

**Which best describes your position regarding the white sturgeon introduction and regulations?**

Somewhat disagree

**Do you have any comments regarding the white sturgeon introduction and regulations?**

I am not sure how I feel about putting Sturgeon in Grantsville Reservoir. It's a popular place to fish and getting more popular as the population increases in Tooele valley. Sturgeon seems like they would be hard to catch and not provide a very good angling experience. I also worry about the effects they would have on the excellent rainbow trout fishing at Grantsville. I don't know if they would complete directly but would the trout fish stocking change due to the Sturgeon. I get the need for some species diversity in Grantsville Reservoir, but I would like to see something like Tiger trout or Wiper. These species would provide a new angling resource as well as help curb the illegal smallmouth found in the lake. I would vote no on introducing Sturgeon.

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-24: Compensation for mountain lion, bear, wolf or eagle damage?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-24: Compensation for mountain lion, bear, wolf or eagle damage?**

I agree that more evidence should be produced when making these claims. Wildlife are deeply impacted by human development, and are the ones often dying due to encounters like this due to their habitat loss. I feel the state should consider non-lethal deterrents to mountains lions and other predators. If they are willing to invest or pay for loss of livestock, maybe a better more long-term solution is to help farmers prevent encounters with things like better fencing, motion activated lights or noises, removing shrub that would serve as a stealthy hunting spot, assuring trash is bear-safe and things like pet food are put away at night. Etc. These are all just ideas, but at the end of the day trapping is non-discriminatory and will trap anything, it's not a humane or ethical solution, and it's not a long term solution.

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

I strongly agree in restricting lethal cougar trapping on public lands. Thank you for this recommendation! I would like to see better long-term solutions for farmers deterring predators as stated in an above comment (including better existing habitat protection and rehabilitation), and I would love to see non-lethal cougar trapping on public lands be restricted, too. Trapping does not discriminate in what it will catch, and it is an inhumane and outdated way to hunt. The public uses lands and desires wildlife for all different reasons. Someone like me enjoys wildlife watching and photography, so it is difficult to imagine these beautiful, important, and sentient creatures being painfully trapped for hours or days to be killed, assuming they don't die from starvation. This is a cruel way to permit hunting, and should be fully restricted in every form. Thank you!

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May 2026 RAC Feedback  
April 30, 2026 9:50 pm

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May 2026 RAC Feedback  
April 30, 2026 10:09 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments recommendations?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments?**

Seems fair. I like the idea that it goes through many sets of eyes before approval is given.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-24: Compensation for mountain lion, bear, wolf or eagle damage?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-24: Compensation for mountain lion, bear, wolf or eagle damage?**

Just please don't euthanize any animals please, we are trying to save endangered animals all around the United States for future generations and rebuilding Bison communities today. I believe the more evidence is good especially trail camera video footage for compensation and relocation of animal. Thank you very much!

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

I support eliminating all trapping on public lands please. Lethal traps and snares should be fully banned-there is no need for them in modern wildlife management. These methods are indiscriminate, inhumane, and pose risks to pets, people, and non-target wildlife.

We have more ethical, science-based ways to manage wildlife today. Protecting cougars and other species means allowing them to live and function naturally in the ecosystem, not subjecting them to outdated practices that cause unnecessary suffering.

Please move forward with stronger protections and humane solutions to ensure these animals can thrive for future generations. Thank you very much for hearing me out.

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

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Strongly disagree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

This is a direct attack on trapping in Utah. This is not science based biology this is feeling driven animal rights activism. This is the kind of stuff liberal animal rights activist states like Colorado and California do to start the complete restriction of trapping in a state all together. I never thought I would see a state like Utah cower to animal rights activists. The reasoning of only an average of 7 per year being taken by lethal sets is ridiculous and a slap to the face of Utah trappers. That's like saying only a small number of fish are taken by fly fishing so let's outlaw it. Many trappers set an area and use the appropriate tool or trapping device for the location. I personally use both nonlethal and lethal sets for all animals I trap and sometimes I catch animals in nonlethal sets before they get to a lethal set. I use snares in areas that might be a high theft area because it's better to have a 5 dollar snare stolen or destroyed than a 30 dollar trap. I hope you do the right thing and unanimously reject this proposal.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-24: Compensation for mountain lion, bear, wolf or eagle damage?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-24: Compensation for mountain lion, bear, wolf or eagle damage?**

DWR has already killed three wolves in Utah that had no connection to livestock. I do not support compensating farmers or ranchers who graze for free on public lands and who's cattle/livestock destroy natural springs and native plants. Ranchers are responsible for their herd and have insurance. This is double dipping - illegal for health insurers. Same standards held here. Ranchers need to control their herds. In addition, panel members/ranchers who experienced a loss should not be able to chose members of the panel.

