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

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule? I support the ban on transmitting trail cameras for the given dates but would like to see it extended to non-transmitting cameras for a smaller time window as well. Very strongly support ban on night vision/other technology for sighting wildlife.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule? I strongly agree with banning night vision and the trail camera plan. My only concern is how will that be enforced if a hunter is placing cameras after the ban?

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Strongly agree

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

Somewhat disagree

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

I believe there needs to be a separation from trail cams that are enabled to send content to your phone wirelessly and trail cams you have to hike to and check hands on. It would only make sense to me to put a restriction on trail cams that can be checked with a press of a finger on your phone. I can see that being unfair to the wildlife and I understand that. As far as traditional trail cams go, that require being checked hands on; I don't believe they give enough of an edge on wildlife to begin to even dream of putting any restrictions on them. I have used trail cams for years and the most I have gotten out of using them is excitement plainly watching what animals have dodged me and excitement to see what walks through the woods when I'm not.

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Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
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Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

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

Trail camera and night vision regulations need to include language applicable to drones, your proposal would allow a drone to be operated at night and take video or photos that would not be transmitted....a loophole that needs to be closed. The proposed dates of banning trail cameras are excellent. My concern is that it be enforced, there are 6-8 trail cameras on a water hole that I hunt and I've never seen anyone hunting. With all the proposed changes especially the new elk proposals Utah resident hunters should be allowed to apply for every species, similar to non residents.

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Strongly disagree

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

Things are fine how they are. First come first serve. We are not dumb, we know you only want more money. You shouldn't get it. The Utah DNR is ruining the hunting industry in Utah. We need less tree huggers making laws and more hunters.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule? Cameras need to be banned. We have outstanding deer potential and need to do everything we can to help regenerate our herds. Cameras have no place in our dry drought ridden state. I agree with all other changes.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Cougars or bears should not have unlimited quotas. It's irresponsible and unsustainable for a healthy ecosystem.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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

Strongly disagree

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

My family and I would like it noted that we do not support this ban on trail cameras even temporarily during the year. We also do not support the ban of photography as this is an overreach of the States power. Lastly the law written for banning of night vision devices can very easily include all trail cameras which is why we strongly disagree with this change and urge the division to not put any of these laws into place.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule? I oppose the changes to trail cameras. If you use a trail camera you know it is hard work and you have to constantly check them and replace batteries.

Additionally I oppose the rule change to night vision devices. This will in effect ban trail cameras. There is almost no trail cameras available that don't have night vision capability. Furthermore I utilize night vision devices while hunting not for the purpose of hunting. More for the purpose of safety. When I have an animal harvested and it gets dark, I utilize it for finding my way out safely. This capability will provide safety to the hunter and to the potential rescuers of an injured/lost hunter.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Stop limiting the number of animals harvested.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
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Do you have any additional comments "NO" to banning night vision devices and trail cameras.
about the recommended changes to the
big game rule?

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Which best describes your position Strongly agree
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Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

When reviewing multiple rule changes and proposals, it would be useful to receive feedback for each and be able to present data on the sentiment felt for each. With that said, here is the breakout for each recommendation:

Antlerless Elk Control permit - strongly agree, makes logical sense and provides alignment.

Night Vision - strongly agree, would like to see this rule applied to the entire hunting season from July 31- Jan 31. Also wouldn't mind a complete ban.

Trail Camera - strongly agree, would like all trail cameras banned from July 31-Jan 31 as they provide an unfair advantage. I believe they also contribute to a growing unsportsmanlike culture in hunters as a whole that prioritize attention, popularity, social media avenues, and antler size rather than the experience of the hunt itself and true sportsmanship with respect for the animals we pursue.

Pronghorn, Moose, and Bighorn proposals - somewhat disagree - don't really see the reason for this change other than logistics but assume it would put more people in the draw and delay the time until someone could draw. Why would anyone need to kill 2 of these animals in a year anyways (exception maybe antelope for meat)?

Bison - strongly agree - it would be good to prepare people for a hunt they have never experienced.

HAMS - somewhat disagree - why not allow them to hunt the extended elk units? they are unlimited anyways for elk and likely wouldn't add much hunting pressure to the units themselves as long as it was clear it is archery only in those areas.

Hunter Orange - strongly agree. Archers need all the help they can get here in Utah.

Per the data provided in presentation by Mr. Bubak - it would be wonderful to allow for more traditional hunting methods that have lower success rates but have greater opportunity. We should dial down the efficacy of the current muzzleloader options allowed (scopes for example) as those are essentially a single shot rifle currently. Keep it more traditional, we already have an advantage as hunters given the basic weapons available. In doing so, more opportunity can be given which was the main topic of debate on the elk proposals in the last RAC discussions. I believe Idaho has tried to limit technology with those weapon types successfully.

Thank you for your time and service to help improve things here in Utah.

