

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations? in no world does 16,600 mule deer exist on the nevo unit. there has not been that many deer alive within that unit in the last 35+ years. absolutely insane that someone can publish that number and sleep good at night. that can be said for many of the deer units, but i have spent a SIGNIFICANT amount of time all over that unit in the last 25 years and i would be shocked if 6k deer were actually alive within its boundaries.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the bull elk recommendations? 300+ late rifle cow tags AND 15 late archery bull tags on nevo at the same time, with locked gates and restricted access?!? i understand this is an opportunity hunt, but it is still a LE hunt that people are burning points on and incurring a 5 year wait period for. 15 tags is fine if they stopped the cow hunt during that LE hunt, but running them at the same time is not right.

Which best describes your position regarding the pronghorn recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the pronghorn recommendations? apparently we learned nothing the last 3 times we shot the parker to pieces, so lets do it again!

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any comments about the antlerless recommendations? WAY TOO MANY cow tags.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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April 2026 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 1, 2026 6:23 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations?

One really really mild winter does not mean you should be giving out more deer permits. Mule deer numbers are on a steady decline! You guys have blamed lions for deer numbers but refuse to consider human interactions as part of the problem. Giving out more permits because of weather is not science, it's just a way to get more money is what it feels like.

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April 2026 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 1, 2026 7:28 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations? All recommendations sound reasonable. Stick to the plans that are in place and have been agreed upon.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the pronghorn recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the aquatic rule amendment recommendations? Strongly agree

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April 2026 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 1, 2026 8:37 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations?

I think I say this every year, but I think Utah needs to implement a buck harvest policy that you can only harvest bucks that are 2x3 and bigger!! The 2x2 and spikes are getting slaughtered and aren't given a chance to mature which I don't think is fair and the department of wildlife is the only line of defense for these maturing bucks! Please consider.

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April 2026 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 2, 2026 4:57 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations?

With how dry this year is looking all across the state it will already be hard enough on the deer population why would we want to kill off 6,000 more of them

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations?

I love how it goes from we have no deer let's kill all the mountain lions to let's raise our deer permits. Complete ignorance. Also buck to doe ratios are great, but let's be honest, can you really count a 1.5 and 2.5 year old buck as able to successfully breed a mature doe, have you ever seen a yorkey screw a lab? Yea me either. Mature buck to doe ratio should be the golden standard.

If you are after more money raise your prices not your permit numbers.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations?

The deer numbers are not up. They're significantly down. I own a ranch in Wallsburg Utah. 12 years ago when I bought the ranch I counted 113 deer in my pasture this week. Every year until five years ago there were over 100 deer in my pasture during this week of the year. I have not counted a deer in my pasture for the last four years. There has not been one buck harvested on the public land behind my ranch in the last five years. I have only seen one buck on the winter range bigger than a two point in the last five years and I did not even see a two point on the winter range this year. Raising the permit numbers is absurd.

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April 2026 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 2, 2026 10:52 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations?

I understand that hunting more bucks has nothing to do with the deer population. However, I do feel like our quality of deer is nothing compared to our neighboring states. I feel that we should allow our deer population to continue to grow and instead of giving our more permits let's allow our deer to mature to an age where we have trophy deer on our general season units. I would love to see a 3 point or bigger law put into place to allow the young bucks time to grow. Thank you

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations? Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations? I believe there's a way to replace the current points system. It would work on a three-year cycle:
Year 1: Tags go to everyone with high points.
Year 2: Tags go to those with mid-level points.
Year 3: Everyone else gets a tag.
This system would implement an automatic three-year waiting period after a successful harvest. However, if you don't find success, you'd be guaranteed a tag every subsequent year until you do. I believe that knowing a tag is guaranteed for the following season would encourage hunters to pass on younger deer and hold out for a mature buck. Ultimately, this serves as a great alternative to the current points system.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk recommendations? Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the bull elk recommendations? I am writing to propose the reinstatement of the Multi-season General Season Any Bull elk permit. Currently, this 'hunt-all-seasons' option is only available for spike-only units, but I believe it should be extended to any bull units as well. To maintain management objectives, this could include a permit cap similar to the 4,500-limit currently placed on multi-season spike tags. This change would provide adult hunters with an opportunity similar to the youth permit, allowing them to hunt through the archery, any-legal-weapon, and muzzleloader seasons with a single tag. Thanks

Which best describes your position regarding the pronghorn recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU recommendations?

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the aquatic rule amendment recommendations?

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations?