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

I support removing lethal traps for cougars and other predators from public lands. This action often leaves kits abandoned and to suffer in death. In addition, this is a risk to pets and companion animals. Remove all foothold traps for all animals. I oppose cyanide bombs as well. All these public lands mentioned are frequented by hikers and mountain bikers. These traps make it dangerous for us to recreate and enjoy our public lands. The depredation statue is not acceptable and inhumane and should be removed.

**Which best describes your position regarding the changes to R657-28: Use of Division Lands?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Which best describes your position regarding the Loafer Mountain WMA habitat plan?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments regarding the Loafer Mountain WMA habitat plan?**

Vehicles should remain on roads. Protect our public lands.

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May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 1, 2026 2:01 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

So if they are such a small harvest why get rid of them it's a joke then you should get rid of fish fishing a lot of people use snares a d say they trap them and you know it utah is just turning In to California and Colorado you want the predators down and now you went to take away a very efficient tool what a joke

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**Which best describes your position regarding the upland game recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the upland game recommendations?** I appreciate the long seasons and opportunity the upland game hunts provide.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the wild turkey recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments?** I appreciate that there are people paying careful attention to these items to ensure public benefit.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the changes to R657-28: Use of Division Lands?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to R657-27: Use of Division Lands?** In the educational video, I would appreciate it if some content could be included about showing courtesy to hunters and how to minimize hunt interference by non-hunters.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the white sturgeon introduction and regulations?** Strongly agree

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Form Name:  
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May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 4, 2026 7:42 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments recommendations?**

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Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments?**

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good program

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May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 4, 2026 9:07 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments recommendations?**

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Strongly agree

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May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 4, 2026 3:22 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments recommendations?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments?**

I want to highlight the opportunity for nonresidents to purchase CWMU tags and consistent success I've had on those lands.

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Form Name:  
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May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 4, 2026 9:59 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments recommendations?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments?**

The CWMU program is a very beneficial program to all parties involved, especially the public draw hunters, it gives hunters access to properties that would otherwise be off limits to them. My family has taken advantage of the program & we have drawn several tags from various CWMUs & have been fortunate enough to harvest some great animals & having a great experience.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments recommendations?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments?**

Private land and public land are vital to each other in many ways and here's why. Private lands play a key role in habitat, health of wildlife, and the love and the pursuit of wild game. Private lands help maintain habitat for wildlife in the way the ground is operated, cared for, and protected against outside harm. Operators who seek out the best intentions for the ground keep in check not only the ground, but the wildlife, livestock, and recreation use of the ground. Many of these operators I know on a personal level and do a fantastic job. Health of the wildlife is key to maintaining a strong herd. Between private and public hunts on either side of the fence is vital to a healthy herd, as well as predator control. I know of multiple private land operators who feed the deer far before the UDWR at their own expense over the last numerous years during drought, hard winters, and just to keep a healthy body fat percentage on the animals. They also contribute to this by managing predators best they can so in these situations the wildlife have the best chance of survival. For the love and pursuit of is, and has to be not a sacrifice but a contribute from the private land operators but also the public. Over 50% of all wildlife live and use private ground, in any season of the year. As operators do their best to help the wildlife, there should also be help contributed from the public as seen fit. Interactions between public and private have been nothing short of great from personal experience and friends who have drawn private land tags. I strongly agree with the number 3 recommendation for the Northern Region, Central Region and for the wildlife board. Thank you

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May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 6, 2026 8:25 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments recommendations?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments?**

my dad got a buck on the CWMU last year. we had a great time.  
Great program.

