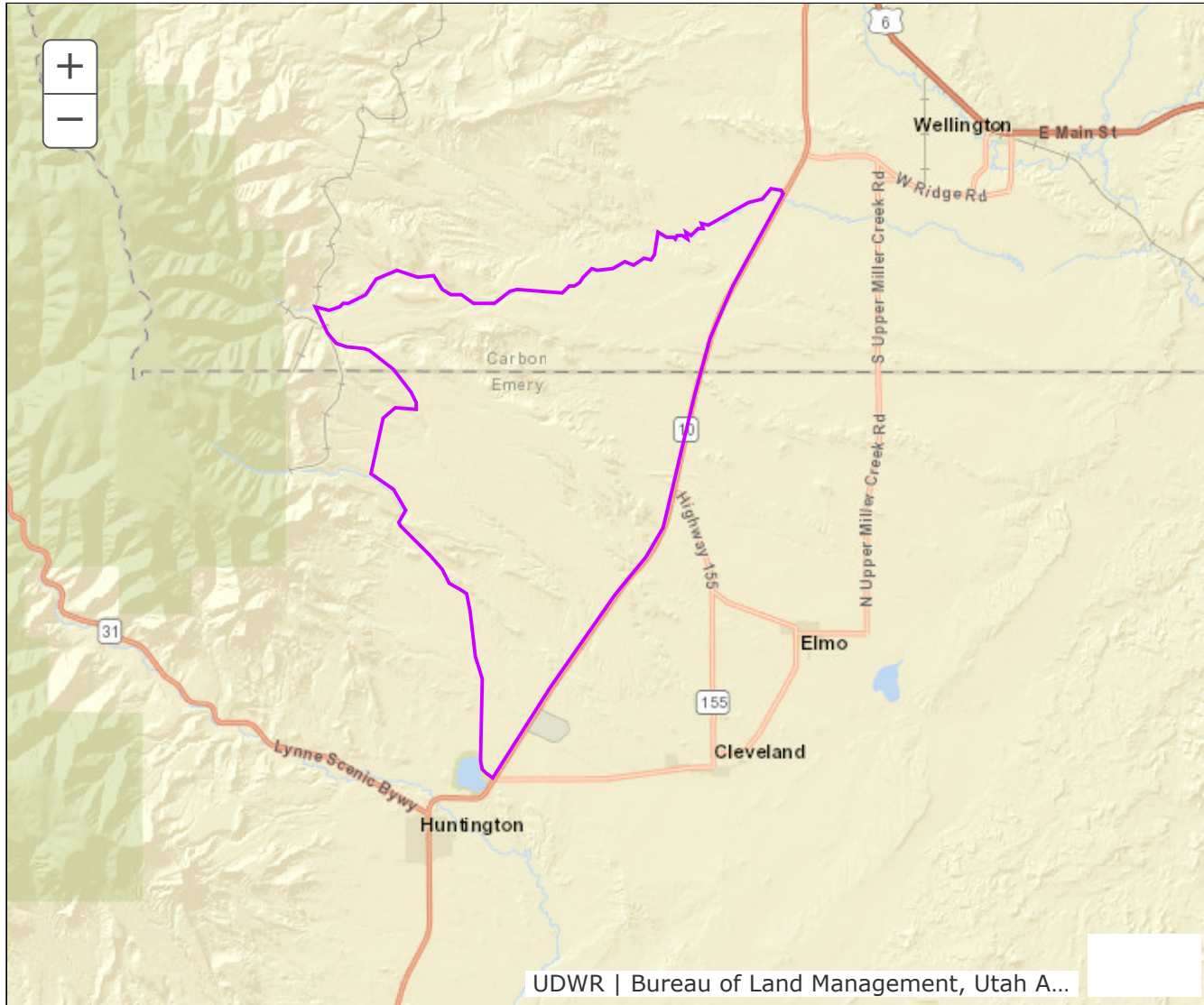


Updated Boundary: Grand county--Boundary begins at the Utah-Colorado state line and the Grand/San Juan County line; west along this county line 7.3 miles to the USFS boundary; north then east along this boundary line to the State Line Gateway road; east on this road to the Utah-Colorado state line; south on the state line to the Grand/San Juan County line. Excludes all CWMUs.

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT Central Mtns, Poison Springs Bench

SPECIES pronghorn

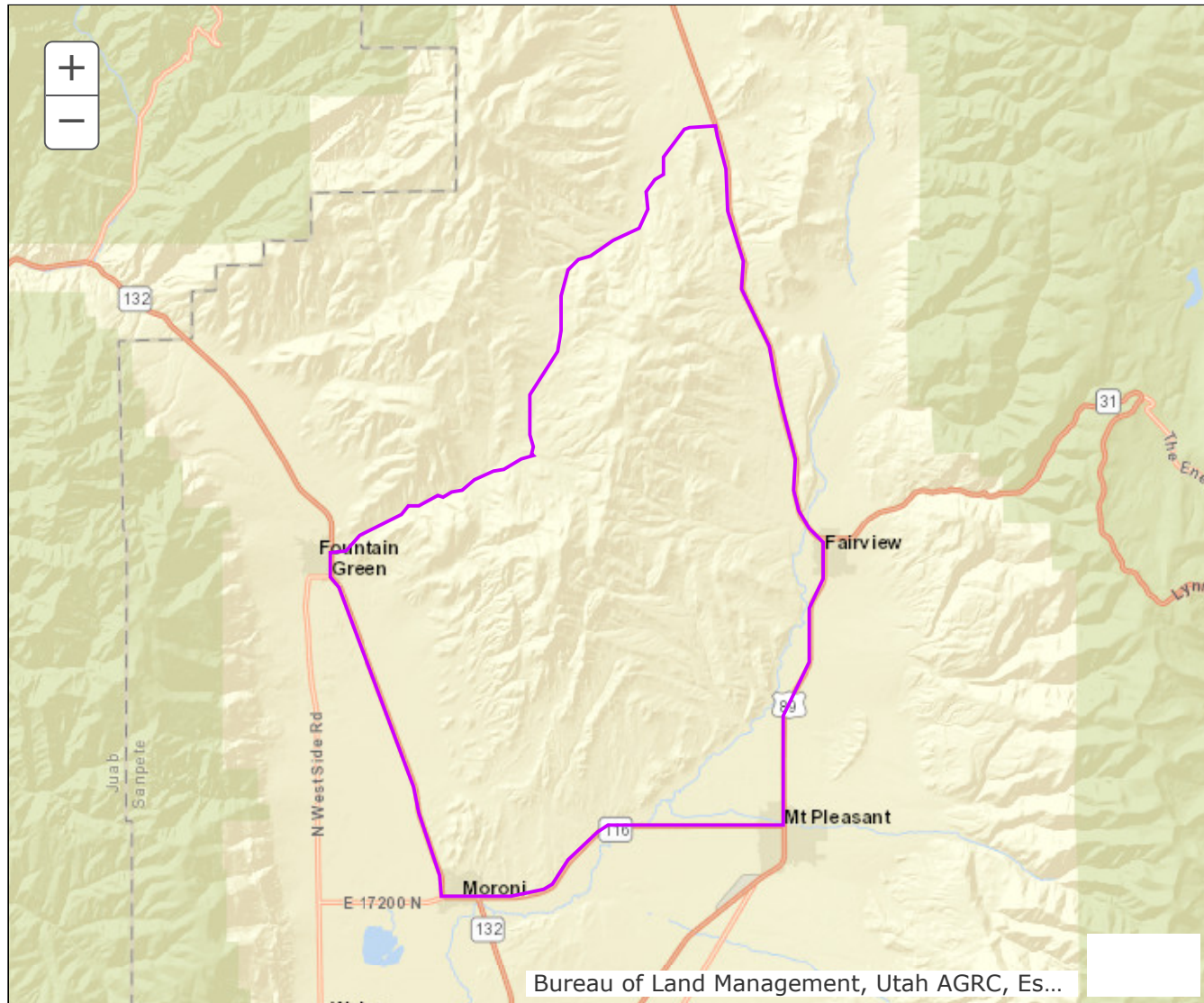


Updated Boundary: Carbon and Emery counties--Boundary begins at SR-10 and Mohrland Canyon Road near Huntington; north on Mohrland Canyon Road to Hiawatha Road; north on this road to SR-122 in Hiawatha; north from this point cross-country to Miller Creek; east along Miller Creek to SR-10; south on SR-10 to Mohrland Canyon Road.

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT Central Mtns, Moroni Hills

SPECIES elk

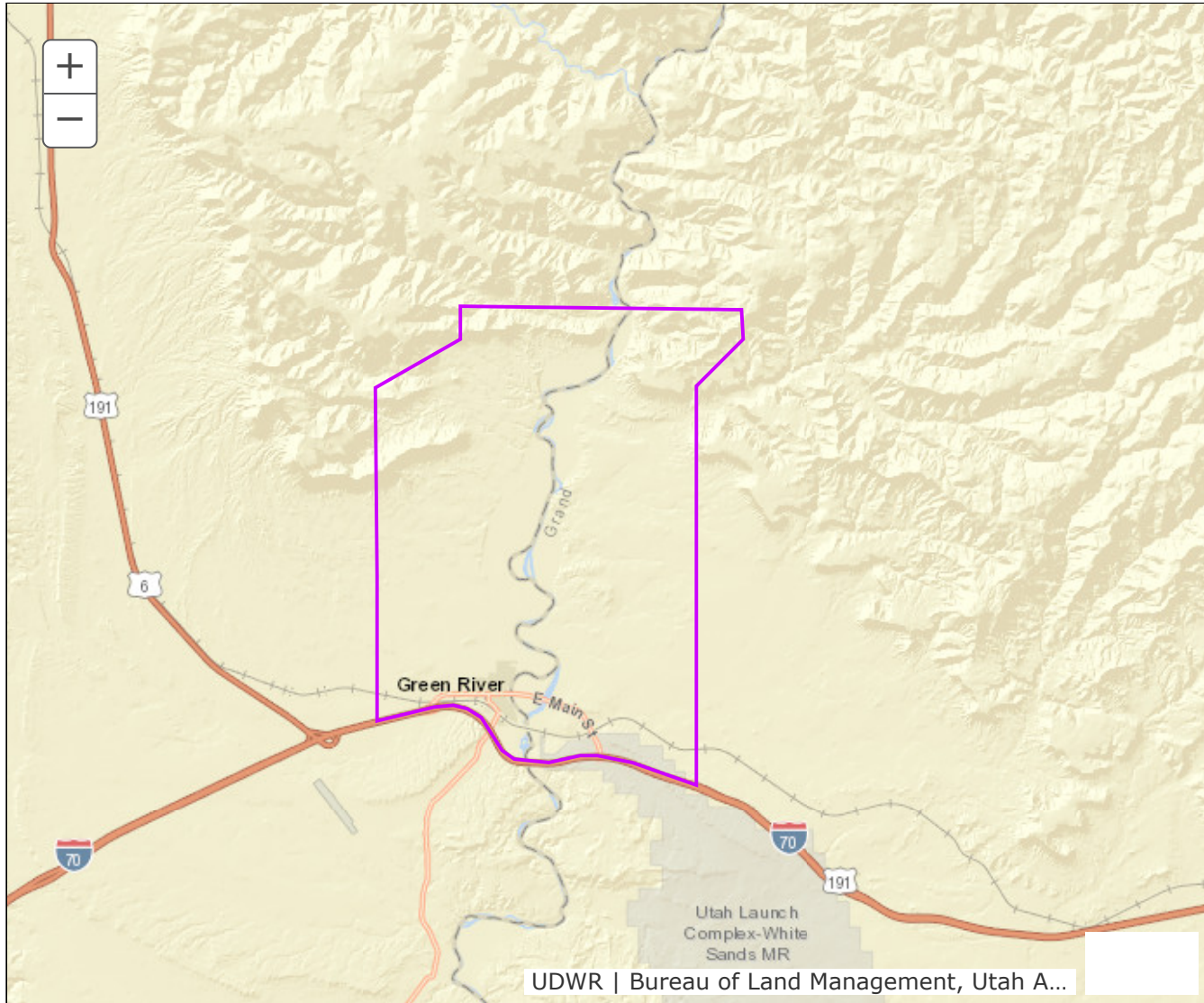


Updated Boundary: Sanpete County--Boundary begins at SR-132 and Big Hollow Rd in Fountain Green; east and northeast on Big Hollow Rd to US-89; south on US-89 to Main St (SR-116) in Mount Pleasant; west on SR-116 to SR-132 in Moroni; north on SR-132 to Big Hollow Rd in Fountain Green. USGS 1:100,000 Maps: Nephi. Boundary questions? Call the Springville office, 801-491-5678.

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT Nine Mile, Green River Valley

SPECIES deer

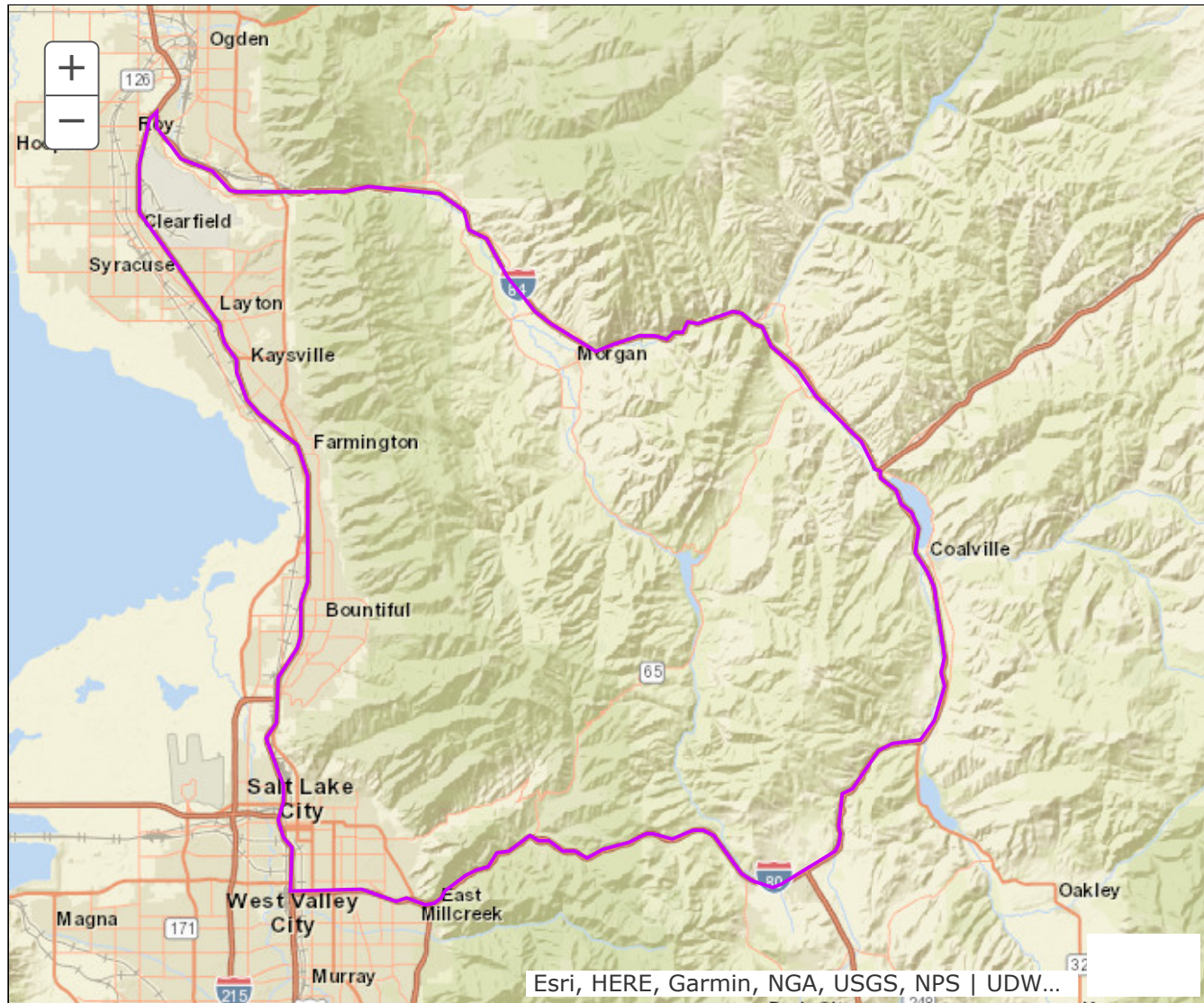


Updated Boundary: Emery and Grand Counties; This boundary includes 3 miles either side of the Green River from Interstate 70 north to Swasey's Beach.

BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

UNIT East Canyon (private lands)

SPECIES deer



Updated Boundary: Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake and Summit counties--Private lands only. Boundary begins at Echo Junction and I-80; southwest along I-80 to I-15; north on I-15 to its junction with I-84 near Ogden; east on I-84 to Echo Junction. Private lands only. This hunt is comprised of all private property. Hunters should acquire written permission from the landowner before applying for this hunt. USGS 1:100,000 Maps: Salt Lake City, Ogden. Boundary questions? Call the Ogden office, 801-476-2740.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 25, 2019

To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Mike Wardle, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

Subject: Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit rule amendments (R657-37)

Utah's Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) program has been very successful. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources oversees the program and wants its success to continue. To ensure that happens, the Division is recommending various amendments to the program's administrative rule (R657-37). Most of the proposed amendments deal with the administration of the program. The proposal also makes other minor revisions, including clerical and punctuation changes. The proposal's major amendments are outlined below.

Changes to CWMU operations

The proposed CWMU rule amendments would:

- Expand the Landowner Association member definition to include CWMU employees, agents and volunteers who are acting under the direction of an operator.
- Eliminate different hunt boundaries for multiple species on a single CWMU.
- Require a landowner or lessee with agricultural interests inside the CWMU to sign a waiver releasing all claims for depredation assistance on the property. That signed waiver must also be included with each renewal application.
- Require CWMUs to notify the Division of land-ownership changes within the CWMU and provide the signed waiver releasing any depredation claims.
- Require an operator to disclose any areas excluded from hunting in the CWMU management plan.
- Prohibit the CWMU from harassing wildlife in an effort to retain animals on the property, unless preauthorized by the DWR to limit agricultural damage to neighboring lands.
- Only allow a management buck hunt on the CWMU if there is a current management buck hunt on the unit that the CWMU lies within.
- Simplify muzzleloader elk season dates to match the standard 61-day elk season.



- Set a new August 1 deadline for the donation of vouchers through reciprocal agreements. (The old deadline was May 1.)
- Allow the Division to identify an individual who will administer and coordinate reciprocal agreements and all expenditure of funds generated from them.
- Require written approval from the Division before reciprocal funds can be spent, and also require the CWMU to provide an annual report.

Changes to the Certificate of Registration (COR) process for CWMUs

The proposed rule amendments would:

- Provide more detail about the process for obtaining a minimum acreage or non-contiguous parcel variance.
- Remove the current language that states if the CWMU land ownership changes more than 33 percent, the COR automatically terminates at the end of the year. (The COR will still be terminated automatically if the CWMU loses more than 33 percent of its acreage.)
- Add hunter satisfaction ratings to the items the Wildlife Board may consider when deciding to renew a COR.
- Give direction on elements that Division will consider in its permit recommendations (e.g., acreage, distribution, population abundance, management objectives, etc.).
- Remove the requirement for CWMUs that don't meet parcel configuration or acreage requirements to obtain a variance every time they renew. (This only applies to renewal applications — any CWMU that has a variance and then drops in acreage or attempts to add additional non-contiguous parcels will have to apply for a new variance.)

Changes to CWMU Advisory Committee oversight

The proposed rule amendments would:

- Give the CWMU Advisory Committee the ability to place CWMUs on probation and define what probation looks like.
- Require a CWMU on probation to provide the committee with a written plan of corrective action and then report annually to the committee until they are removed from probation.

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

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

R657-37-1. Purpose and Authority.

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

(2) Cooperative Wildlife Management Units are established to:

- (a) increase wildlife resources;
 - (b) provide income to landowners;
 - (c) provide the general public access to private and public lands for hunting big game or turkey within a Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit;
 - (d) create satisfying hunting opportunities;
 - (e) provide adequate protection to landowners who open their lands for hunting;
- and
- (f) provide landowners an incentive to manage lands to protect and sustain wildlife habitat and benefit wildlife.

R657-37-2. Definitions.

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

(2) In addition:

- (a) "CWMU" means Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit.
- (b) "CWMU agent" means a person appointed by a landowner association member to protect private property within the CWMU.
- (c) "General public" means all persons except landowner association members and their spouse or dependent children.
- (d) "Landowner association" means a landowner or group of landowners of private land organized as a single entity for the purpose of applying for, becoming and operating a CWMU.
- (e) "Landowner association member" means:
 - (i) an individual landowner or the managing members of a legal entity holding a fee interest in private property enrolled in a CWMU;
 - (ii) a landowner association president; ~~and~~
 - (iii) a landowner association operator; and
 - (iv) employees, agents, and volunteers operating under the authority of or at the direction of a landowner association president or operator.
- (f) "Landowner association operator" means a person designated by the landowner association to operate the CWMU and handle day-to-day interactions of the landowner association with the public.
- (g) "Landowner association president" means a representative of the landowner association who is responsible for all internal operations of the landowner association and is ultimately responsible for the CWMU.
- (h) "Voucher" means a document issued by the division to a landowner association member, allowing a landowner association member to designate who may purchase a CWMU big game or turkey hunting permit from a division office.

R657-37-3. Requirements for the Establishment of a Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit.

(1) ~~[(a) The minimum allowable acreage for a CWMU is 10,000 contiguous acres, except as provided in Subsection (3).]~~ A CWMU may be established for the purposes of hunting one or more of the following:

~~[(b) Land parcels that adjoin corner to corner shall not be considered contiguous for the purpose of meeting minimum acreage requirements for CWMUs except as specifically authorized by the Wildlife Board pursuant to Subsection (3)(b) and R657-37-6.]~~ a) mule deer;

(b) elk;

~~(c) [The land comprising Domesticated Elk Facilities and Domesticated Elk Hunting Parks, as defined in Section 4-39-102(2) and Rules R58-18 and R58-20, shall not be included as part of any big game or turkey CWMU.]~~ moose;

~~(d) [No land parcel shall be included in more than one CWMU.]~~ pronghorn; and

~~(e) [Separate hunt boundaries by species on a CWMU are not permitted.]~~ turkey.

~~(f) For~~ 2) The Wildlife Board may approve the ~~[purpose]~~ issuance of ~~issuing~~ a certificate of registration ~~[under R657-37-5, public lands cannot be used to attain minimum acreages.]~~

~~[——(g) All lands included within a CWMU shall provide quality hunting opportunity in order to qualify towards minimum acreage requirements.][——(2) The Wildlife Board may approve a new CWMU having at least 10,000 contiguous acres]~~ for a CWMU, provided:

(a) the property is capable of independently maintaining the presence of the respective species and harboring them during the ~~[period of]~~ established hunting season;

(b) the property is capable of accommodating the anticipated number of hunters and providing a reasonable hunting opportunity;

(c) the property exhibits enforceable boundaries clearly identifiable to both the public and private hunters; ~~and]~~

(d) the CWMU contributes to meeting division wildlife management objectives;

(e) as needed, the CWMU provides reasonable assistance to the division in minimizing and addressing damage to agricultural interests within and adjacent to the CWMU caused by wildlife; and

(f) the CWMU meets the technical specifications provided in this rule.

(3) ~~[(a) The Wildlife Board may approve a new CWMU for deer, pronghorn or turkey that is at least 5,000 contiguous acres provided that it otherwise satisfies the requirements of Subsections (1) and (2).]~~ A CWMU shall satisfy the following criteria:

(a) a CWMU for elk or moose must contain at least 10,000 contiguous acres;

~~(b) [The Wildlife Board may approve a new]~~ a CWMU for deer, pronghorn, [elk or moose that fails to meet the acreage or parcel configuration requirements in Subsection (1), provided:] or turkey must contain at least 5,000 contiguous acres;

~~[(i) the applicant submits a written request for special considerations to the CWMU Advisory Committee by February 1st prior to the annual August 1st application deadline;]~~

~~[(ii) upon receipt of a request for special considerations, the CWMU Advisory Committee will immediately forward the request to the division for review and recommendations;]~~

~~[(iii) the division will review the request for special considerations and make recommendations to the CWMU Advisory Committee within 60 days of receipt; and]~~

~~[(iv) the CWMU Advisory Committee will consider the request for special considerations and the division's recommendations, and make recommendations to the Wildlife Board on the advisability of granting the CWMU application.]~~

~~[(4)(a) Cooperative Wildlife Management Units organized for hunting big game or turkey]~~b) the CWMU shall consist of private land to the extent practicable[-];

(c) only private lands may be included in calculating minimum acreage requirements;

(d) land parcels adjoining corner-to-corner may not be included for the purposes of meeting minimum contiguous acreage requirements;

(e) all lands counting towards the minimum acreage requirements shall provide quality hunting opportunity and form a quality hunting unit; or

(f) the CWMU must receive approval for a variance as described in R657-37-5(4).

~~[(b) The Wildlife Board may approve a]~~4) A CWMU [containing]may include public land only if:

~~[(i)a] the public land is[-completely] surrounded by private land or is otherwise publicly inaccessible[-to the general public];~~

~~[(ii)b] the public land is necessary to establish an enforceable [boundary clearly]and identifiable [to both the general public and public and private permit holders]hunt boundary; or~~

~~[(iii)c] inclusion of the public land is necessary to achieve statewide and unit management objectives.~~

~~[(e) If any public land is included within a CWMU, the landowner association must meet applicable federal and state land use requirements on the public land.]~~5) A CWMU may not include:

(a) any lands comprising Domesticated Elk Facilities and Domesticated Elk Hunting Parks, as defined in Section 4-39-102(2) and Rules R58-18 and R58-20;

~~[(d) The Wildlife Board shall increase the number of permits or hunting opportunities made available to the general public to reflect the proportion of public lands to private lands within the CWMU pursuant to Subsection R657-37-4(3)(a)(iv).]~~b) any lands already included in another active CWMU; or

(c) differing hunt boundaries for multiple species approved on a single CWMU.

~~[(5) The intent is to establish CWMUs consisting of blocks of land that function well as hunting units.]~~6) The Wildlife Board may deny a CWMU that meets technical requirements of this rule but does not [constitute a good hunting unit]otherwise fulfill the purposes of the CWMU program.

R657-37-4. Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit Management Plan.

(1)(a) The landowner association [~~must~~]shall manage the CWMU in compliance with a CWMU Management Plan approved by the division.

(b) The CWMU management plan shall be consistent with statewide and unit management objectives for the respective [~~big game or turkey management unit and approved by the Wildlife Board.~~]species hunted on the CWMU.

(2)(a) The CWMU Management Plan [~~may be approved by the Wildlife Board for a period of three years and~~]shall be completed as part of the certificate of registration application and renewal processes.

(b) If approved by the Wildlife Board, the CWMU management plan is incorporated into the CWMU's certificate of registration .

~~(b)~~(c) Amendments to the CWMU Management Plan may be requested by the Wildlife Board, the division, or the CWMU landowner association [~~member or~~]operator or president, and may result in an amendment to the certificate of registration, consistent with R657-37-5.5.

(3)(a) The CWMU Management Plan must include:

(i) species management objectives for the CWMU that are consistent with statewide and unit management objectives for the respective big game or turkey management unit;

(ii) antlerless harvest objectives;

(iii) ~~(A)~~ dates that the general public with buck or bull CWMU permits will be allowed to hunt [~~in accordance with R657-37-7(3)(a); and~~];

~~(B)~~(iv) a detailed explanation of how comparable hunting opportunities will be provided to both the private and public permit holders on the CWMU as required in Section 23-23-7.5;

~~(iv)~~(v) [~~a clear~~]an explanation of the purpose for including public land within the CWMU boundaries, if public land is included;

~~(v)~~(vi) an explanation of how the public is compensated by the CWMU when public land is included;

~~(vi)~~(vii) rules and guidelines used to regulate a permit holder's conduct as a guest on the CWMU;

~~(vii)~~(viii) County Recorder Plat Maps or equivalent maps [~~, dated by receipt of purchase within 30 days of the initial or renewal application deadline for a certificate of registration;~~] depicting boundaries and ownership for all property within the CWMU;

~~(viii)~~(ix) two original 1:100,000 USGS maps [~~, which must be filed in the appropriate regional division office and the Salt Lake office;~~] depicting all interior and exterior boundaries of the proposed CWMU;

~~(ix)~~(x) strategies and methods that avoid, mitigate, and if necessary compensate for adverse impacts to adjacent landowners and lessees resulting from the operation of the CWMU [~~, including the provisions provided in Section R657-37-7(6); and~~];

~~(x)~~(xi) strategies and methods that avoid, mitigate, and if necessary compensate for adverse impacts to agricultural lessees within and adjacent to the CWMU;

(xii) identification of areas within the CWMU that are closed to hunting by both public and private hunters;

(xiii) any request for reciprocal agreements.

(b) The division shall⁷ review all CWMU Management Plans and make recommendations to the Wildlife Board.

(4)(a) CWMU operators are required to complete a CWMU training session provided by the division on an annual basis.

(b) Failure to complete the CWMU training session may result in the CWMU operator being referred to the CWMU Advisory Committee described in R657-37-15 or may result in administrative action taken against a certificate of registration as described in R657-37-14.

