

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I do agree with this strategy with the information provided. Why is it not mandatory for all hunters to provide harvest information on all hunts every year? With the current technology it would seem to be easier and more accurate than getting only partial information from a few hunters.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? What is the purpose of ending the archery spike elk unit sooner than the archery any bull hunt hunts? How do I get information on other topics? even after a call to the DWR I still have no way to get valid information to anyone targeted to the topics of big game baiting and the trail camera usage witch as be a popular topic lately? There needs to be an easy way/platform to communicate with the DWR or share ideas. "Attend the meeting" is not always a valid option for some people.

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
March 25, 2021 12:53 pm

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? Definitely need to cut deer tag numbers and get a better herd.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? Decreased elk tags for a few years

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Decrease tags all around

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

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? Although I love hunting antlerless elk. Tags and permits need to be reduced in every unit!

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

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations? Less tags for CWMU's. Period

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions? Somewhat disagree

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
March 25, 2021 6:47 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? This should be debated and settled before the close of the application period.

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
March 25, 2021 7:13 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I agree with deer tag cuts if necessary. Please verify that the proposed tag numbers will meet the needs of the units. It seems the deer numbers and buck to doe ratios are headed the wrong direction on some units. Some look to be very concerning!

Why do we have doe tags issued if deer population numbers are decreasing? Thanks,

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I somewhat agree on decreasing the deer permit numbers however, changing the permit limit after the application period ends is wrong and I strongly disagree. Give hunters a year heads up that this change is going to be put in place the next year. You are not allowing hunters to potentially put in for out of state hunts because they feel they will be hunting in their own state of Utah. You cannot change the rules once the application period ends. You had to of known the deer population was low prior to the application period opening. This is wrong on all levels to change tags now for the 2021 season. I would support the decrease in tags starting in 2022. It would allow hunters to research and plan a possible out of state hunt.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?

I agree with the increase of elk antlerless tags.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I think it would be a great idea to have some 4 point or better units on the general hunt. It gives a chance for deer to grow and for those that want a general quality hunt have it and others that want the experience can choose a regular general unit. Also in Idaho if you have a deer tag and run into a wolf,bear,cougar you can harvest that predator with your deer tag. This would also help the deer population and control predators. Good luck with your decisions toward wildlife management here in Utah.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the conservation permit rule revisions?

How come the proposal does not decrease permits from other regions of the state that are also getting hit, like the Northern Region (Box Elder County). The decrease in deer is just as apparent there as in the south, yet it continues to be the region where no action is ever taken. It is flooded with hunters every fall. The BLM and State do nothing to conserve the mountains out there (except for the Pilot Mtns) and allow any four-wheeler, side by side, or truck to drive wherever and whenever they want. The decision to decrease tags is a difficult one, but I would like to see that difficult decision made for the benefit of the entire state, and not just the regions off which the DWR makes the most money.

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
March 26, 2021 8:14 am

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Make it 3 point or better so people quite road hunting for the little two points and have the opportunity to grow.

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
March 26, 2021 9:05 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the conservation permit rule revisions?

I have two young boys that are eager to hunt bison and moose and although there is a chance to draw, it is a very unlikely chance to draw these tags because statistically speaking they would need to live to be close to 100 years old to be eligible for a guaranteed tag. Also, I am questioning what is different between our neighboring states that offer more opportunity at higher quality deer, more often than our state. At the rate of new applicants for limited entry areas to the number of tags, my boys will also have to wait for 30+ years to get a guaranteed tag. It appears that limited entry areas are turning into more of a once-in-a-lifetime hunts. Is the division actively discussing what could be done to provide more opportunity for hunters to hunt better quality deer? Also, although the hunting expo raises a significant amount of funds where the division auctions off a number of tags, why doesn't Utah partner with other states to auction off some of their coveted tags as Utah auctions off the most premium tags amongst all of the western region states? By offering those tags to any sportsman, whether in state or out of state, it reduces the opportunity for more local hunters. Lastly, with more Utah residents seeking opportunity to hunt in other western states because of many of those states having better odds to draw a general tag, what are the division's plans to increase more opportunity to residents?

