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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** The only thing I would recommend is that if we as hunters are cutting our tags which I'm in support of due to your current poor management of our deer and elk herds. I feel that ranchers and farmers should have to cut their cattle and sheep allotments on the mountain also. And as long as we are below objective how dare you give these landowners depredation tags. I worked that program for almost 7 years and it is disgusting how you lie to the public and give these guys so many tags but then turn around and lower objectives on units so they can have more cows on the mountain and then give them dep tags so they can shoot them in the fields plus you give them thousands in money on top of that.

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There are precious few bucks and spike elk on the Boulder, Thousand Lake and Fishlake Mountains. I think you may need to even close these hunts for a time or the deer won't come back. Reducing the number of permits is great but I just hope the animals, especially, deer can come back. A combination of hard winters, poor management, predators and other causes have significantly reduced the number of animals on these units. Please do all you can to help the herds get back to normal. I'm really afraid my children and grandchildren will stop hunting because (1) they have to wait too long for a permit, if they ever draw one, and (2) when they do hunt, there are so few animals, they never see one. Thanks for the work you are doing. Hunting is an important part of our Utah heritage. Without hunting, there would be few people with guns and it wouldn't be long until we would lose our 2nd amendment rights. Thanks for your efforts.

W. Steve Albrecht

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Antlerless hunts need to be shutdown for a time.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?** my opinion is whatever helps the deer and elk herds is what needs to happen. So I am definitely in favor of prioritizing the deer and elk herds over the predators!

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Overall I think that we need to focus on getting bigger bucks and more bulls. I understand the dilemma of having to balance opportunity vs quality. But I personally am in favor of bigger bucks and bulls!

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** The deer population on the Beaver unit maybe beyond repair. Some concerns that I see are as follows:

The last 2 years your data has shown the buck to Doe ratio dropping, from 18 to 15, yet the small tag cuts the last two years have not helped. At this point to get the buck numbers back up to 18 will require cutting many more tags than 900. I would suggest at least half to start with. If you do not cut enough right now to make a difference, the only option you will have left is to close the unit, because as of right now there are no deer numbers on this unit.

Why are we adding to the problem by giving 5 late season muzzle tags. We just admit the buck numbers are low and then we add 5 more tags for easy kill of more bucks. This should only be handed out to units that are thriving , not the units that are declining.

You recommend cutting doe tags from 50 to 25 next year on the Beaver. The deer numbers are in sad shape. There should not be any Doe deer taken until numbers can make necessary increase. The Pine valley unit show plenty of deer and a buck to doe ratio doing very well. Even in that unit you are cutting doe numbers from 420 to 140. It you have a unit like the Beaver that is in great need of increasing deer, why would you give out any tags at all.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** The Beaver unit currently is in sad shape for Deer numbers. Why kill any antlerless deer when you have a unit with so low numbers. These deer get have enough troubles for survival through the winter without handing out 25 more tags. No need to kill off more of what you don't have to start with.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?** Be quick to react on the numbers of deer and issue additional predator tags quickly, cougar and bear.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** The Boulder, Fishlake, Thousand Lake, Monroe, and Pahvant units should have very few tags issued. These units are in dire need of predator control and need time to rebuild the herds. I think you have a new CO in Wayne County. He does need to take his numbers info. from the former CO, he needs to talk to other CO's over Southern units. They will verify that herd numbers are very low and predators are high, and deer permits need to be limited drastically. I think you realize this with the proposed changes you have recommended, but let's give the herds a real chance of coming back by limiting numbers of tags considerably. Thank you.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** The same units mentioned above on question number 3, need to have the cow rags reduced considerably. Last year hunters had a hard time finding a spike. If you have very few spikes, you will not grow big bulls. Therefore, cow tags need to be very limited.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?** Pine valley deer unit need tags to be cut as well. Especially with the opening of the late archery hunt on a portion of the unit. I've hunted the unit for 20 years and from what I've observed deer numbers the last 3 or so years are lower than what they've been in the past.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** I'd ask to put archery in the rut. Turn the any weapon late hunts to archery only hunts. Set dates every year so they are the same. So are hunts dont fluctuate. Split some of the larger units turn some into archery only for elk.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** I think we need to cut a lot more antlerless permits. Our elk numbers are very low. Also I think that we need to cut spike elk permits or rotate units every other year. I'm not seeing nearly as many rag horns, do to the fact we kill so many pregnant cows, and shoot so many spikes. If we dont start doing something for our elk populations soon I'd propose putting the conservation permits back in the draws. Our elk have decreased since we started the conservation program. For all the money that has been raised, and all the habitat that's been created we havent upped the objective of elk. Its decreased. So all we have really done is, feed cattle.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?** You need to be far more aggressive with predator removal!