R657-37-5. Application for Certificate of Registration; Variance Process.

(1)~~[(a)-]~~ An application for a CWMU certificate of registration ~~[that doesn't include special considerations identified]~~satisfying the acreage and parcel configuration requirements in R657-37-3~~[(3)(b)]~~ must be completed and returned to the regional division office where the proposed CWMU is located no later than August~~[1.][—(b) An application including special considerations described in R657-37-3(3)(b) must be submitted to the CWMU Advisory Committee by February]~~ 1.

(2) The application must be accompanied by:

(a) the CWMU Management Plan~~[-as described in R657-37-4(3)]~~, including all maps and a GIS shapefile in NAD 83 depicting the CWMU boundary;

(b)(i) a petition containing the signature and acreage of each participating landowner agreeing to establish and operate the CWMU as provided in this rule and Title 23, Chapter 23 of the Wildlife Resources Code; or

(ii) a copy of a legal contract or agreement identifying:

(A) the private land;

(B) the duration of the contract or agreement; ~~[and]~~

(C) the names and signatures of landowners conveying the hunting rights to the CWMU landowner association;

(c) a signed waiver from each landowner or lessee holding agricultural interests within the boundaries of the proposed CWMU releasing all claims for any assistance pertaining to those lands that may otherwise be available from the division under R657-44 during the term of the certificate of registration;

(d) the name of the landowner association operator;

~~[(e)]~~e the name of the landowner association president; and

~~[(f)]~~f the nonrefundable handling fee.

(3)(a) The division may reject any application that is incomplete or completed incorrectly.

(b) Applicants must update the division regarding any changes to the substance of their application while it is under consideration or it may be considered incomplete or incorrect.

(4)(a) An application for a new CWMU that fails to meet the acreage or parcel configuration requirements in R657-37-3 must submit a written variance request to the division by February 1st prior to the annual August 1st application deadline.

(b) Upon receipt of a completed variance request, the division will forward the variance request to the CWMU Advisory Committee for review and recommendations.

(c) The division will review the variance request and make recommendations to the CWMU Advisory Committee.

(d) The CWMU Advisory Committee will consider the variance request and the division's recommendations and make recommendations to the Wildlife Board on the advisability of granting the CWMU application.

~~(4) The division shall forward the complete and correct~~(5) In analyzing an application for a CWMU, the Wildlife Board shall consider:

(a) the application~~[, required documentation, and]~~ materials;

(b) the division's recommendation;

(c) any recommendation ~~[provided by]~~from the CWMU Advisory Committee ~~[to the Regional Advisory Councils and Wildlife Board for consideration.]~~regarding a variance request; and

(d) any violation of the provisions of Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code by the CWMU operator, president, or landowner association member that bears a reasonable relationship on whether the applicant should be approved to participate in the program.

~~(5)~~(6) Upon receiving the application and recommendation from the division, the Wildlife Board may:

(a) authorize the issuance of a certificate of registration~~[, for three years,]~~ allowing the landowner association ~~[member]~~ to operate a CWMU; or

(b) deny the application and provide the landowner association with reasons for the decision.

~~[(6) The Wildlife Board shall consider any violation of the provisions of Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code and any information provided by the division, landowners, and the public in determining whether to authorize the issuance of a certificate of registration for a CWMU.]~~

(7) A certificate of registration is issued on a three year basis and shall expire on January 31.

(8) The CWMU application and the management plan agreement are binding upon the landowner association members and all successors in interest to the CWMU property or the hunting rights thereon as it pertains to allowing public permit holders reasonable access to all CWMU property during the applicable hunting seasons for purposes of filling the permit.

R657-37-5.5. Amendment to a Certificate of Registration; Termination of Certificate of Registration.

(1)(a) A CWMU must notify the division in writing regarding any requested change in:

(i) permit numbers or allocation;

(ii) season dates;

(iii) landowner association membership;

(iv) acreage of the CWMU;

(v) operator;

(vi) the CWMU Management Plan; or

(vii) any other matter related to the management and operation of the CWMU not originally included in the certificate of registration.

(b) Written notification of a requested change must be submitted to the appropriate regional division office where the CWMU is located.

(c) The division must be notified of all changes in landowner association membership, acreage, and operator within 30 days of such changes occurring.

(d) The CWMU must provide the division the written release identified in R657-37-5(2)(c) from new agricultural lessees within the boundaries of the proposed CWMU that are not participating members of the landowner association within 30 days of any changes occurring.

~~(d)e~~ Changes in the CWMU described in R657-37-5.5(1)(a) require an amendment to the certificate of registration.

(2) Requests to amend buck and bull permit numbers, permit allocation, or season dates:

(a) may be initiated by the CWMU or the division;

(b) are due on August 1 of the year prior to when hunting is to occur~~[-and]~~,
unless

requested changes are in response to an ecological event or condition occurring after the August 1 deadline and beyond the control of the CWMU;

(c) shall be forwarded to the Regional Advisory Councils and Wildlife Board for consideration; and

(d) upon approval by the Wildlife Board, an amendment to the original certificate of registration shall be issued in writing.

(3) Requests to amend antlerless permit numbers or season dates:

(a) may be initiated by the CWMU or the division;

(b) must be submitted to the division by the last day of February;

(c) shall be forwarded to the Regional Advisory Councils and Wildlife Board for consideration; and

(d) upon approval by the Wildlife Board, an amendment to the original certificate of registration may be issued in writing.

(4)(a) If acreage totals in the CWMU decrease by more than 33% ~~[or landowner membership within a landowner association changes by more than 33%]~~ over the term of the certificate of registration, the certificate of registration shall:

(i) remain effective for the hunting season beginning in that calendar year; and

(ii) following completion of that hunting season, the certificate of registration shall terminate.

(b) A CWMU whose certificate of registration is terminated under this section may reapply consistent with R657-37-5.

~~(c)(i)~~ If a reduction in acreage occurs on a CWMU that does not trigger the 33% threshold identified in subsection 4(a) and the resulting acreage total is below the standard totals generally required by R657-37-~~3,~~3:

(i) the certificate of registration will remain effective for the current hunt year;

(ii) the CWMU will be reported to the CWMU Advisory Committee for [review and recommendation to the Wildlife Board for action.] a variance request using the process described in R657-37-5(4); and

~~(ii) Review by the CWMU Advisory Committee and subsequent action by~~(iii) the Wildlife Board shall [be taken consistent with R657-37-15.—] make a determination regarding variance approval and amendment of the certificate of registration.

(5)(a) All other requests for amendments shall be reviewed by the division.

(b) If the division recommends approval of the amendment, the division will submit that recommendation to the director.

(c) Upon approval by the director, an amendment to the original certificate of registration shall be issued in writing.

R657-37-6. Renewal of a Certificate of Registration.

(1)(a) At the end of a certificate of registration term, the certificate of registration may be renewed, consistent with this section.

(b) A certificate of registration terminated pursuant to R657-37-5.5 or R657-37-14 is not eligible for renewal~~[-]~~, but may reapply consistent with R657-37-5.

(2)~~[(a)-]~~ An application for renewal of a certificate of registration~~[that does not require special considerations identified in R657-37-3(b)]~~ must be completed and returned to the regional division office where the CWMU is established no later than August 1 of the year ~~[preceeding the expiration of the certificate of registration term.]~~

~~————(b) An application for renewal of a certificate of registration requiring an exception to the minimum acreage requirements or parcel configurations identified in R657-37-3(b) must be submitted to the CWMU Advisory Committee by February 1 of the year preceeding]~~preceding the expiration of the certificate of registration term.

(3)(a) The renewal application must identify all changes from the previous certificate of registration and CWMU Management Plan.

(b) A CWMU renewal application that, due to its acreage totals or parcel configuration would otherwise require variance approval, may proceed without completing the variance process, provided:

(i) the CWMU legally possessed a CWMU certificate of registration during the previous year that allowed for corner-to-corner land parcels or noncontiguous land parcels;

(ii) the CWMU's renewal application does not add additional corner-to-corner or noncontiguous parcels from the previously approved CWMU certificate of registration; and

(iii) the CWMU renewal application at a minimum maintains the equivalent acreage totals and configuration from its previously approved certificate of registration.

(c) A CWMU renewal application that includes a request for modified season dates is not required to obtain an additional variance upon renewal if those dates are identical to what was previously approved in their current certificate of registration.

(4) The renewal application must be accompanied by:

(a) the CWMU Management Plan as described in Section R657-37-4(3); and

(b) all maps as described in Section R657-37-4(3) if the CWMU boundaries have changed; and

(c)(i) a petition containing the signature and acreage of each participating landowner agreeing to establish and operate the CWMU as provided in this rule and Title 23, Chapter 23 of the Wildlife Resources Code; or

(ii) a copy of a legal contract or agreement identifying:

(A) the private land;

(B) the duration of the contract or agreement; and

(C) the names and signatures of landowners conveying the hunting rights to the CWMU agent or landowner association operator;

(d) a signed waiver from each landowner or lessee holding agricultural interests within the boundaries of the proposed CWMU releasing all claims for any assistance pertaining to those lands that may otherwise be available from the division under R657-44 during the term of the certificate of registration;

(e) the name of the designated landowner association operator; and

(f) the nonrefundable handling fee.

(6) The division may reject any application that is incomplete or completed incorrectly.

(7) The division shall consider:

(a) the contents of the renewal application;

(b) the ~~previous performance of the CWMU, including the actions of all landowner association members; and~~ past performance by a CWMU in fulfilling management responsibilities identified in the CWMU Management Plan;

(c) hunter satisfaction ratings; and

(d) any violation by ~~a~~ CWMU operator, CWMU president, or any landowner association member of Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code, this rule, stipulations contained in the certificate of registration and all other relevant information provided from any source related to participation in the ~~applicant's fitness to operate a~~ CWMU program.

(8) After evaluating a complete renewal application, the division shall:

(a) recommend approving renewal of the certificate of registration and forward the permit recommendations to the Regional Advisory Councils and Wildlife Board; or

(b) recommend denying the renewal certificate of registration and state the reasons for denial in writing to the applicant; and

(c) forward the application, reason for denial and recommendation to the Regional Advisory Councils and Wildlife Board ~~and~~ ~~provide the applicant with information for seeking Wildlife Board review of the denial.~~

(9) ~~(a)~~ Upon receiving the division's recommendation as provided in ~~Subsection (6)~~ Subsections (7) and (8), the Wildlife Board may consider:

(i) a the contents of the renewal application;

~~(ii) the previous performance of the CWMU, including the actions of the landowner association member or landowner association operator when reviewing renewal of the certificate of registration;~~ b) the past performance by a CWMU in fulfilling management responsibilities identified in the CWMU Management Plan;

~~(iii) c~~ hunter satisfaction ratings;

d) any violation by CWMU operator, CWMU president, or any landowner association member of Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code, this rule, stipulations contained in the certificate of registration and all other relevant information provided from any source related to the applicant's ~~fitness to operate a~~ participation in the CWMU program;

~~(iv) e~~ any probationary status or recommendation provided by the CWMU Advisory Committee if the landowner association has been referred to the CWMU Advisory Committee during the ~~renewal process~~ term of the certificate of registration; and

(~~v~~f) the ~~[recommendation by]~~recommendations of the division and Regional Advisory Councils.

~~[(b) The Wildlife Board may renew a certificate of registration for a CWMU that does not meet minimum acreage requirements and includes land parcels that adjoin corner to corner or containing noncontiguous parcels, provided:]~~

~~[(i) the CWMU legally possessed a CWMU certificate of registration during the previous year that allowed for corner to corner land parcels or noncontiguous land parcels; and]~~

~~[(ii) the CWMU's renewal application does not add additional corner to corner or noncontiguous parcels from the previously approved CWMU certificate of registration.]~~

(10) A certificate of registration approved for renewal is authorized for three years and shall expire on January 31, providing the certificate of registration is not revoked, suspended, or terminated prior to the expiration date.

R657-37-7. Operation by Landowner Association.

(1)(a) A CWMU must be operated by a landowner association who is represented by a president or a landowner association operator.

(b) A landowner association president or landowner association operator may appoint CWMU agents to protect private property within the CWMU; however, the landowner association president, or landowner association operator must assume ultimate responsibility for the operation of the CWMU.

(2)(a) A landowner association ~~[member]~~president or landowner association operator may enter into reciprocal agreements with other landowner association ~~[members]~~presidents or landowner association operators to allow hunters who have obtained a CWMU permit to hunt within each other's CWMUs as provided in Subsections R657-37-4(3)(a)(~~x~~xii).

(b) Reciprocal hunting agreements may be approved only to:

(i) raise funds to address joint habitat improvement projects;

(ii) address emergency situations limiting hunting opportunity on a CWMU;

(iii) raise funds to aid in essential management practices for the benefit of CWMU species, including obtaining age or species population data as recommended by regional division personnel and approved by the division's wildlife section chief; or

(iv)~~[or]~~ be used with unused vouchers as provided in R657-37-9(12)(a).

(c) If a person is authorized to hunt in one or more CWMUs as provided in Subsection (a), written permission from the landowner association member or landowner association operator and written authorization from the division must be in the person's possession while hunting.

(d) The division may identify an individual to administer and coordinate reciprocal agreements and all expenditure of funds generated therefrom.

(e) The division must provide written approval prior to any expenditure of funds generated from reciprocal agreement permits.

(f) The administrator of the reciprocal agreement program must provide an annual accounting of proceeds generated from reciprocal agreement permits and how those funds were spent or administered.

(3)(a) A landowner association member or landowner association operator must provide general public CWMU permittees a minimum of:

- (i) five days to hunt with buck, bull or turkey permits; and
- (ii) three days to hunt with antlerless permits.

(b) Sunday hunt days may not be included in minimum hunt days except by mutual agreement of the permittee and the operator.

~~(b)~~(c) General public CWMU ~~[permittees]~~permittees shall be allowed to hunt the entire CWMU ~~[except]~~during their established season dates, unless areas ~~[that are excluded from hunting to all permittees]~~are deemed closed to both public and private hunters and described in the CWMU Management Plan as closed .

~~(i) a landowner association may identify in the management plan areas within the CWMU boundary that are open to specific species only. These areas must be open to all permit holders for that species.~~[(c)

~~(d)]~~ A person who has obtained a CWMU permit may hunt only in the CWMU for which the permit is issued, except as provided under Subsection (2).

(4)(a) Each landowner association member or landowner association operator must:

(i) clearly post all boundaries of the CWMU at all corners, fishing streams crossing property lines, road, gates, and rights-of-way entering the land with signs that are a minimum of 8 ½ by 11 inches on a bright yellow background with black lettering, and that contain the language provided in Subsection (b); and

(ii) if a CWMU uses public land for the purpose of making a definable boundary for the CWMU then that boundary shall be posted every three hundred yards.