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May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 6, 2026 1:31 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

Please end the "study" using lethal snares and traps to kill as many cougars as possible in the 6 units. Its unethical and NOT science based. Deer driven management is corrupt managements

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

Dear Utah Wildlife Board,

I strongly oppose the cougar-removal study happening in the six Utah units. Similar predator removal efforts have failed to deliver long-term deer recovery and instead destabilize ecosystems. This plan also relies on lethal trapping, which has already resulted in hound dogs being caught, raising serious concerns about public safety, animal welfare, and humane wildlife management. Natural ecosystems are complex, and predator-prey relationships are not simply linear, removing predators doesn't lead to increased prey populations in a predictable way. Factors like habitat quality, weather, disease, human disturbance, and migration barriers strongly influence deer numbers.

This so-called 'study' was never on the agenda and the public wasn't notified, therefore there were no comments on it, but we have a lot to say about it and we request the space and time to be heard. The only reason we know about it is because someone asked the right question at the Dec. 9 RAC meeting. This feels like a hidden initiative with huge implications for Utah's cougar populations.

Overall, exterminating an entire species (which was stated they plan to do at the meeting) is not a long-term solution for deer recovery and is catastrophic for Utah's cougar population. With the utmost concern,

Carsten Angerhofer

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Form Name:  
Submission Time:

May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 6, 2026 9:58 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

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Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

Sorry, I entered a previous comment without understanding the form! I support protecting Mountain Lions in Utah and I support this amendment which restricts the use of lethal traps.  
Thank you!

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Form Name:  
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May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 6, 2026 10:01 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

The policies that allow aggressive removal of mountain lions by trapping and by other means are not favorable. Utah needs to be a place where all wildlife can thrive, especially these animals. Year-round hunting and trapping without limits is a dangerous path that points towards extirpation of these animals. Please implement policies that protect our state's wildlife, and not just deer populations.

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Form Name:  
Submission Time:

May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 7, 2026 7:45 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments recommendations?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the CWMUs with public land, variance requests and rule amendments?**

I don't particularly have an issue with this, especially when they follow the law and they're giving me something back in return. Seems like a fair trade.

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Form Name:  
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May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 7, 2026 4:26 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

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Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

Absolutely need to STOP using lethal traps on public lands. It is a significant risk to the public and their domestic animals and is cruelly inhumane to mountain lions. This entire eradication effort is rife with misjudgment and is essentially a rubber stamp for a minority of hunters and ranchers who want to destroy our mountain lion population (or curtail it dramatically). Utterly shameless.

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Form Name:  
Submission Time:

May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 7, 2026 8:05 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

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Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

Rather than restricting on public land I would like it to be stopped all together. No more trapping and killing of cougars or mountain lions. They are an important part of the ecosystem and there are always consequences when the first instinct to eradicate.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

I would first like to thank the Division for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. As someone who is frequently out on the mountain tracking and filming lions, I have personally witnessed firsthand the impacts of trapping on lions. As such, I strongly support the Division's recommendation to restrict the use of lethal traps on public lands for lion sport harvest. I'm grateful that the Division has made this recommendation. However, I would request that the Division prohibit the use of all forms of traps to be prohibited for lion sport harvest on all public lands, including within the WRI 7707 Predator Management Study area. We have seen the impacts of traps and snares on not only mountain lions and other wildlife, but people's pets as well. Due to the concern for public safety and also fair chase principals, I'm requesting that the Division prohibit the use of traps and snares for mountain lions on all public land, including within the WRI 7707 Study Area. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

I am very much in favor of the proposal to remove lethal traps from public lands. Personally, I think those traps should be universally banned--even to protect livestock.

I think HB 469 is an absolute mistake and HB 125 presumes there is a strong correlation between the mule deer population and the mountain lion population (something which has NOT been proven to be the case). There are no "brakes" on what is happening and the fact that the DWR just asked to increase the number of permits for killing buck is hypocritical in light of the fact that the mule deer population is barely bouncing back (and the killing of mountain lions is directly tied to the size of that population). I wish the DWR would treat our wildlife with much more respect and care. The hunters, trappers and ranchers are not the ONLY people that should be catered to in this State. Terrible mismanagement.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

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Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

I am glad that the DWR is considering banning lethal traps on public land. This should absolutely happen. It is horribly cruel to the mountain lions that suffer when they are trapped. That is a good first step. Hopefully, there will be an outcry against the law that was passed in 2023 that allows for unlimited cougar hunting and killing. It is a sad commentary on the way that some humans treat animals. I fail to see any reason why there should be NO limits on killing a specific animal--especially when the numbers show such a decline already with the mountain lion population. I hope that the legislature reconsiders this entire approach and that the DWR and our government representatives listens to what the public is saying about how much they disagree with this eradication effort. Apparently, certain people have learned NOTHING about creating an imbalance in nature by being too extreme in culling a specific type of animal.