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** I feel like a rolling closure of one of every five units would be of great benefit to deer herds. Close for 2 or 3 years then open that unit to an appropriate # of tags. At the same time closing another unit for a couple of years. Keep these closures rolling from one unit to the next giving populations a chance to recover. Also shorten all hunts to just 7 days.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** As a youth hunter who is learning the skill of hunting archery with my dad and brothers, I would like the chance to hunt every year in the area that I live. With this proposal I would not possibly be able to hunt each year but more likely once in my entire youth.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** I have seen a huge decrease in cow elk on the beaver because of so many tags being sold this last season. I think there should be less cow tags sold. It was crazy how many hunters there were.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?** Thank you for taking a closer look at predator control. Predators are hard on our deer and elk populations.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** I really appreciate that there was no increase to permit numbers for the pinevalley unit 30! Thank you for listening to the public!!! I was however dissatisfied with the increase in late season limited entry muzzleloader permits for the pinevalley deer unit. I believe 15 would be more sustainable for succession of the population. I also really appreciate the decrease in permits on the beaver and Fillmore/pahvant deer units they have been struggling for the last 10 years! I would really like to see a decrease in permit numbers on the southwest desert deer unit. This unit has a major issue with elk from Utah, migrating elk from Nevada, and wild horses competing for limited water and habitat.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** Thank you for reducing the permits on the pinevalley and listening to the public!!! Really like to see more does transplanted to new areas or fences installed instead of land owner permits.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?** I don't support antlersless hunts. Its something I feel is counter productive to the population to remove the gender that can reproduce.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?**

Not at this time. I think the state is doing a better job managing out predatory species with some of the recent changes they have proposed. I think it is awesome to increase the bear and cougar permits. We are seeing more and more of these two while out hiking and hunting. Too many for comfort. That paired with the deer herd decline is a big issue. I support an increase in the predator management, including coyotes, foxes and racoons. The reward offered in Sevier County is a big incentive to get out and manage these animals.

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Nope. I know nothing about these units.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

I like the fact that they have reduced many of the buck permits but more needs done. My wife drew a Fishlake general season permit 2 years ago. In 5 days of hunting, we counted over 300 deer. We seen only five 2 points and 2 spikes. I have 3 points for the general deer. It is so depressing, that I won't apply anymore. I'm not going up on the Fishlake to harvest a spike or 2 point. Let the bucks grow. I would like a chance at a nicer animal. Where I'm applying for bulls for my limited entry, I cannot apply for limited entry buck. I feel I'll never get a chance at a 180+ buck. The Bull numbers should also be cut back. Why give out more on the Monroe. We haven't seen the glory days up there for 10+ years. Too many tags. Not to mention all the unknown tags given out to all the expos and foundations. With my 22 years working in wild game processing, it is devastating to see the sever decline in our bucks and bulls. Not only in quantity, but in quality.

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First of all, I do 100% agree on all the cut backs and increases for the Antlerless that was listed. What I don't agree with is all the Private tags given out. I had no idea this was a thing. Is this why all the general antlerless tags have have been cut back, to give more to the private land owners. Seems unfair and a money game. This must be why I have 4 antlerless cow points and cannot draw a Fishlake tag.