~~(b)[A CWMU is created under an agreement between private landowners and the division, and approved by the Wildlife Board.]~~ Only persons with a valid CWMU permit for the CWMU may hunt moose, deer, elk, pronghorn or turkey within the boundaries of the CWMU.

(c) The general public may use accessible public land portions of the CWMU for all legal purposes, other than hunting big game or turkey for which the CWMU is authorized.

(5) A landowner association member or landowner association operator must provide a written copy of its guidelines used to regulate a permit holder's conduct as a guest on the CWMU to each permit holder.

(6)(a) A CWMU and the division shall cooperatively address the needs of landowners who are negatively impacted by big game animals or turkeys associated with the CWMU.

(b) The CWMU and the division shall cooperatively seek methods to prevent or mitigate agricultural depredation caused by big game animals or turkeys associated with the CWMU.

(7) A landowner association member may not harass or haze wildlife in an effort to retain animals on the CWMU or herd animals onto the CWMU unless:

(a) the division determines that such actions are necessary to mitigate agricultural damage on neighboring lands;

(b) the CWMU is fulfilling their obligations described in their CWMU Management Plan regarding agricultural damage to neighboring landowners; and

(c) the division provides prior written authorization approving the actions of the CWMU.

R657-37-8. Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit Agents.

(1) A landowner association member may appoint a CWMU agent to monitor access and protect the private property of the CWMU.

(2) Each CWMU agent must wear or have in possession a form of identification prescribed by the Wildlife Board which indicates the agent is a CWMU agent.

(3) A CWMU agent may refuse entry to or remove from a CWMU any person who:

- (a) does not possess a valid CWMU permit;
- (b) endangers or has endangered human safety;
- (c) damages or has damaged property within a CWMU;
- (d) fails or has failed to comply with reasonable rules of a landowner association;

or

- (e) does not have the legal right to be on lands within a CWMU.

(4) A CWMU agent may not refuse entry to the general public onto any public land within the boundaries of a CWMU that is otherwise accessible to the public for purposes other than hunting big game or turkey for which the CWMU is authorized.

(5) In performing the functions described in this section, a CWMU agent must comply with the relevant laws of this state.

R657-37-9. Permit Allocation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(~~5~~)b) In determining the total number of permits allocated under Subsection (4)(a), the division will consider:

(i) acreage and habitat conditions on the CWMU;

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

(iii) classification and survey data;

(iv) depredation and nuisance conflicts; and

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

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

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

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

(i) table one for moose and pronghorn; or

(ii) table two for elk and deer.

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

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

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

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

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

TABLE 1

MOOSE AND PRONGHORN

Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit's Share

Option	Bucks/Bulls	Does/Antlerless
1	60%	40%

Public's Share

Option	Bucks/Bulls	Does/Antlerless
1	40%	60%

TABLE 2

ELK AND DEER

Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit's Share

Option	Bucks/Bulls	Antlerless
1	90%	0%
2	85%	25%
3	80%	40%

4 75% 50%

Public's Share

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

(~~6~~7)(a) The landowner association member or landowner association operator must meet antlerless harvest objectives established in the CWMU management plan under subsection R657-37-4(3)(a)(ii).

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

(~~7~~8) A landowner association member or landowner association operator must provide access free of charge to any person who has received a CWMU permit through the general public big game or turkey drawings, except as provided in Section 23-23-11.

(~~8~~9) If the division and the landowner association member disagree on the number of permits to be issued, the number of permits allocated, or the method of take, the Wildlife Board shall make the determination based on the biological needs of the big game or turkey populations, including available forage, depredation, and other mitigating factors.

(~~9~~10) A CWMU permit entitles the holder to hunt the species and sex of big game or turkey specified on the permit and only in accordance with the certificate of registration and the rules and proclamations of the Wildlife Board.

(~~10~~11) Vouchers for antlerless permits may be designated by a landowner association member to any eligible person as provided in Rule R657-5 and the proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, and Rule R657-42.

(~~11~~12)(a) If a landowner association has a CWMU voucher that is not redeemed during the previous year, a landowner association may donate that voucher to a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, provided the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) The voucher donation is approved by the director prior to transfer;
- (ii) No more than one voucher is donated per year by a landowner association;
- (iii) The voucher is donated for a charitable cause, and the landowner association does not receive compensation or consideration of any kind other than tax benefit; and
- (iv) The recipient of the voucher is identified prior to obtaining the director's approval for the donation.

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

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

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

(~~12~~13)(a) A complete list of the current CWMUs, and number of big game or turkey permits available for public drawing shall be published in the respective proclamations of the Wildlife Board for taking big game or turkey.

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

R657-37-10. Permit Cost.

The fee for permits allocated to any CWMU is the same as the applicable:

- (a) limited entry permit fee for elk and pronghorn;
- (b) general season, limited entry or premium limited entry permit fee for deer or turkey; and
- (c) once-in-a-lifetime permit fee for moose.

R657-37-11. Possession of Permits and License by Hunters - Restrictions.

- (1) A person may not hunt in a CWMU without having in his possession:
 - (a) a valid CWMU permit; and
 - (b) the necessary hunting licenses, permits and tags.
- (2) A CWMU permit:
 - (a) entitles the holder to hunt only on the CWMU specified on the permit pursuant to the rules of the Wildlife Board and does not entitle the holder to hunt on any other public or private land, except as provided under Subsection R657-37-7(2)(a); and
 - (b) constitutes written permission for trespass as required under Section 23-20-14.
- (3) Prior to hunting on a CWMU each permittee must:
 - (a) contact the relevant landowner association member or landowner association operator and request the CWMU rules and requirements; and
 - (b) make arrangements with the landowner association member or landowner association operator for the hunt.

R657-37-12. Season Lengths.

- (1) A landowner association member or landowner association operator may arrange for permittees to hunt on the CWMU during the following dates:
 - (a) an archery buck deer season may be established beginning with the opening of the general archery deer season through August 31 and during the sixty-one consecutive day buck deer season;
 - (b) an archery bull elk season may be established beginning with the opening of the general archery elk season through October 31 and during a bull elk season variance;
 - (c) an archery buck pronghorn season may be established beginning with the opening of the statewide limited entry archery buck pronghorn season through October 31;
 - (d) general season bull elk, buck pronghorn, and moose seasons may be established September 1 through October 31, [~~or the closing date of the general season for the respective species, whichever is later~~]unless a season variance is approved;

- (e)(i) general buck deer seasons may be established for no longer than sixty-one consecutive days from September 1 through November 10;
- (ii) a landowner association member or landowner association operator electing to establish buck deer hunting in November must:
 - (A) meet the CWMU management plan objectives;
 - (B) not exceed average hunter density exhibited on the surrounding deer wildlife management units;
 - (C) provide positive hunter satisfaction; and
 - (D) maintain a harvest success rate at least equal to the surrounding deer wildlife management units;
 - (E) designate the CWMU's sixty-one consecutive day season in the application, or if the sixty-one day consecutive season is not designated the season shall begin September 1;
 - (F) allow all public hunters the option to hunt in November;
- (f) muzzleloader bull elk seasons may be established September 1 through ~~the end of the general muzzleloader elk season~~ October 31 annually, and during a bull elk season variance;
- (g) antlerless elk seasons may be established August 1 through January 31;
- (h) antlerless deer seasons may be established August 1 through December 31;
- (i) doe pronghorn seasons may be established August 1 through October ~~31, unless August 1 falls on a Sunday, in which case the season shall start on the following Monday~~ 31; and
- (j) turkey seasons may be established the second Saturday in April through May 31.

(2)(a) The Wildlife Board may authorize bull elk hunting season variances only if the CWMU landowner association member or landowner association operator clearly demonstrates that November hunting is necessary on the CWMU.

(b) If a bull elk hunting season variance is authorized, the public hunters must be provided comparable hunting opportunity as private hunters.

(3) Notwithstanding the season length provisions in this section, any season described in Subsection (1) that begins on a Sunday will default to and commence the Saturday before.

R657-37-13. Rights-of-Way.

A landowner association member may not restrict established public access to public land enclosed by the CWMU.

R657-37-14. Violations.

(1) The Wildlife Board may refuse to issue, renew, or amend a certificate of registration to an applicant, or may revoke, restrict, place on probation, change permits or allocations or otherwise act upon a certificate of registration where the landowner association member has:

(a) violated any provision of this rule, the Wildlife Resources Code, the certificate of registration, or the CWMU Management Plan; or

(b) engaged in conduct that results in the conviction of, a plea of no contest to, or a plea held in abeyance to a crime of moral turpitude, or any other crime that when

considered with the functions and responsibilities of a CWMU operator bears a reasonable relationship to the operator's or applicant's ability to safely and responsibly operate a CWMU.

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

R657-37-15. Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit Advisory Committee.

(1) A CWMU Advisory Committee shall be created consisting of eight members nominated by the director and approved by the Wildlife Board.

(2) The committee shall include:

(a) two sportsmen representatives;

(b) two CWMU representatives;

(c) one agricultural representative;

(d) one at-large public representative;

(e) one elected official; and

(f) one Regional Advisory Council chairperson or Regional Advisory Council member .

(3) The committee shall be chaired by the Wildlife Section Chief, who shall be a non-voting member.

(4) The committee shall:

(a) hear complaints dealing with fair and equitable treatment of hunters on CWMUs;

(b) review the operation of the CWMU program;

(c) review failure to meet antlerless objectives;

(d) hear complaints from adjacent landowners;

(e) review changes in acreage totals for CWMUs that are under standard minimum acreage or parcel configuration requirements and evaluate the appropriateness of their continued participation in the program; and

(f) make advisory recommendations to the director and Wildlife Board on the matters in Subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e).

(5)(a) The committee may, after hearing evidence of complaints or violations, place a CWMU on probation.

(b) A CWMU placed upon probationary status must provide the CWMU Advisory Committee a plan of corrective action to address concerns regarding operation of the CWMU, and report annually to the Advisory Committee during the probationary period regarding their progress in addressing such concerns.

(c) The CWMU Advisory Committee shall report to the Wildlife Board any CWMU that remains on probation during a certificate of registration renewal process.

(6) The Wildlife Section Chief shall determine the agenda, and time and location of the meetings.

~~(6)7~~ The director shall set staggered terms of appointment of members ~~[in order to assure]~~ such that there is rotating representation and that all committee members' terms shall expire after four years ~~[-, and at least three members shall expire after the initial two years].~~

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 25, 2019

To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Mike Wardle, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

Subject: 2019 Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) and Landowner Association (LOA) permit recommendations

The following is a summary of the 2019 CWMU recommendations for antlerless permits/vouchers. There are three types of applications the DWR receives for CWMUs: new, renewal and change applications.

- The DWR received 26 antlerless CWMU applications for 2019 and recommends the approval of all of them.
 - 2 new CWMU applications
 - Heist CWMU (Southern Region)
 - Mountain Sky Ranch CWMU (Central Region)
 - 11 renewal applications
 - 13 change applications that require RAC/Board approval
- There will be a total of 71 CWMUs with antlerless permits for the 2019 hunting season, based on the DWR's recommendations. The following table summarizes the recommended number of antlerless CWMU permits statewide:

Species	Private	Public
Antlerless elk	156	993
Doe pronghorn	56	92
Antlerless deer	0	60
Total	212	1,145



2019 CWMU Antlerless Recommendations

DWR_Region	CWMU_Name	Gender	Species	App Type	Rcmnd_Private	Rcmnd_Public	Rcmnd_HuntDate	Acres_Private	Acres_Public	Manag_Unit
CRO	Double R Ranch	Antlerless	ELK	Change	0	10	8/31-12/31/2019	12242	0	17a
CRO	Heaston East	Antlerless	ELK	Change	2	8	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	63810	0	18
CRO	Mountain Sky Ranch	Antlerless	ELK	New	2	3	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	10213	0	16a
NERO	West Willow Creek Ranch	Antlerless	ELK	Renewal	2	3	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	19200	3200	10a
NRO	Deseret	Antlerless	ELK	Change	0	230	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	220631	15359	4
NRO	Grass Valley/Clark Canyon	Antlerless	ELK	Change	0	50	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	63337	0	6
NRO	Mountain Top	Antlerless	ELK	Change	0	20	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	10480	0	5
NRO	Two Bear	Antlerless	ELK	Change	0	30	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	35351	0	6
NRO	Weber Florence Creek	Antlerless	ELK	Change	0	50	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	36915	0	6
NRO	Causey Spring	Antlerless	ELK	Renewal	0	7	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	8725	537	4
NRO	Cotton Thomas	Antlerless	ELK	Renewal	0	5	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	13113	730	1
NRO	George Creek	Doe	DEER	Renewal	0	5	8/15-12/31/2019	11879	783	1
NRO	George Creek	Doe	PRONGHORN	Renewal	2	3	8/31-10/30/2019	11879	783	1
NRO	Junction Valley	2-Doe	DEER	Renewal	0	50	8/01-09/01/2019	32203	0	1a
NRO	Rabbit Creek	Doe	PRONGHORN	Renewal	0	1	8/31-10/30/2019	7588	560	2
NRO	Riverview Ranch LLC	Antlerless	ELK	Renewal	3	7	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	19817	13895	1
NRO	Strawberry Ridge	Antlerless	ELK	Renewal	0	10	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	26220	48	2
SERO	Indian Head	Antlerless	ELK	Change	2	6	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	18900	1040	17c
SERO	Jump Creek	Antlerless	ELK	Change	6	9	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	7210	0	16b
SERO	Roan Cliffs	Antlerless	ELK	Change	0	6	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	22620	760	11 b
SERO	Scofield Canyons	Antlerless	ELK	Change	4	11	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	12284	40	16b
SERO	Spring Creek/Dodge	Antlerless	ELK	Change	5	15	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	83709	0	14a
SERO	J.B. Ranch	Antlerless	ELK	Renewal	14	21	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	9162	0	13a
SRO	Pahvant Ensign	Antlerless	ELK	Change	8	12	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	37176	0	21b
SRO	Heist	Doe	PRONGHORN	New	4	5	8/31-10/30/2019	9520	0	20
SRO	Grazing Pasture	Antlerless	ELK	Renewal	6	9	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	6700	0	25a
SRO	Johnson Mountain Ranch	Antlerless	ELK	Renewal	0	20	8/15/2019-1/31/2020	13200	91	25a



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Subject: **Big Game Depredation program rule amendments (R657-44)**

The Big Game Depredation program helps alleviate the damage that big game animals can have on an agricultural operation. The proposed rule amendments are outlined below, and they will provide clarification and further direction for the program.