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

The deer are being over hunted. muzzel loaders can shoot 300+ yards now so it is basically like having 3 rifle hunts in a row before hunting season ends. With a muzzel loader hunt, early rifle, and later rifle. I believe in order to stop so many animals from being killed we need to remove the high powered scopes from the muzzel loaders. It will be much more difficult for individuals to sneak up in range with a open sight or 1x power scope. It's a sacrifice that is worth saving more animals. With technology only increasing we need not make it so easy to kill high numbers of the animals during a hunt. I truly believe this will help save more deer.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

This is a very discouraging report. It appears it will only get harder to draw general season permits in the future and limited entry hunts will become an impossibility to all but a select few. I don't see how the small number of buck deer harvested on any of the limited entry hunts has any real biological effect on a herd of several thousand deer. The harvest could be at least doubled with very little statistical significance to deer numbers in comparison to other factors (habitat, weather/climate, fawn survival, etc). As far as the "quality" argument goes, I would be more than willing to see a few more hunters on the mountain in exchange for a real opportunity to draw a tag. Demand for tags continues to grow while available tag numbers stagnate or decline. Limit harvest to four points or better if you want older age classes taken. I am 66 years old and will most likely be long gone before I will have any real chance of hunting deer on the large portion of Utah lands that are limited entry. I am resigned to either quitting public hunting or spending my life savings to join the pay-to-play game with CWMU vouchers, or not hunting my own state and going with out-of-state outfitters. I know you guys are in a tough spot, trying to be all things to all people, but the continual reduction in traditional hunting opportunities will kill the sport in the future.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

every season we see less and less deer and more specifically mature bucks. along with that we keep seeing more hunters. This is unsustainable we cannot continue to obliterate the young bucks every year and expect the herd to ever increase. I realize that there are many other factors that are affecting utahs deer population such as urban sprawl, decreased winter habitat, drought and the thousands that are killed on the roadways. That being said I appreciate the actions being taken to build fences and under highway passages for the animals. I feel that this is a very significant step in helping to rebuild the herd. On the other hand we as sportsman have to step back and ask ourselves if it is really that important that we hunt every year? The reality is that we cannot. with the increasing human population and all the other struggles that the deer are experiencing, we have to realize that the good ol days are gone and if we want to preserve this resource for future generations we have to reduce the amount of hunting pressure on them, plain and simple. The reduction in deer permits is a great step in the right direction but it is not enough at this current time. I feel like a reduction of 20000 tags would be more appropriate. when I as a seasoned hunter goes an entire hunt with only seeing 3 does and 0 bucks, which happened this last season, it is a huge redflag that something isnt right. I would be all for not being able to hunt for a few years and pay a higher fee in turn for a better experience. alot of other hunters that ive talked to feel this same way and even more extreme opinions like shutting the hunt down entirely every few years to give them a break. I don't know if we're to that point yet but drastic actions need to be taken, its just sad. Its to the point that I feel its unethical to even go hunting because the deer herd is struggling so bad. please do something, a reduction in 5000 tags is not enough!
thanks

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Management of wildlife is crucial to ensure the health of the animals but to also provide a great experience for the hunter. Management of the herds by decreasing permits can create healthy numbers for greater quality, greater success, and a greater experience for hunters in the field. I would rather have fewer tags that I might draw every other year and have a better chance of seeing more quality and mature bucks, than to draw a tag every year to only have hunters everywhere and a slight chance of seeing a few small bucks.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I believe if you want youth interest to increase? The older generation is likely the key, more likely grandpa is going to take grandchildren hunting. I believe you need to up the chance that older people need a better chance to draw permits. Say at 62 or older give 2 bonus points, many options you can consider for the older ones. Also may be less likely that they harvest an animal. We do love our grandchildren and want to pass on our experiences.

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
March 27, 2021 9:48 pm

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I support the reduction in proposed permits in order to support overall herd health. I think this is a positive move, even if it reduces permit numbers this year in certain units.