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I've never hunted CWMU

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?**

It is a fact that the DWR has year after year underestimated the cougar populations in Utah and the terribly negative effect that they have had on big game populations. I suspect that a lot of are deer units are so far below the threshold of a healthy deer population that they never recover. It is shameful that we have let this cougar population increase to what it is today.

I also totally disagree with the idea that we target coyotes mainly in the spring when they are breeding in the spring. This is a myth that has been circulating around the DWR for years. Anybody that really knows anything about coyotes knows that you need to kill them when you can and that is in early winter when there are good snow conditions using aerial gunning. If a coyote is killed in early winter they have a way less negative effect on wintering deer and believe it or not a coyote killed in early winter won't breed in the spring. Some of these so-called biologists and professors have no real-world experience and need to quit brainwashing everybody. these are the kinds of ideas that have got us in such a mess with an out of control predator population in utah.

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IT IS SINFUL THE WAY WE HAVE DECIMATED THE ANTELOPE ON THE PARKER MOUNTAIN. IT WAS GOOD TO SEE THEY DIDN'T RECOMMEND ANY DOE PERMITS BUT THEY DIDN'T SHOW THE NUMBERS RECOMMENDED FOR BUCKS BUT IT SHOULD BE CUT IN HALF OF WHAT THE DWR ISSUED LAST YEAR.

IT IS GOOD TO SEE THE PROPOSAL FOR LESS DEER TAGS ON THE MONROE, BOULDER, FISH LAKE, AND BEAVER BUT IT ISN'T ENOUGH. I WOULD RECOMMEND ANOTHER 20% REDUCTION THAN EVEN THE 2020 PROPOSALS. UNLESS OR INTIL WE GET THE PREDATOR LEVELS DOWN TO A REASONABLE LEVEL WE NEED TO CUT BUCKS PERMITS DRASTICALLY AND ONLY ISSUE DOE PERMITS IN EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES. WHERE OUR DEER NUMBERS AND ESPECIALLY OUR FAWN SURVIVAL IS SO LOW. INSTEAD OF CONSIDERING DEER HERDS WE ACTUALLY NEED TO LOOK AT DEER MORE INDIVIDUALLY. EVERY LIVING DEER IS IMPORTANT IN TIMES AS DRASTIC AS WE ARE NOW FACING. IF WE DON'T GET THESE PREDATORS AND ESPECIALLY COUGARS TAKEN WAY DOWN AND NOW AND JUST NOT TALK ABOUT DOING IT WE HAVE DEER HERDS THAT WILL NEVER RECOVER. ANYTIME WE LET WILDLIFE DROP BELOW REASONABLE THRESHOLDS IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO BRING THEM BACK UNLESS WE MAKE SOME IMMEDIATIC AND DRASTIC CHANGES.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?**

I'm excited to see this proposal is getting the attention it deserves. However the proposal does not explain how the DWR is going to accomplish the goal. I personally believe that predators are the Mule Deers biggest issue in there reduction over that last 40 years. This includes Cougars, Bears, Coyotes, and HUNTERS. We have spent 40 years doing habitat restorations and the herds keep declining. This is an EXCUSE!

Many areas that Sheep live are almost impossible for the houndsman to effectively harvest cats. There is not enough snow to cut tracks and the terrian makes it almost impossible to chase. I would like to see when an area falls below objective (which is everywhere in the State right now) we open up trapping of cougars. This creates opportunity for not only houndsman to particiapte affectivly and still can be done within a quota system. Also an objective of Toms and Females could be set. You can let a cat out of trap to live another day if the Tom quota is full. The DWR is always talking about OPPORTUNITY, this has never been the case for predators.

Also we need to bring back some type of poison, it is by far the most effect way to kill coyotes. I know this is a controversial topic. But not as controversial has listing Mule Deer as an endangered species. If we placed it stratigically in Fawning areas durning critical times of the year the postive effects would be tramendous. With HB 125 passed the Govenor has the authority to put this in place. With todays technology there has to be poisons that are not as devistating as 1080.