Changes to program definitions

The proposed rule amendments would:

- Expand the “Damage Incident Period” definition from a set 90 days to include any period of time between July 1 and June 30 that is identified in the mitigation plan.
- Expand the “Mitigation Permit” definition to include an immediate family member or employee of the landowner or lessee.
- Define the “Depredation Mitigation Plan” as a document prepared by the Division, outlining the actions that will be taken to prevent and mitigate damage.
- Define an “Immediate Family Member” as the landowner or lessee’s spouse, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepchild, grandchild, grandfather, or grandmother.
- Define a “Landowner” as any person, partnership, or corporation who owns property in Utah and whose name appears on a deed as the owner of eligible property or whose name appears as the purchaser on a contract for sale of eligible property.
- Define a “Lessee” as any person, partnership, or corporation whose name appears as the lessee on a written lease, for at least a one-year period, for eligible property used for farming or ranching purposes, and who is in actual physical control of the eligible property.



Changes that may affect landowners

The proposed rule amendments would:

- Give landowners or lessees the ability to designate an employee or immediate family member to receive permits.
- Provide more direction for the process involved in issuing a stop-kill order as well as the appeal process for landowners.
- Add the option of 2-doe pronghorn permits to the depredation program.
- Remove the portion of rule that states you can't have a doe pronghorn permit if you have a buck pronghorn permit in same year.

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-44. Big Game Depredation.

R657-44-1. Purpose and Authority.

Under authority of Section 23-16-2, 23-16-3, 23-16-3.1, 23-16-3.2 and 23-16-4, this rule provides:

- (1) the procedures, standards, requirements, and limits for assessing big game depredation; and
- (2) mitigation procedures for big game depredation.

R657-44-2. Definitions.

- (1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Sections 23-13-2 and 23-16-1.1.
- (2) In addition:
 - (a) "Alternate drawing list" means a list of persons who have not already drawn a permit and would have been the next person in line to draw a permit.
 - (b) "Cleared and planted land" means private land or privately leased state or federal land used to produce a cultivated crop for commercial gain and the cultivated crop is routinely irrigated or routinely mechanically or manually harvested, or is crop residue that has forage value for livestock.
 - (c) "Commercial gain" means intent to profit from cultivated crops through an enterprise in support of the crop owner's livelihood.
 - (d) "Damage incident period" means ~~[90 days, or some longer period as approved in writing by the division, during which the division shall]~~ the period of time between July 1 and June 30 of the following year that the division identifies in a depredation mitigation plan to take action to prevent and mitigate further big game depredation and during which compensation for damage ~~[will]~~ may be calculated.
 - (e) "Depredation mitigation plan" means a document prepared by the division pursuant to Section 23-16-3(2)(b) and R657-44-3(4) outlining the actions it will take to prevent and mitigate big game damage to livestock forage, cultivated crops, irrigation equipment, and fences on private land.
 - (f) "Immediate family member" means the landowner's or lessee's spouse, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepchild, grandchild, grandfather, and grandmother.
 - (g) "Irrigated" means the controlled application of water for agricultural purposes through man-made systems to supply water not satisfied by rainfall.
 - (~~f~~h) "Landowner" means any person, partnership, or corporation who owns property in Utah and whose name appears on a deed as the owner of eligible property or whose name appears as the purchaser on a contract for sale of eligible property.
 - (i) "Lessee" means any person, partnership, or corporation whose name appears as the lessee on a written lease, for at least a one-year period, for eligible property used for farming or ranching purposes, and who is in actual physical control of the eligible property.
 - (j) "Livestock Forage" means any forage, excluding cultivated crops and crop residues, meant for consumption by livestock, not routinely irrigated or routinely mechanically or manually harvested.

([e]k) "Mitigation permit" means a nontransferable hunting permit issued directly to a landowner or lessee, [authorizing] an immediate family member of the landowner or lessee, or an employee of the landowner or lessee, authorizing the named individual to take specified big game animals for personal use within a designated area.

([h]l) "Mitigation permit voucher" means a document issued to a landowner or lessee, allowing the landowner or lessee to designate who may obtain a big game mitigation permit.

([i]m) "Nuisance" describes a situation where big game animals are found to have moved off formally approved management units onto adjacent units or other areas not approved for that species.

([j]n) "Once-in-a-lifetime species" for the purposes of this section, includes bull moose and bison, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat regardless of sex.

([k]o) "Private land" means land in private fee ownership and in agricultural use as provided in Section 59-2-502 and eligible for agricultural use valuation as provided in Section 59-2-503 and 59-2-504. Private land does not include tribal trust lands.

R657-44-3. Damage to Cultivated Crops, Fences, or Irrigation Equipment by Big Game Animals.

(1) If big game animals are damaging cultivated crops on cleared and planted land, or fences or irrigation equipment on private land, the landowner or lessee shall immediately, upon discovery of big game damage, request that the division take action by notifying a division representative in the appropriate regional office pursuant to Section 23-16-3(1).

(2) Notification may be made:

(a) orally to expedite a field investigation; or

(b) in writing to a division representative in the appropriate division regional office.

(3)(a) The regional supervisor or division representative shall contact the landowner or lessee within 72 hours after receiving notification to determine the nature of the damage and take appropriate action for the extent of the damage experienced or expected during the damage incident period.

(b) The division shall consider the big game population management objectives as established in the wildlife unit management plan approved by the Wildlife Board.

(c) Division action shall include:

(i) removing the big game animals causing depredation; or

(ii) implementing a depredation mitigation plan pursuant to Sections 23-16-3(2)(b) through 23-16-3(2)(f) and approved in writing by the landowner or lessee.

(4)(a) The division mitigation plan may incorporate any of the following measures:

(i) sending a division representative onto the premises to control or remove the big game animals, including:

(A) herding;

(B) capture and relocation;

(C) temporary or permanent fencing; or

(D) removal, as authorized by the division director or the division director's designee;

(ii) recommending to the Wildlife Board an antlerless big game hunt in the next big game season framework;

(iii) scheduling a depredation hunter pool hunt in accordance with Sections R657-44-7, R657-44-8, or R657-44-9;

(iv) issuing mitigation permits to the landowner or lessee for the harvest of big game animals causing depredation during a general or special season hunt authorized by the Wildlife Board, of which:

(A) the hunting area for big game animals may include a buffer zone established by the division that surrounds, or is adjacent to, the lands where depredation is occurring;

(B) the landowner or lessee may ~~retain~~ designate an immediate family member or employee to receive mitigation permits;

(C) a person may receive no more than five antlerless deer permits, five doe pronghorn permits, and two antlerless elk permits per mitigation plan;

~~(E)D~~ each qualified recipient of a mitigation permit will receive from the division a Mitigation Permit Hunting License that satisfies the hunting license requirements in R657-44-11(c) to obtain the mitigation permit.

~~(D)E~~ the Mitigation Permit Hunting License does not authorize the holder to hunt small game; nor does it qualify the holder to apply for or obtain a cougar, bear, turkey, or other big game permit.

(v) issuing big game mitigation permit vouchers for use on the landowner's or lessee's private land during a general or special hunt authorized by the Wildlife Board of which:

(A) mitigation permit vouchers for antlerless deer may authorize the take of one or two deer as determined by the division;

(B) mitigation permit vouchers for pronghorn may authorize the take of one or two doe pronghorn as determined by the division;

(C) the division may not issue mitigation permit vouchers for moose, bison, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat; and

~~(E)D~~ the hunting area for big game animals may include a buffer zone established by the division that surrounds, or is adjacent to, the landowner's or lessee's private lands where depredation is occurring.

(b) The mitigation plan may describe how the division will assess and compensate for damage pursuant to Section 23-16-4.

(c) The landowner or lessee and the division may agree upon a combination of mitigation measures to be used pursuant to Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (4)(a)(v), ~~and~~ including a damage payment ~~of damage pursuant to Section 23-16-4.~~ or a description of how the division will assess and compensate the landowner or lessee under Section 23-16-4 for damage to cultivated crops, fences, or irrigation equipment.

(d) The agreement pursuant to Subsection (4)(c) must be made before a claim for damage is filed and the mitigation measures are taken.

(5) Vouchers may be issued in accordance with Subsection (4)(a)(v) to:

(a) the landowner or lessee; or

(b) a landowner association that:

(i) applies in writing to the division;

(ii) provides a map of the association lands;

- (iii) provides signatures of the landowners in the association; and
- (iv) designates an association representative to act as liaison with the division.

(6) In determining appropriate mitigation, the division shall consider the landowner's or lessee's revenue pursuant to Subsections 23-16-3(2)(f) and 23-16-4(3)(b).

(7) Mitigation permits or vouchers may be withheld from persons who have violated this rule, any other wildlife rule, the Wildlife Resources Code, or are otherwise ineligible to receive a permit.

(8)(a) The options provided in Subsections (4)(a)(i) through (4)(a)(v) are for antlerless animals only.

(b) Deer and pronghorn hunts may be August 1 through December 31, and elk hunts may be August 1 through January 31.

(9)(a) The division director may approve mitigation permits or mitigation permit vouchers issued for antlered animals.

(b) A mitigation permit may be issued to [the landowner or lessee or a qualifying individual designated by](#) the landowner or lessee to take big game for personal use, provided the division and the landowner or lessee desires the animals to be permanently removed.

(c) A mitigation permit voucher may be issued to the landowner or lessee, provided:

(i)(A) the division determines that the big game animals in the geographic area significantly contribute to the wildlife management units;

(B) the landowner or lessee agrees to perpetuate the animals on their land; and

(C) the damage, or expected damage, to the landowner's or lessee's cleared and planted land equals or exceeds the expected value of the mitigation permit voucher on that private land within the wildlife unit; or

(ii)(A) the big game damage occurs on the landowner's or lessee's cleared and planted land;

(B) the division and the affected landowner or lessee desire the animals to be permanently removed; and

(C) the damage, or expected damage, to the cleared and planted land equals or exceeds the expected value of the mitigation permit voucher on that private land within the wildlife unit.

(d) The hunting area for a mitigation permit or permit voucher issued under this subsection includes the landowner's or lessee's cleared and planted land where the depredation occurs and may include a buffer zone established by the division that surrounds, or is adjacent to, that land.

(10)(a) If the landowner or lessee and the division are unable to agree on the assessed damage, they shall designate a third party pursuant to Subsection 23-16-4(3)(d).

(b) Additional compensation may be paid above the value of any mitigation permits or vouchers granted to the landowner or lessee if the damage exceeds the value of the mitigation permits or vouchers.

(11)(a) The landowner or lessee may revoke approval of the mitigation plan agreed to pursuant to Subsection (4)(c).

(b) If the landowner or lessee revokes the mitigation plan, the landowner or lessee must request that the division take action pursuant to Section 23-16-3(1)(a).

(c) Any subsequent request for action shall start a new 72-hour time limit as specified in Section 23-16-3(2)(a).

(12) The expiration of the damage incident period does not preclude the landowner or lessee from making future claims.

(13) The division may enter into a conservation lease with the landowner or lessee of private land pursuant to Section 23-16-3(5).

R657-44-4. Landowner or Lessee Authorized to Kill Big Game Animals.

(1) The landowner or lessee is authorized to kill big game animals damaging cultivated crops on cleared and planted land pursuant to Section 23-16-3.1.

(2) The division director may prohibit the killing of big game animals under Subsection (1) if, within 72 hours after a landowner or lessee has requested that the division take action to remove depredating animals, the division determines the criteria in Section 23-16-3.1(2)(a) are satisfied and the landowner or lessee is offered a depredation mitigation plan.

(3) A landowner or lessee who is offered a depredation mitigation plan may:

(a) accept the plan in writing; or

(b) refuse to accept the plan and appeal it, in writing, to the division director and mitigation review panel as provided in Sections 23-16-3.1(2)(b) and 23-16-3.2(3).

(4)(a) A depredation mitigation plan accepted by the landowner or lessee shall remain effective during the entire damage incident period, unless otherwise revoked by the landowner or lessee pursuant to Section 23-16-3(4) and R657-44-3(11).

(b) A depredation mitigation plan approved or modified by the mitigation review panel pursuant to Section 23-16-3.2(3)(b) shall remain effective during the entire damage incident period unless earlier modified by the mitigation review panel upon petition and showing by the landowner or lessee that a substantial change in the nature and extent of the big game damage or the method of calculating damages necessitates further review and modification to the plan.

(i) A petition to amend an existing depredation mitigation plan approved or modified by the mitigation review panel shall be directed to the director of the division.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the division and the landowner or lessee from mutually agreeing to alter or amend an existing depredation mitigation plan in order to better address big game damage.

(i) If the parties cannot reach agreement on amending the plan, the landowner or lessee may petition the mitigation review panel for relief as provided in Subsection (4)(b).

(5) The division director's order under Subsection (2) prohibiting the killing of big game animals shall remain in full force and effect during the same time period that the original or amended depredation mitigation plan associated with the big game damage incident remains effective.

(6) The expiration of the damage incident period does not preclude the landowner or lessee from making future claims.

R657-44-5. Compensation for Damage to Crops, Fences, or Irrigation Equipment on Private Land.

(1) The division may provide compensation to landowners or lessees for damage to cultivated crops on cleared and planted land, or fences or irrigation equipment on private land caused by big game animals pursuant to Sections 23-13-3 and 23-16-4.

(2) For purposes of compensation, all depredation incidents end on June 30 annually, but may be reinstated July 1.

R657-44-6. Damage to Livestock Forage on Private Land.

(1)(a) If big game animals are damaging livestock forage on private land, the landowner or lessee shall immediately, upon discovery of big game damage, request that the division take action to alleviate the depredation problem pursuant to Section 23-16-3, and as provided in Subsections R657-44-3(1) through R657-44-3(4)(a)(v), and R657-44-3(5) and R657-44-3(8)(a).

(b) In determining appropriate mitigation, the division shall consider the landowner's or lessee's revenue pursuant to Subsections 23-16-3(2)(f) and 23-16-4(3)(b).

(c) Damage to livestock forage is not eligible for monetary compensation from the division.

(2)(a) Antlerless deer and doe pronghorn hunts may occur August 1 through December 31, and antlerless elk hunts may occur August 1 through January 31.

(b) Antlerless permits shall not exceed ten percent of the animals on the private land, with a maximum of twenty permits per landowner or lessee, except where the estimated population for the management unit is significantly over objective.

(c) Mitigation permits or vouchers may be withheld from persons who have violated this rule, any other wildlife rule, the Wildlife Resources Code, or are otherwise ineligible to receive a permit.

(3) The division may enter into a conservation lease with the landowner or lessee of private land pursuant to Subsection 23-16-3(5).

(4) Permits and vouchers for antlered animals using livestock forage on private land are issued only through the provisions provided in Rule R657-43.

R657-44-7. Depredation and Nuisance Hunts for Buck Deer, Bull Elk or Buck Pronghorn or Once-in-a-Lifetime Species.

(1)(a) Buck deer, bull elk, buck pronghorn or once-in-a-lifetime species depredation and nuisance hunts that are not published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game may be held.