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May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 7, 2026 9:30 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

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Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

Hello,

I support the Division's recommendation to restrict lethal traps on public lands. Due to public safety concerns and the fact that traps are indiscriminate, I also ask that the Division prohibit the use of all traps and snares for mountain lions on all public lands, including within the WRI 7707 study area.

Please do the right thing and decrease the amount of traps and snares on public lands.

Sincerely,  
Anna

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

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Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

I support the amendments (R657-24.d) that make it illegal to use lethal traps that target cougars on any public lands. This includes traps, snares or any other lethal devices that impact Utah's cougar population (which is dwindling at an alarming rate). This amendment is a vitally important first step to reverse the shameful onslaught that was unleashed on Utah's mountain lions by the legislature. It is my understanding that DWR aims to holistically protect and steward Utah's public lands. It is scientifically proven that cougars are essential in maintaining balanced and healthy ecosystems. Utah needs its cougars! Please support this amendment, and prohibit ALL traps and snares that target our majestic mountain lions.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

Very disgusted by how this State (and the DWR) have decided to treat our beautiful mountain lions the last few years. We are seeing young cats orphaned and starving and lions maimed by traps. I am in favor of prohibiting lethal traps EVERYWHERE. I am not against hunting generally; but the deer population varies over time based on a variety of factors (including weather and habitat loss). Choosing to target mountain lions is foolish and is not going to work in the long run. What about the uptick in CWD? Mountain lions provide a huge buffer against the spread of the disease. Why is it that the DWR thinks it can (mis) manage wildlife and get positive results? Why not be proactive in helping the deer population to grow through breeding programs and better habitat control? I hope HB 469 and 125 get repealed. Why is it that the State caters to hunters (who want to kill more deer) over protecting the mountain lion population?

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

Thank you to the Division for the opportunity to comment on this recommendation. As someone who spends a significant amount of time in the mountains tracking and filming mountain lions, I have personally observed the impacts that trapping can have on lions and other wildlife. Because of these experiences, I strongly support the Division's recommendation to restrict the use of lethal traps on public lands for mountain lion sport harvest, and I appreciate the Division's consideration of this issue.

I would respectfully encourage the Division to extend this prohibition to include all forms of traps and snares used for mountain lion sport harvest on all public lands, including within the WRI 7707 Predator Management Study Area. In addition to the effects on mountain lions and other wildlife, traps and snares can also pose risks to pets and raise concerns related to public safety and fair chase principles.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Division prohibit the use of traps and snares for mountain lion sport harvest on all public lands, including within the WRI 7707 Study Area.

Thank you again for your time, consideration, and continued work on this matter.

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May 2026 RAC Feedback  
May 7, 2026 10:45 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

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Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

I am in favor of the amendment prohibiting the use of lethal traps for cougars. I was sickened by the recent passage of a law loosening laws governing the killing of cougars. Thank you for considering this step toward protecting cougars at least from this particular cruelty on public lands.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

In my previously submitted comment I accidentally attached an incorrect reference number with the statement so I am resubmitting it with the corrected number. Sorry for any confusion. Thank you.

I support the amendments (R657-11-9.2d) that makes it illegal to use lethal traps that target cougars on any public lands. This includes traps, snares or any other lethal devices that impact Utah's cougar population (which is dwindling at an alarming rate). This amendment is a vitally important first step to reverse the shameful onslaught that was unleashed on Utah's mountain lions by the legislature. It is my understanding that DWR aims to holistically protect and steward Utah's public lands. It is scientifically proven that cougars are essential in maintaining balanced and healthy ecosystems. Utah needs its cougars! Please support this amendment, and prohibit ALL traps and snares that target our majestic mountain lions.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking Furbearers and Trapping?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to R657-11: Taking furbearers and trapping?**

13 B1 a B2. Is it up to the trapoersdis retion to kill an remove an live animal in a trap, or release immediately by the trapoer unharmed. Wlt could be a dog, cat pets . Also why was the public not informed of this research project to erradicate all mountain lions until someones pet dog got caught in a snare set by a research person?. And what animals will be erradicated next hear in Utah . Tjank you

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