We as hunter are harvesting 75-85% of bucks in every unit. They may not have fawns, but they are still deer and count in the total population. We have seen unit that have shut hunting down in the past and the herd has recovered faster than other units the keep hunting. This has nothing to do with TROPHY HUNTING, to call it that is FAKE NEWS, it has everything to do with biology and a healthy herd. There is a reason the natural order of fawns births is much higher that 15-20 bucks per 100 does.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** I am 78 year old, spent my childhood being raised on the Beaver Mountain. My dad ran cattle up in the Dog Valley area on the Beaver. This is where I learned to hunt and where I taught my three (3) boys to hunt. My objection is .....The deer in this area has gradually been killed off, and we tried to tell you for the past eight to ten years that this was going to happen. You have ignored and ignored this information and done NOTHING about it, just sold more and more tags. Now you can have all the educated Biologist you want giving their opinion, but this ole gal that know every hill ,rock, sagebrush and the name of each tree is saying, that if you don't close this area or come close to closing it, there won't even be a rabbit to count up there. I agree times have changed things, guns reach further, powder guns are almost like a rifle, bows are made to shoot further, but again that is why you can't over hunt an area, SO the bottom line is, and I'll debate this with you anytime, is TOO MANY Tags have been given out and now in my opinion, your too late to ever get this are even half get this area back to being a good hunting area it will take more years that you will live to see and what a shame. AND SHAME ON YOU to let it all come down to being in such a sad condition

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** Now this is too funny, deer herd own but we need to kill more does.

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To: Members of the Regional Advisory Counsel's

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation has reviewed, on a unit by unit basis, the DWR recommendations for Bighorn Sheep ("BHS") permits for the 2020 season. As an organization, we are excited about the overall increase in permit numbers and believe it reflects the hard work and commitment made to BHS recovery by the DWR and related sportsmen/conservation groups. We also understand and support the need to reduce permit numbers on certain units, as necessary, in order to maintain age objectives, overall population health and quality hunting experiences for these much sought after hunting permits.

We would like to express our concern in regards to several units in the state that we consider "recovering" populations. These populations of both Desert and California Bighorn have all suffered catastrophic disease events, which resulted in substantial declines in overall population and resultant permit numbers. The limited hunting opportunities that remain have been very difficult, at best, with substantial financial and time commitments required, in very difficult terrain, to have a reasonable opportunity for harvest. As these populations recover, we feel it is appropriate to have a more conservative approach in respect to increased permit numbers, in order to ensure continued population recovery and quality hunting opportunities.

- San Juan subunits-last year there were 3 permits issued with 1 successfully filled. There are 5 permits being recommended for 2020.
- Dirty Devil-last year there were 2 permits issued and there are 6 permits being recommended for 2020. Although both hunters were successful in 2019, they hunted with extremely knowledgeable guides and spent considerable time afield. There has also been a consistent decrease in the age class of rams harvested on this unit, over the past 4 years.
- Stansbury Mtns-last year there were 3 permits issued and there are 5 permits being recommended for 2020. This unit is well under population objective and has been supplemented by transplant for the last 3 years.

Additionally, as one of the organizations that participated in updating the Statewide BHS management plan in 2018, we believe the permit recommendations were set as more of a guideline rather than hard numbers and want to reiterate our support for giving the DWR flexibility in determining appropriate permit numbers.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the DWR and its personnel for their continued commitment to BHS management and recovery throughout the State of Utah.

Respectfully, Utah WSF

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Debloois:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?**

I have hunted Gooseberry canyon 5 miles East of salina for forty years I have never seen the deer numbers so low, I think this program is more than needed and some what over do, I would love for my children to be able to hunt deer every year with a fair success rate, It seems to me that if we must have a draw program with a success rate so low that you only draw every 4 to 5 years something big needs to be done to 1 get the draws eliminated or 2 to get to a point where it is likely that a hunter can draw a permit at a minimum of every 2 years To give a idea of the deer numbers I am seeing i have meadows that I would normally see 50 + deer in that I now may see 2 to 5 deer I think the coyote control has been helping but we need more programs like this to help bring our herds back

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?**

I do not interact with bison and don't feel I can give feed back in this area

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

the herds are great in my normal hunting area

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:**

I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37?** I feel this is a great changes

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April 5, 2020 1:15 pm

**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Debloois:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Why don't or can't we have tags for bull elk per unit like we do buck deer? If we are managing our deer and elk herds per unit we should have permits for specific units. We need to limit the amount of tags for bull elk per unit just as we do cow elk, buck deer, doe deer and pronghorn, moose etc.