(b) Buck deer, bull elk, buck pronghorn or once-in-a-lifetime species depredation and nuisance hunts may be held when the buck deer, bull elk, buck pronghorn or once-in-a-lifetime species are:

(i) causing damage to cultivated crops on cleared and planted land, or fences or irrigation equipment on private land;

(ii) a significant public safety hazard; or

(iii) determined to be nuisance.

(2) The depredation or nuisance hunts may occur on short notice, involve small areas, and be limited to only a few hunters.

(3) Pre-season depredation hunters shall be selected using:

(a) hunters possessing an unfilled limited entry buck deer, bull elk, buck pronghorn or once-in-a-lifetime species permit for that limited entry or once-in-a-lifetime unit;

(b) hunters from the alternate drawing list for that limited entry or once-in-a-lifetime unit; or

(c) general permittees for that unit through the depredation hunter pool pursuant to Section R657-44-9, provided the animals being hunted are determined by the appropriate regional division representative, to not come from a limited entry or once-in-a-lifetime unit.

(4) Post-season depredation or nuisance animal hunters shall be selected using:

(a) hunters from the alternate drawing list for that limited entry or once-in-a-lifetime unit;

(b) hunters from the alternate drawing list from the nearest adjacent limited entry or once-in-a-lifetime unit; or

(c) general permittees for that unit through the depredation hunter pool pursuant to Section R657-44-9, provided the animals being hunted are determined by the appropriate regional division representative, to not come from a limited entry or once-in-a-lifetime unit.

(5) A person may participate in the depredation hunter pool, for depredation or nuisance hunts pursuant to Subsections (3)(c) and (4)(c), as provided in Section R657-44-9.

(6)(a) Hunters who are selected for a limited entry buck deer, bull elk, buck pronghorn or once-in-a-lifetime species depredation or nuisance hunt must possess an unfilled, valid, limited entry buck deer, bull elk, buck pronghorn or once-in-a-lifetime species permit for the species to be hunted, or must purchase the appropriate permit before participating in the depredation or nuisance hunt.

(b) Hunters who are selected for a general buck deer or bull elk depredation hunt must possess an unfilled, valid, general buck deer or bull elk permit, respectively.

(7) The buck deer, bull elk, buck pronghorn or once-in-a-lifetime species harvested during a depredation or nuisance hunt must be checked with the division within 72 hours of the harvest.

(8) If a hunter is selected from the alternate drawing list for a depredation or nuisance hunt in a limited entry or once-in-a-lifetime unit and harvests a trophy animal or a once-in-a-lifetime species, that person shall lose their bonus points and incur the appropriate waiting period as provided in Rule R657-5.

(9)(a) Hunters with depredation or nuisance hunt permits for buck deer, bull elk, buck pronghorn or once-in-a-lifetime species may not possess any other permit for those species, except as provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game and Rule R657-5.

(b) A person may not take more than one buck deer, bull elk, buck pronghorn or once-in-a-lifetime species in one calendar year.

R657-44-8. Depredation and Nuisance Hunts for Antlerless Deer, Elk, Moose or Doe Pronghorn.

(1) When deer, elk, pronghorn or moose are causing damage to cultivated crops on cleared and planted land, or livestock forage, fences or irrigation equipment on private land, or are determined to be nuisance, antlerless or doe hunts not listed in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game may be held. These hunts occur on short notice, involve small areas, and are limited to only a few hunters.

(2) Depredation or nuisance animal hunters shall be selected using:

(a) hunters possessing an antlerless deer, elk, moose or doe pronghorn permit for that unit;

(b) hunters from the alternate drawing list for that unit; or

(c) the depredation hunter pool pursuant to Section R657-44-9.

(3) The division may contact hunters to participate in a depredation or nuisance hunt prior to the general or limited entry hunt for a given species of big game. Hunters who do not possess an antlerless deer, elk, moose or doe pronghorn permit shall purchase an appropriate permit.

(4) Hunters with depredation or nuisance hunt permits for antlerless deer, elk, [or moose](#)~~-or doe pronghorn~~ may not possess any other permit for those species, except as provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game and Rule R657-5.

R657-44-9. Depredation Hunter Pool.

(1) When deer, elk, pronghorn, or once-in-a-lifetime species are causing damage or are determined to be nuisance, hunts not listed in the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking big game may be held. These hunts occur on short notice, involve small areas, and are limited to only a few hunters.

(2) Hunters shall be selected pursuant to Subsections R657-44-7(3), R657-44-7(4), and R657-44-8(2).

(3) A hunter pool application does not affect eligibility to apply for any other big game permit. However, hunters who participate in any deer, elk, pronghorn or once-in-a-lifetime species depredation or nuisance hunt may not possess an additional permit for that species during the same year, except as provided in Rule R657-5 and the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(4) A person who has obtained a once-in-a-lifetime species depredation or nuisance hunt permit and has successfully harvested an animal may not obtain any other once-in-a-lifetime permit or hunt during any other once-in-a-lifetime hunt for that species as provided in R657-5, except for

(5) The division shall develop a process by which hunters can apply to the depredation hunter pool and post that process on the division website.

(6) Hunters who have not obtained the appropriate deer, elk, pronghorn or once-in-a-lifetime species permit shall purchase an appropriate permit.

R657-44-10. Appeal Procedures.

(1) Upon the petition of an aggrieved party to a final division action relative to big game depredation and this rule, a qualified hearing examiner shall take evidence and make recommendations to the Wildlife Board, who shall resolve the grievance in accordance with Rule R657-2.

R657-44-11. Hunting or Combination License Required.

(1) A person must possess or obtain a Utah hunting or combination license to receive a big game mitigation permit or depredation permit pursuant to this rule.

(a) a hunting or combination license must be possessed or purchased by the person redeeming a mitigation permit voucher for the corresponding permit.

(b) under circumstances where the division issues a depredation permit, the designated recipient must possess or purchase a Utah hunting or combination license to receive the permit.

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To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief

Subject: Revision of Conservation and Sportsman Permit Rule (R657-41)

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) is proposing the following changes to R657-41:

- Merging the 1-year and 3-year conservation permit programs into a single program
- Defining how new conservation groups can participate in the program
- Determining how conservation organizations that left the program in good standing can re-enter the conservation permit program
- Changing deadlines associated with applications, dates permits must be sold, and funds reported and transferred to the UDWR from September 1 to August 15
- Clarifying how conservation permit vouchers may be allocated, obtained, and distributed
- Aligning the voucher redemption process with the electronic application
- Clarifying that a person can obtain a conservation permit for both a desert and Rocky Mountain bighorn ram in a single year
- Strengthening administrative enforcement language
- Updating other minor housekeeping items



R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-41. Conservation and Sportsman Permits.

R657-41-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under the authority of Section 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, this rule provides the standards and procedures for issuing:

(a) conservation permits to conservation organizations for auction to the highest bidder at fund-raising events ;

(b) sportsman permits;

(c) Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits to a conservation organization for auction to the highest bidder at the annual wildlife exposition held pursuant to R657-55; and

(d) Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permits to successful applicants through a general drawing conducted by the division.

(2) The division and conservation organizations shall use all revenue derived from conservation permits under Subsections R657-41-9(4) and (5)(b) for the benefit of species for which conservation permits are issued, unless the division and conservation organization mutually agree in writing that there is a higher priority use for other species of protected wildlife.

R657-41-2. Definitions.

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

(2) In addition:

(a) "Area Conservation Permit" means a permit issued for a specific unit or hunt area for a conservation permit species, and may include an extended season, or legal weapon choice, or both, beyond the season, except area turkey permits are valid during any season option and are valid in any open area during general season hunt.

(i) Area conservation permits issued for limited entry units are not valid on cooperative wildlife management units authorized for the same species of wildlife as the area conservation permit.

(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), area conservation permits issued for turkey are not valid during the youth general season hunt unless the holder qualifies as a youth.

(b) "Conservation Organization" means a nonprofit chartered institution, foundation, or association founded and operated for the purpose of promoting the protection~~and~~, preservation, and recreational hunting of one or more conservation permit species and has established tax exempt status under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), as amended.

(c) "Conservation Permit" means any harvest permit authorized by the Wildlife Board and issued by the division for purposes identified in Section R657-41-1.

(d) "Conservation Permit Species" means the species for which conservation permits may be issued and includes deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bison, mountain goat, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, desert bighorn sheep, wild turkey, cougar, and black bear.

~~(e) "Multi-Year Conservation Permit" means a conservation permit awarded to [an eligible conservation organization pursuant to R657-41-7 for three consecutive years] [for auction to the highest bidder at fund-raising events] [:(f)]~~ (f) "Retained Revenue" means 60% of the revenue raised by a conservation organization from auctioning

conservation permits that the organization retains for eligible projects, including interest earned thereon less standard banking fees assessed on the account.

(~~e~~f) "Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit" means a permit authorized by the Wildlife Board to hunt bighorn sheep or mule deer on Antelope Island State Park which is issued pursuant to R657-41-12.

(~~h~~g) "Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit" means a permit authorized by the Wildlife Board to hunt bighorn sheep or mule deer on Antelope Island State Park which is issued by the division in a general drawing, requiring all applicants to pay an application fee and the successful applicant the cost of the permit.

(~~i~~h) "Sportsman Permit" means a permit which allows a permittee to hunt during the applicable season dates specified in Subsection (~~k~~i), and which is authorized by the Wildlife Board and issued by the division in a general drawing, requiring all applicants to pay an application fee and the successful applicant the cost of the permit.

~~(j) "Single Year Conservation Permit" means a conservation permit awarded to an eligible conservation organization pursuant to R657-41-6 for one year for auction to the highest bidder at fund-raising events.~~ (~~k~~i) "Statewide Conservation Permit" means a permit issued for a conservation permit species that allows a permittee to hunt:

(i) big game species on any open unit with archery equipment during the general archery season published in the big game guidebooks for the unit beginning before September 1, and with any weapon from September 1 through December 31, except pronghorn and moose from September 1 through November 15 and deer, elk from September 1 through January 15, and bison from August 1 through January 31;

(ii) two turkeys on any open unit from April 1 through May 31;

(iii) bear on any open unit during the season authorized by the Wildlife Board for that unit;

(iv) cougar on any open unit during the season authorized by the Wildlife Board for that unit and during the season dates authorized by the Wildlife Board on any harvest objective unit that has been closed by meeting its objective;

(v) Antelope Island is not an open unit for hunting any species of wildlife authorized by a conservation or sportsman permit, except for the Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits and the Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permits; and

(vi) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep on any open unit, excluding the Box Elder, Pilot Mountain sheep unit, which is closed to both the Sportsman permit holder and the Statewide conservation permit holder every year.

(~~l~~i) "Permit voucher" or "voucher" means an authorization issued by the division that entitles the designated holder to purchase the hunting permit specified in the authorization.

R657-41-3. Determining the Number of Conservation and Sportsman Permits.

(1) The number of conservation permits authorized by the Wildlife Board shall be based on:

(a) the species population trend, size, distribution, and long-term health;

(b) the hunting and viewing opportunity for the general public, both short and long term; and

(c) the potential revenue that will support protection and enhancement of the species.

(2) One statewide conservation permit may be authorized for each conservation permit species.

(3) A limited number of area conservation permits may be authorized as follows:

(a) the potential number of [~~multi-year and single-year~~] conservation permits available for Rocky

Mountain bighorn sheep and desert bighorn sheep, assigned to a hunt area or combination of hunt areas, will be calculated based on the number permits issued the year prior to the permits being awarded using the following rule:

(i) 5-14 public permits = 1 conservation permit, 15-24 public permits = 2 conservation permits, 25-34 public permits = 3 conservation permits, 35-44 permits = 4 conservation permits, 45-54 public permits = 5 conservation permits, 55-64 = 6 conservation permits, 65-74 public permits = 7 conservation permits and >75 public permits = 8 conservation permits.

(b) the potential number of [~~multi-year and single-year~~] conservation permits available for the remaining conservation permit species, for any unit or hunt area, will be calculated based on the number permits issued the year prior to the permits being awarded using the following rule:

(i) 11-30 public permits = 1 conservation permit, 31-50 public permits = 2 conservation permits, 51-70 public permits = 3 conservation permits, 71-90 permits = 4 conservation permits, 91-110 public permits = 5 conservation permits, 111-130 = 6 conservation permits, 131-150 public permits = 7 conservation permits and >150 public permits = 8 conservation permits.

(4) The number of conservation permits may be reduced if the number of public permits declines during the time period for which [~~multi-year~~] permits were awarded.

(5) The actual number of conservation and sportsman permits available for use will be determined by the Wildlife Board.

(6) Area conservation permits shall be [~~deducted from~~] approved by the Wildlife Board in a separate process from approving the number of public drawing permits.

(7) One sportsman permit shall be authorized for each statewide conservation permit authorized.

~~[(8) All area conservation permits are eligible as multi-year permits, except the division may designate some area conservation permits as single-year permits based on the applications received for single-year permits.]~~

~~[(9) All statewide permits will be multi-year permits.]~~

R657-41-4. Eligibility for Conservation Permits.

(1) Statewide and area conservation permits may be awarded to eligible conservation organizations for auction to the highest bidder at fund-raising events and through other authorized means of sale.

(2) To be eligible for [~~multi-year~~] conservation permits, a conservation organization must [~~have generated in conservation permit sales during the previous three-year period at least one percent of the total revenue generated by all conservation organizations in conservation permit sales during the same period. Conservation organizations eligible for multi-year permits may not apply for single year permits, and conservation organizations ineligible for multi-year permits may only apply for single year permits.]:~~

(a) satisfy the definition of a qualifying conservation organization;
(b) complete the application requirements in R657-41-5; and
(c) remain in good standing during the previous three-year term of participation and not subject to any suspension or revocation proceeding under R657-41-13.

(3) Conservation organizations applying for ~~[single year]~~conservation permits may not~~[:]~~~~[(a) bid]~~ apply for or obtain conservation permits if any employee, agent, officer, or board of directors member of the conservation organization is an employee, agent, officer, or board of directors member of any other conservation organization that is ~~[submitting a bid for single year conservation permits; or]~~

~~[(b) enter into any pre-bidding discussions, understandings or agreements with any other conservation organization submitting a bid for conservation permits regarding:]~~

~~[(i) which permits will be sought by a bidder;]~~

~~[(ii) what amounts will be bid for any permits; or][(iii) trading, exchanging, or transferring any permits after permits are awarded]~~also applying to participate in the program.

R657-41-5. Applying for Conservation Permits.

(1)(a) ~~[Conservation organizations may apply for conservation permits by sending an application to the division]~~Applications to participate in the conservation permit program will be accepted on a three-year application cycle uniformly applicable to all conservation organizations.

(b) A conservation organization wishing to apply for conservation permits must submit a complete application to the division by August 15 of third year of the application cycle.

(c) Only one application per conservation organization may be submitted.

(d) Multiple chapters of the same conservation organization may not apply individually.

