

**NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL COUGAR SEASON
IN THE UTAH COUGAR PROCLAMATION
OF THE WILDLIFE BOARD FOR THE TAKING
OF COUGAR**

I, J. Shirley, pursuant to Section 23-16-10 of the Wildlife Resources Code of Utah, open a "spot and stalk" cougar hunting season with the following restrictions:

- The cougar permit is restricted to "spot and stalk" hunting only. No dogs may be used to pursue or harvest a cougar under this permit
- Season dates shall open on July 1 and close on June 30 annually
- A hunter may use any legal weapon to harvest a cougar with a "spot and stalk" permit
- "Spot and stalk" cougar permits may be purchased for a fee of \$30 at any Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Office, license agent, or online
- A hunter may only purchase one "spot and stalk" cougar permit and may only harvest a single cougar with the permit
- A hunter may acquire one additional cougar permit of any kind (e.g. over the counter or limited entry) in addition to their "spot and stalk" cougar permit
- The "spot and stalk" cougar permit is valid on any unit listed in the current Cougar Guidebook approved by the Wildlife Board
- The three-day waiting period to begin hunting is waived for this "spot and stalk" cougar permit
- A hunter must report and check-in a cougar harvest to a Utah Division of Wildlife Resources office within 72 hours of harvest
- Cougars harvested during this "spot and stalk" season, using a "spot and stalk" permit, will not be counted towards unit harvest objectives
- Hunters must follow all other laws governing license and permit eligibility and the take of cougar

This change is necessary to comply with statutory requirements to provide additional cougar hunting opportunities, including during fall big game hunting seasons and to take actions that support mule deer population recovery.

This change is effective July 1, 2022.

UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

By J. Shirley
Director

Date 6/1/2022

State of Utah County of Salt Lake

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 1 day of June 2022.

[Signature]
Notary

My Commission Expires: April 23, 2024