My comments are specifically targeted to the Cedar/Stansbury unit. I understand that under the management plan, no real changes will be made until at least 2030. I hope after this plan expires, that the unit is split up. The Cedar Mountains and Stansbury Mountains are completely different units, with different populations of deer. There is very little mingling of deer between the two units as a whole, aside from very few deer that come off Dugway and go onto private property in the southern end of Skull Valley. In talking with Jason Robinson, there is next to no data that actually comes off Cedar deer, and instead all of the data piggy backs off data from the Stansburys. I think that's a catastrophically wrong way to view Cedar deer. I threw out a number of 250-300 total deer on the Cedars, and was actually agreed with that the number is probably accurate. That's on a mountain range that's a little over 40 miles long and 8-9 miles wide. I grew up hunting the range, and have a ton of experience with it when deer numbers were significantly better. I honestly worry about the strategy of allowing hunters to decide where to hunt by experience, rather than putting a set number of tags for the Cedars and a set number for the Stansbury. The entire unit is listed as having 5100 deer, and that data is 100% driven by numbers on the Stansbury and no actual counts of deer on the Cedars. Realistically, at 18 bucks per 100 does, there are maybe 54 buck deer currently on the Cedars. People who don't know the unit aren't going to harvest bucks off of it. It's currently taking 3 points to guarantee a rifle tag on the unit, 4 points to guarantee a dedicated hunter tag, 2 points on muzzy, and 1 point on archery (Even when the Cedar deer numbers were decent, I've had a grand total of ONE opportunity to harvest with archery equipment.) Even knowing the unit, it isn't worth burning those amount of points to hunt it. I feel like a better strategy would be to put the two mountain ranges into different units, either putting the Cedars on their own, reconfiguring back to the West Desert West boundaries (that worked!) or creating a new unit combining the Cedars, Lakeside and Grassy mountains, all of which are low density units the exact same as the Cedars.

Which best describes your position regarding the pronghorn recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the pronghorn recommendations?

I can speak to my experiences on the West Desert Riverbed unit. Numbers are down. Way, way down. The size of Pronghorn bucks I see out there are down. A 14" buck is an absolute giant on the unit, and 10" bucks are the majority of herd bucks. The range has trended downward since the 2-3 year old standard has been put into place.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the antlerless recommendations?

Deer: We have zero reason to harvest any doe deer anywhere in the state of Utah. If there are concerns about populations around urban or agricultural areas, non-lethal methods of conflict resolution such as high fencing should be utilized.

Elk: We're hunting elk WAY too late into the year, every single year. Big game hunting should be concluded by December 31st state wide. The private lands only cow hunts should be valid during general elk hunt dates, and with the same harvest method as the hunts open on surrounding public lands. If you actually had pressure on elk that go onto private lands during the hunts, they'd get pushed back onto public and increase harvest for both sides.

Pronghorn: Cut the Vernal/Ouray valley hunt. I had the tag last year. There was literally one huntable herd of Pronghorn out there. I got lucky enough to intercept them coming off private onto BLM. I fail to see how 25 pronghorn are detrimental to any of the agricultural areas around there.

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April 2026 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 3, 2026 1:20 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations? A increase in tags for the wasatch west and east. Will make a crowded deer hunt. Where numbers are now. It already hard to find a place to camp. Or a hillside that doesn't already have 20 people on it.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the pronghorn recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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April 2026 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 6, 2026 11:45 am

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations?

The tag increase on the manti is way too much. I understand that it is less than a 20% increase but it is way too much and should not be done. The increase in the wasatch West is also way too big. I would recommend a slight increase if at all

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations?

Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations?

I am so glad to finally see the division follow the approved mule deer management plan. They have always been quick to reduce tags and slow to restore those tags. After this winter, I think the recommendations are still conservative, but on right track. Thank you!

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the CWMU recommendations?

Can someone please explain the decrease of 65 cow elk tags on Deseret? Didn't we just have a cull to slaughter cow elk on Deseret because they have too many elk and the unit is over objective and the hard winter was devastating with too many elk? As far as I can see, the unit is still over objective, but we are taking opportunity away from the public. Please explain? Is the 400+ tags pushing elk to areas on the ranch that make it harder for their bull hunters to shoot their \$40,000 elk? There should never be a decrease (especially this big) when the unit is over objective. When such a change is being made, there should be a reason provided in the presentation. What is the reason for taking this opportunity away from the public? Is this reduction accompanied with a reduction in private bull tags?

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations? I agree with these recommendations. I appreciate the restricted weapons initiatives that our wildlife managers have implemented recently that allow for increased hunting quality and opportunity simultaneously. Last year I participated in the Restricted Rifle hunt on the Thousand Lakes unit. It was an extremely refreshing experience to be on a rifle hunt where I didn't have to worry about another hunter shooting 900 yards across a canyon at an animal I was stalking. the feeling of "crowding" was dramatically reduced. From my experience, "traditional hunting methods" might be the only practical tool in our tool belt to allow for significant increases in hunting opportunity and hunting quality at the same time. Typically we have to sacrifice opportunity for quality or vice versa so I appreciate these types of wise initiatives and hope we keep moving this direction.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the bull elk recommendations? I agree with the recommendations. I would also like to see restricted weapons utilized as a tool to further expand Elk hunting quality and opportunity. Traditional Archery would be a great management tool that could help preserve and expand hunting opportunity. Eventually we will see the day when true "over the counter" elk tags will be eliminated. Traditional Archery may serve as a tool that can help protect and maintain these types of hunting opportunities.