~~[(c) Conservation organizations may apply for single year conservation permits or multi-year conservation permits. They may not apply for both types of conservation permits.]~~

(2)~~[The application must be submitted to the division by September 1, unless otherwise specified on the division's website, to be considered for the following year's conservation permits.]~~ Each application must include:

(a) the name, address and telephone number of the conservation organization;

(b) a copy of the conservation organization's mission statement;

(c) verification of the conservation organization's tax exempt status under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), as amended; and

(d) the name of the president or other individual responsible for the administrative operations of the conservation organization;

~~[(3) If applying for single year conservation permits, a conservation organization must also include in its application:]~~

~~[(a) the proposed bid amount for each permit requested. The proposed bid amount is the revenue the organization anticipates will be raised from auctioning a permit;]~~

~~[(b) certification that there are no conflicts of interest or collusion in submitting bids, as prohibited in R657-41-4(3);]~~

~~[(e) acknowledgement that the conservation organization recognizes that falsely certifying the absence of collusion may result in cancellation of permits, disqualification from bidding for five years or more, and the filing of criminal charges;]~~ ~~[(d)]~~ (e) evidence that the application and bid has been ~~[reviewed and]~~ approved by the board of directors ~~[of]~~ or other necessary authority from the bidding conservation organization~~;~~ ~~[(e) the type of permit, and the species for which the permit is requested]~~; and

(f) ~~[any requested variances for an extended season or legal weapon choice for area]~~ a certification from the applicant that they have not consulted with any other participating conservation organization regarding the conservation permits[-] they intend to acquire.

~~[(4)]~~ 3 An application that is incomplete or completed incorrectly may be rejected.

~~[(5)]~~ 4 The application of a conservation organization for conservation permits may be denied by the division for:

- (a) failing to fully accurately report on the preceding year's conservation permits;
- (b) violating any provision of this rule, Title 23 of the Utah Code, Title R657 of the Utah Administrative Code, a division guidebook, or an order of the Wildlife Board; or
- (c) violating any other law that bears a reasonable relationship to the applicant's ability to responsibly and lawfully handle conservation permits pursuant to this rule.

(5) Application denials may be appealed to the division director prior to the permit selection process described in R657-41-7.

R657-41-6. [~~Awarding Single Year Conservation Permits.]~~ Approving New Conservation Organizations for the Program.

~~[(1) The division shall recommend the conservation organization to receive each single year conservation permit based on:]~~

- ~~[(a)(i) the bid amount pledged to the species; and]~~
- ~~[(ii) the bid amount pledged to the species, adjusted, when applicable, by:(A) the performance of the organization over the previous two years in meeting proposed bids;]~~
- ~~[(B) 90% of the bid amount; and]~~
- ~~[(C) the organizations maintaining a minimum two year average performance of 70% to be eligible for consideration of permits. Performance of the organization is the proportion of the total revenue generated from permit sales, divided by 90% of the bid amount for all permits, calculated annually and averaged for the last two years.]~~

~~[(b) If two or more conservation organizations are tied using the criteria in Subsection (a), the following factors may be used to award the single year conservation permit:]~~

- ~~[(i) closeness of the organization's purpose to the species of the permit; and]~~
- ~~[(ii) geographic closeness of the organization to the location of the permit]~~

(1)(a) New applicants to the conservation permit program shall follow the same three-year application cycle established in R657-41-5(1).

(b) If more than two new conservation organizations submit valid applications during a single three-year application cycle, a maximum of two new organizations will be selected to participate in the program by a random selection process.

- ~~(2)(a) [Between the time the division recommends that a conservation permit be awarded to a conservation organization and the time the Wildlife Board approves that recommendation, a conservation organization may withdraw the application~~

~~for any given permit and assign it to or exchange it with another conservation organization eligible to receive the permit without penalty, provided the bid amount upon which the permit application was evaluated is not changed.]~~

~~[(b) If a conservation organization withdraws its bid for a conservation permit after being selected by the division to receive it, and the bid is awarded to another organization at a lower amount, the difference between the two bids will be subtracted from the organization making the higher bid for purposes of evaluating organization performance.]~~

~~[(3) The Wildlife Board shall make the final assignment of conservation permits.]~~

~~[(4) The Wildlife Board may authorize a conservation permit to a conservation organization other than the one recommended by the division, after considering the:]~~

~~[(a) division recommendation;~~

~~]~~

~~[(b) benefit to the species;]~~

~~[(c) historical contribution of the organization to the conservation of wildlife in Utah;]~~

~~[(d) previous performance of the conservation organization; and]~~

~~[(e) overall viability and integrity of the conservation permit program.]~~

~~[(5) The total of all bids for permits awarded to any one organization shall not exceed \$20,000 the first year an organization receives permits.]~~

Conservation organizations accepted into the conservation permit program

for the first time will be awarded 0.5% in market share, as determined in R657-41-7.

(b) Market share awarded to new applicants will be drawn from each participating conservation organizations' market share in proportion to that organization's total market share.

(c) Newly accepted conservation organizations shall participate in the first three-year term on a probationary status.

(d) During their probationary term, a conservation organization must:

(i) sell all conservation permits each year at a hunt-related banquet or through an online auction with prior division approval;

(ii) diligently advertise and market each permit opportunity;

(iii) maintain a minimum of 75% or the originally awarded market share at the end of the three-year term; and

(iv) complete all mandatory reporting for auditing purposes.

(e) The division may deny an application from a conservation organization based upon their failure to meet the probationary requirements.

(f) Application denials may be appealed to the division director prior to the permit selection process described in R657-41-7.

(3)(a) A conservation organization that was once a program participant, but left the program while in good standing, may be reinstated during the three-year permitting cycle immediately following their departure from the program with the full market share the conservation permit organization had at the time they left the program.

(b) A conservation organization reentering the program under the provisions of

(3)(a):

(i) will receive market share drawn from each participating conservation organization in proportion to that organization's market share; and

~~(6) The number of permits awarded to any one organization shall not increase by more than 100% from the previous year.~~ ii) may reenter the program regardless of the number of applications accepted from new conservation organizations under R657-41-1(b).

R657-41-7. Awarding [~~Multi-Year~~] Conservation Permits.

(1) (a) Distribution of [~~multi-year~~] conservation permits will be based on a sequential selection process where each eligible conservation organization is assigned a position or positions in the selection order among the other participating organizations and awarded credits with which to purchase [~~multi-year~~] permits at an assigned value. ~~[The selection process and other associated details are as follows]~~

(b) Conservation organizations may not consult or coordinate with other conservation organizations regarding which conservation permits they intend to acquire prior to the permit selection process.

(2) [~~Multi-year permits~~] Permits will be awarded to eligible conservation organizations for no more than three years.

(3) The division will determine the number of permits available ~~[-as multi-year permits after subtracting the proposed number of single year permits].~~

(a) Season types for [~~multi-year~~] area conservation permits for elk on any given hunt unit will be designated and assigned in the following order:

- (i) first permit -- multi-season;
- (ii) second permit -- any-weapon;
- (iii) third permit -- any-weapon;
- (iv) fourth permit -- archery;
- (v) fifth permit -- muzzleloader;
- (vi) sixth permit -- multi-season;
- (vii) seventh permit -- any-weapon; and
- (viii) eighth permit -- any-weapon.

(b) Season types for [~~multi-year~~] area conservation permits for deer on any given hunt unit will be designated and assigned in the following order:

- (i) first permit – hunter's choice of season;
- (ii) second permit – hunter's choice of season;
- (iii) third permit -- muzzleloader;
- (iv) fourth permit -- archery;
- (v) fifth permit -- any-weapon;
- (vi) sixth permit -- any-weapon;
- (vii) seventh permit -- muzzleloader; and
- (viii) eighth permit -- archery.

(c) Notwithstanding the availability of multiple seasons, an any-weapon permit opportunity offered in Subsections (3)(a) and (b) is restricted to a single season, which the recipient of the permit must designate prior to receiving the permit.

(4) The division will assign a [~~monetary value to~~] credit amount for each [~~multi-year~~] permit based on the average return for the permit during the previous three-year period. If a history is not available, the value will be estimated.

(5) The division will [~~determine~~calculate] the market total [~~annual value of all multi-year~~for the permit draft by summing all credit amounts from available conservation permits.

(6)(a) The division will calculate a market share for each eligible conservation organization applying for [~~multi-year~~] permits.

(b) Market share will be calculated and determined based on:

(i) the conservation organization's previous three years performance;

(ii) all conservation permits [~~(single and multi-year)~~] issued to a conservation organization [~~-~~];

(iii) the percent of conservation permit revenue raised by a conservation organization during the three-year period relative to all conservation permit revenue raised during the same period by all conservation organizations applying for [~~multi-year~~]conservation permits.

(7) The division will determine the credits available to spend by each group in the selection process based on their market share multiplied by the market total [~~annual value of all multi-year permits~~].

(8) The division will establish a selection order for the participating conservation organizations based on the relative value of each groups market share as follows:

(a) groups will be ordered based on their percent of market share;

(b) each selection position will cost a group 10% of the total market share except the last selection by a group will cost whatever percent a group has remaining;

(c) no group can have more than three positions in the selection order; and

(d) the selection order will be established as follows:

(i) the group with the highest market share will be assigned the first position and [~~ten percent~~10% will be subtracted from their total market share;

(ii) the group with the highest remaining market share will be assigned the second position and [~~ten percent~~10% will be subtracted from their market share; and

(iii) this procedure will continue until all groups have three positions or their market share is exhausted.

(9) At least one week prior to the [~~multi-year~~] permit selection meeting, the division will provide each conservation organization applying for [~~multi-year~~] permits the following items:

(a) a list of [~~multi-year~~] permits available with assigned value;

(b) documentation of the calculation of market share;

(c) credits available to each conservation group to use in the selection process;

(d) the selection order; and

(e) date, time and location of the selection meeting.

(10) Between establishing the selection order and the selection meeting, groups may trade or assign selection positions, but once the selection meeting begins selection order cannot be changed.

(11) At the selection meeting, conservation organizations will select permits from the available pool according to their respective positions in the selection order. For each permit selected, the value of that permit will be deducted from the conservation organization's available credits. The selection order will repeat itself until all available credits are used or all available permits are selected.

(12) Conservation organizations may continue to select a single permit each time their turn comes up in the selection order until all available credits are used or all available permits are selected.

(13) A conservation organization may not exceed its available credits, except a group may select their last permit for up to 10% of the permit ~~[value]~~credit amount above their remaining credits.

(14) Upon completion of the selection process, but prior to the Wildlife Board meeting where the final assignment of permits ~~[are]~~is made, conservation organizations may trade or assign permits to other conservation organizations eligible to receive ~~[multi-year]~~ permits. The group receiving a permit retains the permit for the purposes of marketing and determination of market share for the entire ~~[-multi-year]~~ period.

(15) Variances for an extended season or legal weapon choice may be obtained only on area conservation permits and must be presented to the Wildlife Board prior to the final assignment of the permit to the conservation organization.

(16) Conservation organizations may not trade or transfer ~~[-multi-year]~~ permits to other organizations once assigned by the Wildlife Board.

(17) Conservation organizations failing to comply with the reporting requirements in any given year during the ~~[multi-year]~~ period may lose the ~~[multi-year]~~ conservation permits for the balance of the ~~[multi-year]~~ award period.

(18) If a conservation organization is unable to complete the terms of auctioning or otherwise selling assigned permits, the permits will be returned to the regular public drawing process for the duration of the ~~[multi-year]~~ allocation period.

R657-41-8. Distributing Conservation Permits.

(1) The division and conservation organization receiving permits shall enter into a contract.

(2)(a) Conservation organizations receiving the opportunity to distribute permits must ~~[insure]~~ensure the permit opportunities are marketed, auctioned, and distributed by lawful means.

(b) Conservation permit vouchers may not be purchased or redeemed by officers, agents, directors or employees of a conservation permit organization unless the purchase of the permit is at least 100% of the three-year average sale price.

(3)(a) The conservation organization must:

(i) obtain ~~[-at the event where the conservation permit opportunity is auctioned the information and data requested by the division, including the:-]~~ the following information at the time of sale:

(A) full name of the successful bidder;

(B) date ~~[-of the event where]~~ the permit opportunity is auctioned; and

(C) winning bid amount for that permit opportunity;

(ii) submit the information required in Subsection (3)(a)(i) to the division within 10 days of the event where the permit opportunity is auctioned to the highest bidder; and

(iii) ~~[complete the return receipt on a]~~identify the individual who is authorized to redeem the conservation permit voucher and submit it to the division ~~[within 10 days of issuing]~~prior to the individual attempting to redeem the voucher ~~[to the person designated by the successful bidder].~~

(b) The division will not issue a conservation permit unless ~~[(i) a fully completed]~~ required information about the winning bidder and authorized recipient of the voucher ~~[for that permit is submitted; and]~~ is first received by the division.

~~[(ii) it has previously received from]~~ (i) an absentee bidder may only use an agent or representative to bid on a conservation permit opportunity on their behalf if authorized by the conservation organization ~~[the voucher's return receipt with all required information included.].~~

(ii) A winning bid offered by an agent or representative on behalf of an absentee bidder legally obligates the absentee bidder to satisfy the bid obligation submitted by the representative.

(iii) For the purposes of this rule, an absentee bidder is considered the successful bidder when the winning bid is offered by their agent or representative.

(4) If the successful bidder or a person designated by the successful bidder to receive a conservation permit voucher fails to pay the conservation organization the winning bid amount that secured the permit opportunity, the conservation organization may remarket the permit opportunity using any legal means and designate another person to receive the permit opportunity.[-]

(5)(a) If, for any reason, the successful bidder elects not to personally use a conservation permit opportunity, they may assign that opportunity to another person, provided:

- (i) the conservation organization is notified of the assignment;
- (ii) the original winning bid amount for the permit opportunity is received in full by the conservation organization and not decreased;
- (iii) the conservation organization handles and otherwise uses the entire winning bid amount consistent with the requirements in Section R657-41-9; and
- (iv) the successful bidder executes an affidavit verifying they are not profiting from the assignment.

(A) For purposes of Subsection (iv), "profiting" does not include a reasonable fee for guiding services provided in conjunction with the assigned permit opportunity.

(b) If a person assigned a permit opportunity by the successful bidder or a person possessing a permit voucher is unable to use the permit opportunity for any reason, including obtaining another Utah permit for the same species, the conservation organization may remarket the permit opportunity using any legal means and designate another person to receive the opportunity, provided:

- (i) the conservation organization selects the new recipient of the permit opportunity;
- (ii) the amount of money received by the division for the permit opportunity is not decreased;
- (iii) the conservation organization relinquishes to the division and otherwise uses all proceeds generated from the re-designated permit opportunity consistent with the requirements in Section R657-41-9;
- (iv) the conservation organization and the holder of the permit opportunity execute an affidavit verifying neither is profiting from transferring the right to the permit; and
- (v) the permit has not been issued by the division to the first designated person.