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

Somewhat disagree

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

I agree that transmitting a trail camera image in real time is not fair chase. I also agree that someone does not need 30 or more trail cameras to check every nuke and cranny. But 1 thing a trail camera with an internal storage or transmitting camera cannot tell you is how many people on public land that do not scout their hunting areas will show up and make your summer long scouting worthless because they do not know what they are doing and go into an area way to early and push everything out before it light enough to see anything. I call this welcome to public hunting that is one thing you will always have navigate when hunting on public ground. Now scouting should still be part of your hunting routine and a couple of cameras do help but in all the years I have had cameras I have never harvested an animal that I had on a camera. That is for many reasons be it other hunters like I described or the fact I didn't draw a tag for the area I have my camera in. Making my trail camera scouting recreational to get me and my boy out in the outdoors. And animals change their areas at different times of the year and if there is a animal in an area in July doesn't mean it will be in that same area in October. So, I feel that recreational users will suffer from this and people who only have a couple of cameras out that like me may pull them before any rifle hunt because people like to take things that are not theirs. I also feel that this is something that will be close to impossible to enforce unless our wildlife officers go for daily hikes and limit their efforts on investigating more serious offenses. There is a lot I agree with but there is some I disagree with and feel once again the good guys will have to pay the price for what others will take advantage of.

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

Somewhat agree

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

I agree because the trail camera limitations are on transmitting trail cameras. If you put restrictions on non-transmitting, I would be strongly opposed. I would also be opposed to limiting the number of trail cameras to anything fewer than 10 - except for guides (which I would be fine to have limited to fewer than 10).

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

Strongly disagree

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

We have used wireless cameras for 5-6 years and not one time has a wireless camera led to us harvesting any animal directly after receiving the live photo. I especially disagree with restricting what private property owners can do on their own property. Wireless cameras, especially on private, actually eliminate wildlife pressure as hunters are not needing to walk into areas to check their cameras which results in disturbing the game in the area. Wireless cameras can be checked from anywhere and greatly cuts down on the pressure big game feel from having to walk into the woods to check cameras. Seems like people tend to overlook this benefit. Less pressure the better....

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Do you have any additional comments Dont forget drones, unmaned air craft. Im out hike and a drone zooms by it
about the recommended changes to the took me hours to hike and it 30 mins to scan the land.
big game rule?

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

Strongly disagree

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

The proposal for trail cameras is ridiculous. If private land owners are allowed to use them, the public should be. Private land owners will be using them for big game. Also, what is the difference in using cameras or the ZCWMU hunts having guides out constantly watching animals so they can drive their high paying clients right to the animal when they arrive. Hunters already feel this state caters to the high dollar hunts. This just add to that belief. For the record also, this does not affect me as I don't use cellular cameras so my opinion is not for my benefit. It is also odd that I know of nobody that was given a survey. From comments I see, nobody has heard of anyone taking it. Was it only sent to the CWMU hunts? If the state is concerned about ethical hunting with cameras, then ban guided hunts also.

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Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
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Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I know this feedback response probably seems long-winded, but it is important that these concerns are addressed during the meetings. I only disagree with a portion of the proposed trail camera rule. When the legislature was drafting legislation regarding trail camera rules, there was a clear exception for private landowners still being able to utilize trail cameras (including transmitting ones) for whatever applicable purpose they needed assistance with on their property during any closed trail camera season. While it appears like the DWR tried to make an exception for landowners monitoring for trespass during a closed trail camera season, it seems unnecessary to even have that statement in there unless it also includes an exception to allow for incidental big game monitoring. How can a landowner who is monitoring for trespass, not see any pictures of big game that are transmitted to their phone when the camera is triggered by big game? Obviously, a person can't unsee a picture. It seems like it restricts the landowners from being able to hunt that specific area on their property if a transmitting security trail camera transmits pictures of big game as well. Why should a landowner have to choose between protecting their property and the right of quiet enjoyment vs. being able to hunt their own land that has a transmitting camera on it that happens to have big game triggering the camera as well? The proposed rule only prohibits trail cameras in the "take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted to take" of big game. Monitoring for trespass has nothing to do with that prohibition, so why do we need that exception as written? Why even have that statement in there, unless, the exception is clear that it includes incidental big game monitoring as well. The last section 4(b)iv which specifically states that certain technology can't be used on private land seems rather targeted for no good reason. Why not have a statement like that for a person on public land that is monitoring an area around their private camping trailer for burglary during the closed trail camera season since that is not for a hunting purpose either? I would suggest that if the exception for landowners in Section 4(b)iiiA remains that it also includes language that gives exceptions for incidental big game monitoring. Section 4(b)iv that states "...similar technology on private property cannot be used to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of big game between July 31 and January 31" needs to be removed from the proposed rule or have an exception added for incidental big game monitoring. The public survey results regarding private property trail camera use should be taken with a grain of salt, it was asking big game hunters about how to restrict a small minority of people (private landowners) that have been blessed with huntable private property. It seems like asking a group of coyotes and a few rabbits what they should have for dinner. I ask that this topic regarding infringing on private property rights gets some discussion and these questions have some good answers during the RAC and Wildlife Board meetings. Thank you for your service.

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

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

In favor of prohibiting transmitting trail cameras. That's not fair chase. Regarding night vision-clarification is needed in order to distinguish between a handheld night vision device and a non-transmitting trail camera that has the capability to take pictures or videos in the dark. Virtually every trail camera out there these days takes pictures at night, and none that I am aware of have the capability to turn off the camera at night. If that is considered a "night vision device" by definition, then all trail cameras (transmitting and non-transmitting) are essentially banned. I do not believe that is the intent of the night vision rule change, and I would like to see that language clarified so non-transmitting trail cameras are not considered night vision devices. My feedback is to allow non-transmitting trail cameras, as they are not in the same category of "night vision device" that this rule change is aiming to prohibit. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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