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To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

Subject: **2022 Landowner Permit rule (R657 -43) change recommendation**

MEMORANDUM

The DWR formed a diverse committee that met nine times over the course of a year to revise the Landowner Permit rule (R657 -43). The rule provides the standards and procedures for how we manage general season landowner buck deer permits and limited entry Landowner Association (LOA) vouchers for deer, elk, and pronghorn. Below is a summary of the proposed changes and other pertinent information in the rule.

General season permits:

- Instead of each region receiving 600 permits, permits will be issued on a unit by unit basis.
- For each unit to receive 3% additional permits from the approved permit numbers for the unit.
- The permits will go into a special landowner draw where qualified applicants can potentially receive a permit.
- Landowner appreciation permits will be combined with the general season permits.
- The draw will take place after the general season draw so landowners will know if they drew a permit.
- If a permit is redeemed, the recipient will lose their preference points.
- The landowner applicant that draws will receive a voucher(s) that can be given to a qualifying individual to redeem.
- A landowner can qualify with 640 acres of deer habitat or 100 acres of cropland that are being used by deer.
- A maximum of five permits can be obtained by a landowner



Limited Entry LOA vouchers:

- More than 50% of qualifying private land must be enrolled in the LOA.
- Vouchers will be determined by a formula: the percentage of private habitat enrolled in the LOA is the percentage of the permits for the unit that will be issued to the LOA as vouchers.
- Public hunter access will be allocated based on drawing number.
- All LOA land is open to hunters who have purchased a private voucher and to public hunters who gained access through the drawing.
- The LOA is responsible for describing how access will be administered and for including all access rules in their application.
- All LOA presidents will need to attend an annual training to help ensure compliance with the rule.

There were two options proposed under the LOA rule.

Option 1

- Vouchers issued to the LOA are valid for the entire unit.
- The number of vouchers the LOA receives is the number of public hunters that will be allowed access to LOA private lands.

Option 2

- Vouchers issued to the LOA are valid for only the private lands in the LOA.
- The LOA retains 80% of the issued vouchers and allows public access to the equivalent of 20%.

If the proposed rule changes pass, we will need to update the drawing permit rule (R657-62) to reflect the new landowner draw and that recipients of landowner permits will lose their preference points.