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Debloois:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** I still feel Zion archery is overcrowded regardless of where I go. You disregard hunter input, you've yet to take into the actual numbers and percentages I have repeatedly been vocal about into consideration. There is too much summer private range and too much land locked summer BLM to prevent hunter crowding. Everyone congregates to the little summer public land and it creates too much hunter crowding. There is minimal policing in the populated areas as well! You've yet to show me the wildlife board or division will take into consideration factual public input. I am not complaining about deer quality (quantity is down in my opinion). You've got a winter range sharing deer from multiple units and coming off of private and it seems inaccurate to base tag numbers off of that winter range. Decrease the archery tags or find ways to allow people to access land locked BLM, specifically by Kolob areas.

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Debloois:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** You are right about all this estimating not being accurate. Leaving the Zion unit the same as last year is right next to a crime. You ought to reduce it by at least.... at LEAST 1000 tags. If all you want is OPPORTUNITY, all of our youth hunters and those that want any 2 or 3 point opportunity, then you are right on. If you want some QUALITY, and some quality for the future, you won't see your proposal as very fair.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** I would support the divisions recommendations on most of the units because I don't have any input on most of them however I do have input regarding the south west desert, My father whom is 75 years old has always hunted this general unit every year and taught me at a very young age how to hunt and enjoy the out doors, I have hunted this unit since I was old enough to hunt and I am now 39 years old i have a lifetime License enabling to hunt deer every year and I have not missed a year since I was old enough to hunt and I have hunted the south west desert every year and have never had a tag for another Utah general unit, I am a licenced hunting guide in Utah as well as Nevada and spend the majority of my time every year hunting the south west desert.

Last year as I prepared for guiding a limited entry elk hunter as well as my dedicated hunter deer hunt I spent several days scouting as well as ran 65 trail cams from June 1st- November 15th and to say it lightly our Deer herd on this unit is tearable, I seen at most 30 bucks in all my scouting as well as trail cams and no more the 5 mature bucks and no more than 200 doe from June-Nov 1st then a few more deer and bucks started showing up on their winter grounds for the rutting season, If I'm not mistaking it is later in November when the DWR does there population count and this is when most of the deer has migrated from other units and across the Nevada border to their winter grounds.

This is the first year that I have ever considered hunting a different unit in Utah because the deer Hurd on south west Deseret is tearable there is to many predators and the division has given to many tags on this unit, I know the division has only given 700-800 tags on this unit the past few years but from june-November there is not 700 total deer on this unit. I would be willing to donate my time and help assist in any way regarding the South West Desert. Thanks!

Dusty White (435)691-5116

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Deblois:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?**

Thanks for your time and working through this tough time. In addition to the predator management i feel like certain areas we have been doing a good job but others we are falling behind.

For instance the Fishlake/Thousand lake plateau, in the past few years we have seen a huge jump in bear population in certain parts of the unit where other parts of the unit is staying the same. The areas that have a larger population we are starting to see less fawns and less cows and calves in the spring. These areas i don't see a lot of bear hunters and are not hit as hard as other parts of the unit by bear hunters.

I would like to see the unit split up into a fishlake east and fishlake west and possibly even making thousand lake its own unit for bear management. we have done this for deer having fishlake and then Thousand lake as 2 different units, cow elk we have fishlake east and west and for cougar we have the fishlake unit and the 1000 lake unit but no division for bear. If we were to do the same for bear as we have done for others we could separate hunters to in a sense force them to other parts of the unit to help keep bear populations in check across the whole unit. fishlake has a pretty good defining line to where you could separate it the same as the cow elk using the scenic bi way from highway 72 up through mill meadow to Johnson reservoir north through 7 mile gooseberry and down to i 70. For thousand lake you could use highway 72 north out of loa over to I-70 and keep the same unit boundary as we use for deer.