I support the scientific approach to wildlife management in Utah and encourage everyone to support this approach, even if it temporarily hinders a hunting opportunity for a short period of time.

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
March 28, 2021 7:34 am

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I agree with tag cuts, but it really bothers me that people holding life time permits do not have to draw a tag just like everyone else...especially when we know the number of applicants is increasing as explained in the video presentation by Covy Jones. All hunters have responsibilities to maintain deer herds and hunting opportunities.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? Any tag reductions to bull hunting in Book Cliffs, or any other unit, should be met with closure of spike elk hunts on those units.

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
March 29, 2021 9:02 am

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

The Division has failed the deer herd and the deer hunters of this state. You continue to micro manage the hunters and seemingly ignore the status of the deer herd. Utah used to harvest as many bucks as we are now giving out tags for. This is a failure of epic proportions and a course correction is needed.

Ten years ago we hunters agreed to smaller hunt areas and reduced tags with the promise the deer herd would increase. The division has failed and the deer herd and the deer hunters are the ones who are paying the price of that failure.

Your continued reduction of tags and reducing the size of the hunt areas shows your focus on buck to doe ratios and micro managing the hunters but the problem isn't the hunters or the hunt areas. The problem is the reducing number of does that are in the herd. The only way a herd can grow is if there are does to be bred. You need to shift your focus off of the hunter and the buck to doe ratio and focus on what is killing the does. Take the resources currently used micromanaging the hunters and use it to figure out why the deer population isn't increasing.

There is no shame in admitting you are wrong, there is shame in continuing down the same path when it is clear it isn't working. We are tired of the same excuses of weather, # of tags, and hunt area size.

There is something else restricting the deer population besides the weather and the buck deer hunters and you need to focus on the deer herd and find out what it is. For over 20 years you continue to blame the hunter (by reducing tags and hunt area size) and the weather. It is time to admit your failure and make a course correction.

Buck deer hunting does not keep the population of deer from expanding yet your response to less deer is to cut buck tags and restrict hunt area size and ignore everything else.

The division has failed but it isn't too late to change. It is time to shift your focus away from micro managing the hunter.

Give out more deer tags (increase revenue), increase the hunt areas size (let hunters disperse themselves and reduce your costs) and allow buck deer tag holders to take a bear or cougar. Then take the extra revenue and cost savings and spend more time and money on figuring out what is killing does and fawns.

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
March 29, 2021 8:20 pm

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? We need to make it three point or better less permits less hunts
To many hunters

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Somewhat disagree

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

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

The Bookcliffs needs to eliminate the spike elk hunt. I want to know what percent harvest has occurred over the past five years. I want to know what percent of the harvested bulls are getting tooth data accurately documented. I have hunted the Bookcliffs for 30 years and spend countless days on the unit. I have guided elk hunters on the Bookcliffs for over 20 years. I have watched as elk are being harvested that are NO WAY the age average on either the roadless or the road portion that match what is being claimed. A raghorn bull is not 7 years old, yet I see raghorn bulls being packed out the of the roadless at an alarming rate. The spike hunt has ruined the only truly backcountry elk unit in the state. A decrease from 20 tags to 6 is directly what Covey Jones said he intended to do (close the Bookcliffs mature bull hunt to allow for spike hunting) PERSONALLY TOLD TO ME BY COVEY. It is time to step up to the plate and close the spike elk hunt on the Bookcliffs. The herd is under objective and is in a decline in quality. The Bookcliffs was a great unit prior to the spike elk hunt, but has declined in quality due to the spike elk hunt. You cannot continue to kill spikes on the Bookcliffs and have a mature bull herd to hunt.

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

Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the conservation permit rule revisions?

The board talked about the concerns with the drought, but what I haven't heard is whether the board is going to scale back the number of sheep ranchers that place their sheep in the high country that compete for the same resources that the deer and elk compete for. Is this something that the DWR board evaluates each year? Also, in drought year's would it be possible to increase the number of predatory tags (Lions) to help with keeping the deer populations up?