Which best describes your position regarding the pronghorn recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU recommendations?

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the aquatic rule amendment recommendations?

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations?

I am concerned that the DWR has so quickly pivoted to wanting to increase the number of permits when it simultaneously has started to cull mountain lions in various areas of Utah. Our mountain lion population has decreased over the last ten years and now the numbers are estimated (at best) to be around 1600. Why is the DWR insisting on further shrinking this small population on grounds that it will help increase the mule deer population while seeking to allow more hunters to kill that same population. If the goal is 400,000 head of mule deer and we are seeing approximately 350,000, then the repopulation goal is not met. It is ill-conceived to continue wiping out our mountain lions on the pretext that it will increase the number of deer while allowing humans to kill more deer. It does not make sense and is immoral in my opinion.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck deer recommendations?

The permit increase on the Wasatch West seems too aggressive. Comparing the Wasatch West to the Manti, we see similar herd number increases in proportion to the herd population objective, but with the Manti carrying more deer overall. The Wasatch is right at objective for buck to doe ratio, while the Manti is considerably above the buck to doe objective. The Manti has a proposed increase of 700 permits, while the Wasatch has a proposed increase of 1,400 permits- and the Wasatch has less deer. It feels like an increase of 700-800 permits is more appropriate for the Wasatch unit- which would fall in line with other Units' increases.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any comments about the once-in-a-lifetime species recommendations?

I keep hearing from folks that are concerned with some OIL hunts giving out well above the 10% non-resident quota. I understand that within the past couple years the Division changed the way they allocate the non-resident quota, but I doubt anyone really understood the implications of that change in allocation when it was passed.

I do appreciate the work being done and agree with the overall permit numbers, but have reservations in how those are allocated.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the bull elk recommendations?

The jump in Nebo tags is too much. The Nebo had its age class reduced in the last Elk Plan and it should take a few years to get the age back in line with moderate permit increases. The proposed increase is in no way moderate, especially considering it is less than 1 year over objective. With draw permits, conservation permits and landowner permits, the unit is looking at up to a 40% increase in permits. I would ask for an increase of permits by 10-15% (10-15 tags). There are 8-10 elk units that are far over the age objective and are only proposing increases of 5-10%

The Nebo has already gone thru a high permit cycle, which led to extreme blowback from the public. In 2010, there were 151 permits issued and the success rates plummeted- rates were 60% for the any weapon, 25% for archery, 46% for ML and only 66% for premium permit holders, much lower than similar units. The hunter satisfaction went down too. It took drastic permit cuts to fix the problem. Lets learn from the past and not repeat those years.

And a reminder that when the age objective was reduced on the Nebo, there was a commitment to take it slow and not increase too drastically. To remove the high highs and the low lows in permit numbers. In less than 20 years we went from 50ish permits to 150ish to less than 50 and now proposing almost 150 again. The proposed almost 40% increase is simply too high.

Which best describes your position regarding the pronghorn recommendations?

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the antlerless recommendations?

If moose populations are experiencing higher than normal natural mortality, as shown with the collar studies, should we reduce the antlerless moose hunts to mitigate those losses? I ask to be cautious and reduce or eliminate antlerless moose hunts for a year to assess the real impact of this winter/spring. The moose we watch on the Wasatch are in rougher shape than previous years- rubbed hair, very thin.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the bull elk recommendations?

I disagree on the purposed increase number of tags on the san pitch/nebo unit. 38 total tags is too many and think you need to increase tags in lower numbers. You need to keep in mind the newly formed any bull unit on the moroni hills portion of the nevo. Its taking bulls off the unit in unregulated number of that move back and forth between the LE and the any bull unit. I spend a ton of time on the nevo unit and know of bulls that summer on the LE portion of the unit that migrate south towards the any bull portion of the unit during the rut, then migrate back north after. I have noticed less bulls return every year since the any bull unit was opened. Please dont make the same mistake that happened back between 2008-2012'ish where you gave out a ton of bull tags and totally wiped out the upper age class of bulls off the nevo. Thanks

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April 2026 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 8, 2026 10:24 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the bull elk recommendations?

I disagree with the sharp increase of tags on the Nebo unit. You guys always seem to do this in cycles. You increase the tags so much that the unit crashes hard. I can already tell that the number of mature bulls is sharply decreasing and you'll figure it out too late. Please don't make the same mistakes again.