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

Thanks again for all you guys have that have put this together for us during this time.

Deer,

i hunt the fishlake unit with the dedicated hunter permit. last year was the worst year i have seen in a while for deer numbers overall. I would support a larger decrease in deer permits for this unit than the proposed 150 reduction

Thousand Lake, living in loa and spending alot of our time on the thousand lake and running trail cameras on both the fishlake and thousand lake on both units i have never seen such a poor deer herd as far as numbers go. Im not talking about numbers around the fields of these units because there is alot of deer in the fields but as far as deer on the mountain during the hunts we dont have the number of deer to support your proposed numbers of 250 permits. during the time of the division counts the deer are congregated in your zones that you count but we are counting fishlake, thousand lake and in some areas boulder deer on your thousand lake quadrants.

elk,

i have guided elk on the fishlake unit since 2005 and hunted it since i was a young kid. Last year the numbers of elk on the unit was down overall and according to the numbers we have fallen to 4750, population objective for the unit is 5000 to 5900 and the age class for bulls 5.5-6. We are down on numbers and staying at the age class objective so why are we adding more tags to the unit for elk.

every unit in the greater plateau is at an age class of atleast 6.5-7 why is the fishlake being held at 5.5-6? if we were to raise the age class of the fishlake unit what would this do to the number of permits? The quality of bulls on the fishlake over the past 3 years other than a couple bulls each year has fallen off dramatically. I know to satisfy quantity we have left units at certain age class but if we are going to manage the greater plateau as one herd then maybe we should get the age classes to match a little closer. Again over all numbers on the boulder dutton, monroe and fishlake are below objective and we are decreasing tags on 3 of these units for cows but adding tags on the fishlake for both bulls and cows that our elk committee views as one herd.

Bison,

I support the bison numbers as proposed other than one thing. On the archery bison hunters choice for the henry mountains we are proposing 2 tags. One to resident and one to non resident. if we are offering less then 5 permits why are we taking opportunity away from utah residents and moving them to non residents. If we are to move forward to this then both tags go to luck of the draw and just adding to the max points possibly. If we take the tag from non resident and offer 1 to max point holders and one to luck of the draw going off last years odds we will keep the max point where

they are for atleast this year.



**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** Again why are we increasing fishlake elk tags for both bulls and cows when the population is below objective. The boulder monroe and dutton are all below objective and they are being decreased while fishlake again takes the brunt of the greater plateau herd and getting the increase in tags.

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Debloois:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** I hunt in a unit that has been recommended to have a large number of tags cut and I completely agree it seems like every year there are less and less bucks and the research shows what I see while I am hunting  
In my take on this is if they cut the tag number is it might be harder to get a tag for a couple of year until the numbers recover but after that the tag numbers will come up and the quality will be much better  
In closing I would like to see the recommendation go through the people who make the recommendation is made by the people that do the research maybe we should all listen to them

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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April 2020 RAC feedback (Southern Region)  
April 8, 2020 11:17 am

**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Debloois:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Debloois:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Split the boulder unit into 2 obviously you cannot manage such a large area it's also the largest unit in the state.

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** Split the boulder into 2 units

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Debloois:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** I agree with everything except the late limited entry muzzleloader deer hunt on all general season units. I could be totally wrong. Just an observations. I feel like this hunt is killing off all the big deer that are smart and survive all the general hunts. I think this entire late season limited entry muzzleloader hunt should be discontinued across the state. I have hunted the Pine Valley unit for most of my life. Ever since this late muzzleloader hunt was introduced on the Pine Valley Unit, the number of large deer on Pine Valley has taken a dramatic decrease. I don't have as much intel as you guys do, so it's just my opinion on what I see as I hunt the general hunts. However, I would recommend getting rid of this late muzzleloader limited entry hunt on the general units.

Just my opinion. Other than this, everything else looks great. Nice work!