(6)(a) Except as otherwise provided under Subsections (4) and (5), neither the conservation organization, successful bidder, successful bidder's assignee,

nor the holder of a conservation permit voucher may offer for sale, sell, or transfer the rights to that designation to any other person.

(7) A person cannot obtain more than one conservation permit for a single conservation permit species per year, except :

(a) two elk permits may be obtained, provided one or both are antlerless permits; and

(b) turkey.

[\(c\) A person may obtain both a desert bighorn ram permit and rocky mountain bighorn ram conservation permit in a single year.](#)

(8) The person designated on a conservation permit voucher must possess or obtain a current Utah hunting or combination license to redeem the voucher for the corresponding conservation permit.

R657-41-9. Conservation Permit Funds and Reporting.

(1) All permits must be auctioned or distributed by [~~September 1,~~[August 15,](#) annually.

(2) Within 30 days of the last event, but no later than [~~September 1~~[August 15](#) annually, the conservation organization must submit to the division:

(a) a final report on the distribution of permits;

(b) the total funds raised on each permit; and

(c) the funds due to the division.

(3)(a) Conservation permits shall not be issued to a person possessing a conservation permit voucher unless the person redeeming the voucher:

(i) possesses a valid Utah hunting or combination license;

(ii) remits to the division the applicable permit fee ; and

(iii) is otherwise legally eligible to possess the particular hunting permit.

(b) If the conservation organization is paying the permit fees for the permit recipient, the fees must be paid from the 10% retained by the conservation organization as provided in Subsection (5)(a).

(4)(a) Conservation organizations shall remit to the division by [~~September 4~~[August 15](#) of each year 30% of the total revenue generated by conservation permit sales in that year.

(b) The permit revenue payable to the division under Subsection (4)(a), is the property of the division and may not be used by conservation organizations for projects or any other purpose.

(c) The permit revenue must be placed in a federally insured account promptly upon receipt and remain in the account until remitted to the division on or before [~~September 4~~[August 15](#) of each year.

(d) The permit revenue payable to the division under this subsection shall not be used by the conservation organization as collateral or commingled in the same account with the organization's operation and administration funds, so that the separate identity of the permit revenue is not lost.

(e) Failure to remit 30% of the total permit revenue to the division by the [~~September 4~~[August 15](#) deadline may result in criminal prosecution under Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 4 of the Utah Code, and may further disqualify the conservation organization from obtaining any future conservation permits.

(5) A conservation organization may retain 70% of the permit revenue generated from auctioning conservation permits, as follows:

(a) 10% of the permit revenue may be withheld and used by the conservation organization for administrative expenses.

(b) 60% of the permit revenue and accrued interest, excluding standard banking fees assessed on the account where the permit revenue is deposited, may be retained and used by the conservation organization only for eligible projects, as provided in Subsections (i) through (ix).

(i) eligible projects include habitat improvement, habitat acquisition, transplants, targeted education efforts and other projects providing a substantial benefit to species of wildlife for which conservation permits are issued, unless the division and conservation organization mutually agree in writing that there is a higher priority use for other species of protected wildlife.

(ii) retained revenue shall not be committed to or expended on any eligible project without first obtaining the division director's written concurrence.

(iii) retained revenue shall not be used on any project that does not provide a substantial and direct benefit to conservation permit species or other protected wildlife located in Utah.

(iv) cash donations to the Wildlife Habitat Account created under Section 23-19-43, Division Species Enhancement Funds, or the Conservation Permit Fund shall be considered an eligible project and do not require the division director's approval, provided the donation is made with instructions that it be used for species of wildlife for which conservation permits are issued.

(v) funds committed to approved, division projects will be transferred to the division within 60 days of being invoiced by the division.

(A) if the division-approved project to which funds are committed is completed under projected budget or is canceled, funds committed to the project that are not used will be kept by the division and credited back to the conservation organization ~~and~~ but will be made available for the group to use on other approved projects during the current or subsequent year.

(vi) retained revenue shall not be used on any project that is inconsistent with division policy, including feeding programs, depredation management, or predator control.

(vii) retained revenue under this subsection must be placed in a federally insured account. All interest revenue earned thereon must be accounted for and used consistent with the requirements of this subsection .

(viii) retained revenue shall not be used by the conservation organization as collateral or commingled in the same account with the organization's operation and administration funds, so that the separate identity of the retained revenue is not lost.

(ix) retained revenue must be completely expended on approved eligible projects or transferred to the division by ~~September 1,~~ August 15, two years following the year in which the relevant conservation permits are awarded to the conservation organization by the Wildlife Board. Failure to expend or transfer to the division retained revenue by the ~~September 1~~ August 15 deadline will disqualify the conservation organization from obtaining any future conservation permits until the unspent retained revenue is expended on an approved eligible project or transferred to the division.

(x) all records and receipts for projects under this subsection must be retained by the conservation organization for a period not less than five years, and shall be produced to the division for inspection upon request.

(6)(a) Conservation organizations accepting permits shall be subject to annual audits on project expenditures and conservation permit accounts.

(b) The division shall perform annual audits on project expenditures and conservation permit accounts.

R657-41-10. Obtaining Sportsman Permits.

(1) One sportsman permit is offered to residents through a drawing for each of the following species:

- (a) desert bighorn (ram);
- (b) bison (hunter's choice);
- (c) buck deer;
- (d) bull elk;
- (e) Rocky Mountain bighorn (ram);
- (f) mountain goat (hunter's choice);
- (g) bull moose;
- (h) buck pronghorn;
- (i) black bear;
- (j) cougar; and
- (k) wild turkey.

(2) The following information on sportsman permits is provided in the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking protected wildlife:

- (a) hunt dates;
- (b) open units or hunt areas;
- (c) application procedures;
- (d) fees; and
- (e) deadlines.

(3) A person must possess or obtain a current Utah hunting or combination license to apply for or obtain a sportsman permit.

R657-41-11. Using a Conservation or Sportsman Permit.

(1)(a) A conservation or sportsman permit allows the recipient to take only one individual of the species for which the permit is issued, except a statewide turkey conservation or sportsman permit allows the holder to take two turkeys.

(b) The species that may be taken shall be printed on the permit.

(c) The species may be taken in the area and during the season specified on the permit.

(d) The species may be taken only with the weapon specified on the permit.

(2) The recipient of a conservation or sportsman permit is subject to all the provisions of Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code, and the rules and guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking and pursuing wildlife.

(3) Bonus points shall not be awarded or utilized:

- (a) when applying for conservation or sportsman permits; or
- (b) in obtaining conservation or sportsman permits.

(4) Any person who obtains a conservation or sportsman permit is subject to applicable waiting periods for purposes of obtaining a permit for the same species through a division drawing, as provided in Rules R657-62.

R657-41-12. Special Antelope Island State Park Hunting Permits.

(1)(a) The Wildlife Board may authorize a hunt for bighorn sheep and buck mule deer on Antelope Island State Park, with one or more permits made available for each species and designated as Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits and an equal number of permits for each species made available as Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permits.

(b) The division and the Division of Parks and Recreation, through their respective policy boards, will enter into a cooperative agreement for purposes of establishing:

(i) the number of permits issued annually for bighorn sheep and buck mule deer hunts on Antelope Island;

(ii) season dates for each hunt;

(iii) procedures and regulations applicable to hunting on Antelope Island;

(iv) protocols for issuing permits and conducting hunts for antlerless deer on Antelope Island when populations require management; and

(v) procedures and conditions for transferring Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit revenue to the Division of Parks and Recreation.

(c) The cooperative agreement governing bighorn sheep and mule deer hunting on Antelope Island and any subsequent amendment thereto shall be presented to the Wildlife Board and the Parks Board for approval prior to holding a drawing or issuing hunting permits.

(2)(a) Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permits will be issued by the division through its annual bucks, bulls, and once-in-a-lifetime drawing.

(i) The mule deer Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit is a premium limited entry buck deer permit and subject to the regulations governing such permits, as provided in this rule, R657-5, and R657-62.

(ii) The bighorn sheep Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit is a once-in-a-lifetime Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit and subject to the regulations governing such permits, as provided in this rule, R657-5, and R657-62.

(b) To apply for a Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit, the applicant must:

(i) pay the prescribed application handling fee;

(ii) possess a current Utah hunting license or combination license;

(iii) not be subject to a waiting period under R657-62 for the species of wildlife applied for; and

(iv) otherwise be eligible to hunt the species of wildlife designated on the application;

(c) A person that obtains a Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit:

(i) must pay the applicable permit fee;

(ii) may take only one animal of the species and gender designated on the permit;

(iii) may hunt only with the weapon and during the season prescribed on the permit;

(iv) may hunt the specified species within the areas of Antelope Island designated open by the Wildlife Board and the rules and regulations of the Division of Parks and Recreation; and

(v) is subject to the:

(A) provisions of Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code, and the rules and guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking and pursuing wildlife; and

(B) statutes, rules, and regulations of the Division of Parks and Recreation for hunting on Antelope Island.

(d) Bonus points are awarded and utilized in applying for and obtaining a Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit.

(e) A person who has obtained a Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit is subject to all waiting periods applicable to the particular species, as provided in R657-62.

(f) A person cannot obtain a Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit for a bighorn sheep or mule deer and any other permit for a male animal of the same species in the same year.

(3) Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits will be provided to the conservation group awarded the wildlife expo permit series, as provided in R657-55, for auction to the highest bidder at the wildlife exposition.

(a) The division and conservation organization receiving authority to auction Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits shall enter into a contract.

(b) The conservation organization receiving authority to auction the opportunity for Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits must insure the permits are marketed and distributed by lawful means.

(4)(a) ~~[The conservation organization must:]~~~~[(i) obtain at the event where]~~When auctioning the Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation ~~[Permit is auctioned the information and data requested by the division, including the:--]~~Permits, the conservation organization must:

(i) obtain the following information:

(A) full name of the successful bidder;

(B) date of the event where the permit opportunity is auctioned; and

(C) winning bid amount for that permit opportunity[-]; and

(ii) submit the information required in Subsection (4)(a)(i) to the division within 10 days of the event where the permit opportunity is auctioned to the highest bidder; and[-]

(iii) ~~[complete the return receipt on a]~~identify the individual who is authorized to redeem the conservation permit voucher and submit it to the division ~~[within 10 days of issuing the voucher to the person designated by the successful bidder]~~prior to the individual attempting to redeeming the voucher.

(b) The division will not issue a Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit unless[-:]~~[(i) a fully completed]~~ information on the winning bidder and authorized recipient of the voucher ~~[for that permit is submitted; and]~~is first received by the division.

~~[(ii) it has previously received from]~~c)(i) an absentee bidder may only use an agent or representative to bid on a conservation permit opportunity on their behalf

if authorized by the conservation organization[~~the voucher's return receipt with all required information included.(5)–If~~].

(ii) A winning bid offered by an agent or representative on behalf of an absentee bidder legally obligates the absentee bidder to satisfy the bid obligation submitted by the representative.

(iii) For the purposes of this rule, an absentee bidder is considered the successful bidder when the winning bid is offered by their agent or representative.

(5) If the successful bidder or the person designated by a successful bidder to receive a Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit fails to pay the conservation organization the winning bid amount, the conservation organization may remarket the permit opportunity using any legal means and designate another person to receive the permit opportunity.

(6)(a) If, for any reason, the successful bidder elects not to personally use a Special Antelope Island State Park Permit opportunity, they may assign that opportunity to another person, provided:

- (i) the conservation organization is notified of the assignment;
- (ii) the original winning bid amount for the permit opportunity is received in full by the conservation organization and not decreased;
- (iii) the conservation organization handles and otherwise uses the entire winning bid amount consistent with the requirements in Subsection (9); and
- (iv) the successful bidder executes an affidavit verifying they are not profiting from the assignment.

(A) For purposes of Subsection (iv), “profiting” does not include a reasonable fee for guiding services provided in conjunction with the assigned permit opportunity.

(b) If a person assigned a Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit opportunity by the successful bidder or a person possessing the permit voucher is unable to use the permit opportunity for any reason, including obtaining another Utah permit for the same species, the conservation organization may remarket the permit opportunity using any legal means and designate another person to receive the opportunity, provided:

- (i) the conservation organization selects the new recipient of the permit opportunity;
- (ii) the amount of money received by the division for the permit opportunity is not decreased;
- (iii) the conservation organization relinquishes to the division all proceeds generated from the re-designated permit, as provided in Subsection (9);
- (iv) the conservation organization and the holder of the permit opportunity execute an affidavit verifying neither is profiting from transferring the right to the permit; and

(v) the permit has not been issued by the division to the first designated person.

(7) Within 30 days of the exposition, but no later than May 1 annually, the conservation organization must submit to the division:

- (a) a final report on the distribution of the Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits;
- (b) the total funds raised on each permit; and
- (c) the funds due to the division.

(8)(a) Permits shall not be issued until the applicable permit fees are paid to the division.

(b) If the conservation organization is paying the permit fees for the permit recipient, the fees must be paid from the 10% retained by the conservation organization as provided in Subsection (9)(b).

(9)(a)(i) Conservation organizations shall remit to the division 90% of the total revenue generated by the Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit sales in that year.

(ii) Failure to remit 90% of the total permit revenue to the division by the ~~[September 1]~~[August 15](#) deadline may result in criminal prosecution under Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 4 of the Utah Code.

(b) A conservation organization may retain 10% of the revenue generated by the permits for administrative expenses.

(c) Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits will be issued under this section and will not be limited by the requirements of R657-41-3 through R657-41-8.

(d) Upon receipt of the permit revenue from the conservation organization, the division will transfer the revenue to the Division of Parks and Recreation, as provided in the cooperative agreement under Subsection (1)(b) between the two divisions.

(10)(a) Except as otherwise provided under Subsections (5) and (6), neither the conservation organization, successful bidder, successful bidder's assignee, nor the holder of a Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit voucher may offer for sale, sell, or transfer the rights to that designation to any other person.

(b) A person cannot obtain a Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit for a bighorn sheep or mule deer and any other permit for a male animal of the same species in the same year.

(c) The person designated to receive a Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit must possess or obtain a current Utah hunting or combination license before being issued the permit.

R657-41-13. Failure to Comply.

~~[Any]~~

(1) The division or the Wildlife Board may suspend or revoke a conservation organization~~[-administratively or criminally found in violation of this rule or the Wildlife Resources Code may be suspended from participation in the conservation permit program and required to surrender all conservation permit vouchers.]~~'s participation in the Conservation Permit Program if a principal or agent of a participating conservation organization:

(a) violated any provision of this rule or a provision of the Utah Criminal Code cited herein; or

(b) engaged in conduct that results in the conviction of, a plea of no contest to, or a plea held in abeyance to a crime of moral turpitude, or any other crime that when considered with the functions and responsibilities of a participating conservation organization bears a reasonable relationship to their participation in the program.

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

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