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** I think everything makes sens. However, why the large decrease on Southwest Desert when the population is higher than the target?

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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April 2020 RAC feedback (Southern Region)  
April 8, 2020 10:17 pm

**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Debloois:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Quit taking tags from the bolder mtn you have hunting turned in to a joke how are we going to retain young hunters if they cannot hunt

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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Form Name:  
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April 2020 RAC feedback (Southern Region)  
April 8, 2020 11:04 pm

**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Debloois:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I oppose the proposal

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Form Name:  
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April 2020 RAC feedback (Southern Region)  
April 11, 2020 9:53 pm

**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Debloois:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

I would like to address the permit numbers for desert bighorn sheep on the Kaiparowits units. As someone who has over 20 years experience with sheep on these units from my time as a being a M.S. graduate student studying them, a Utah division of wildlife biologist over these units, and now currently a sportsman and sheep hunting outfitter, I am concerned about the rapid increase in permits the last couple of years particularly on the west subunit. I am well aware of the balance to harvest rams when you have them, before issues such as disease have a potential impact on them. However, if you look at the Zion unit which for years has been the best trophy unit in the state, this is no longer the case. Using the Zion desert sheep unit as an example where consistently high permit numbers along with aggressive removal of sheep for transplants, this unit is now a shadow of what it once was in terms of numbers and quality of rams. Tag numbers are being cut again on Zion for 2020, to a point nearly half of where they were at their peak. While the Zion has challenges with nearby communities creating exposure to domestic sheep or goats, the Kaiparowits does not. The Kaiparowits West subunit has been a great unit for hunters looking for big rams for many years. But with the current trend in increasing permit numbers, this will not last. In addition to draw permits, the Kaiparowits units have 2 conservation permits each year, at least one of those possibly both will harvest on the west. Additionally, there is one K-west specific tag given to the SLC Hunt Expo convention. And in 2019, the statewide conservation and statewide sportsman permit holder's for desert sheep BOTH killed on the K-west. So there were four extra rams killed on the K-west in 2019 above and beyond the draw tags. With the current declined status of the Zion unit, the K-west will continue to bear the brunt from extra harvest. Please keep all of this in mind when considering recommending adding any new public draw permits for 2020. With elk we have a handful of units and with deer we designate a couple units as premium units with higher age objectives and we manage for overall the best quality. My question is why can we not do that for desert or Rocky Mountain sheep as well? The units across extreme southern Utah such as the Zion and Kaiparowits most notably, which have Nevada and Arizona transplanted sheep and genetics, have proven they can produce great rams if given the opportunity. I ask the Wildlife Board and RAC's to not increase the K-West tags for 2020. The unit can not keep producing enough older, trophy rams with the continued permit increases.

The K-west and east subunits have not been helicopter surveyed since 2018, and the Escalante has not been surveyed since 2017, yet permit increases have been recommended in these units again for 2020. The bighorn sheep management plan has a guideline to recommend permit numbers based on 30 to 60% of the total rams counted that are six years and older. I am requesting that on units like the West that have the ability to produce bigger rams with better trophy potential, that the 30% guideline and nothing higher is used for setting permits. Based on the last survey on the K-west subunit In 2018, there were 40 rams counted ages 6 and older. Using a 30% guideline for a permit recommendation, that would put the number of harvested rams on the West at 12 for 2019. In 2019 there were 14 rams killed on the unit with again an increase proposed in 2020, plus the

extra tags as mentioned. I don't believe that the majority of those that have waited to draw permits for these once in a lifetime species, are interested in shooting just any ram. There are other units across Utah that are not capable of producing as big a rams at the Zion and Kaiparowits units. We should use those units as the types of units that increased opportunity can occur. I urge the Wildlife Board and RAC's to manage the units like Zion, and Kaiparowits West and East units that have best demonstrated the ability to produce the best rams in Utah, to be managed a bit more conservatively from a tag number standpoint, using the low end 30% guideline as previously mentioned. Thank you for your time.

Adam R. Bronson Cedar City, Utah

**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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