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I am saddened by the fact im 42 yrs old and i will only get to hunt deer about 10 more times if i liveto be 80 with my 15 yr old son. We have got to get away from managing for trophy deer so we can monetize our public resources for the select few who can afford an auction tag.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? I feel this is in direct relation to the lack of deer tags putting undue pressure on a very limited general elk herd. We want to deer hunt but have no choice if we want to be in the field.....

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? I would like to see all LE and OIL tags be apliable to residents just like non-residents. We should alicate a higher percentage of tags to top point holders to prevent unsustainable point creep.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I only disagree with the idea of reducing deer tags by 5k. Instead, I would like to propose cancelling hunts in those areas where the deer herd needs to grow or even cancel all 2021 general deer hunts. The hunters I hang around with are of the opinion that in a time like this where the deer herd is suffering, just cancel the hunt for a year which will let the deer herd recover and grow and it should also result in more permits in 2021 as the deer herd is larger.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? I strongly disagree with increasing the any bull elk tag numbers from 15000 to 17500. This hunt has pitiful success rates and 15000 permits allows for lots of opportunities. As I have started hunting any bull elk 3 years ago, I have noticed it is more of a zoo of people then general season deer hunt. I also know this was suggested earlier this year and the public shot it down which suggests to me the real reason for this is DNR just wants more money.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

If the deer population is hurting from drought then I think we should cancel at least 50% of all general season deer hunts. Better yet cancel all general season deer hunts for the year and let it grow since we are no where near the population numbers Utah can support. I would be happy to cancel the deer even for a year or two to let the deer population grow so there is more opportunity. This is a small price to pay to increase the population.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

No no no no no. Do not increase the any bull elk permits from 15000 to 17500. Have you been lately? There are so many people out there and the hunt is already difficult. Part of getting new hunters hooked on hunting is having success. I was successful on my first hunt and then endured 8 years that were not successful. If I did not get that first one it is very doubtful I would still be hunting now. 15000 permits is a huge amount of opportunity. Also, I know this was recommended earlier this year and since it is being recommended again suggests that the public stopped it the first time. From an outsider view this seems like a scheme to just get more money...

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? Reduce the number of hunting permits given out.

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

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

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

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions? Neither agree nor disagree

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I would recommend an accurate buck doe ratio on the both the west desert units these unit were in the 9 bucks/100 does post season prior to the 29 units. These unit have not improved to the 15-17 ratio. The permits should be reduced until management objective can be met.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? I would recommend to discontinue antlerless- control permits on the West desert unit until the population objective of 350 elk is met. Curreant population is at 200 elk a 200 elk decrease from last year with only 25 draw permit decrease recomended by the division will not bring this unit back to population objective and will further reduce the total numbers.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Can you address the point creep situation we have in Utah? Seems that we are giving away hundreds of tags every year at the Western Hunting Expo while the people of Utah watch the max bonus point system grow just less than a point a year. We also have CWMU tag holders having no waiting periods that hunt every year while gaining bonus points. These two issues alone have to be a major cause to the point creep in Utah. With these policies Utah's limited entry tags will soon become a once in a lifetime hunt. What can you do to change the point creep?

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

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

Neither agree nor disagree

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Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?

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Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I appreciate the Division's response to the Drought and Predation on our deer. I would also like to share concerns on coyote issues along the areas of urban development. From Logan, Nephi to Kamas I see lots of coyotes in and around cities and would invite the Division and Wildlife Services to help deer in and around those areas to bolster the deer in units that seems to have high winter die off. I would also like to bring up unit 4/5/6. This unit has only 17% public land yet year after year 9k tags are issued for this unit. With the amount of Public land and being two access points to the major area it is overwhelming the amount of people to the amount of deer on that portion that is public. I ask that we look at separating this unit into smaller public land tags. Also with the traffic from the general public with atv, utv, campers on those two access points (Farmington Canyon / Skyline Drive above Bountiful) it makes the amount of travel on that area dangerous and potential for conflicts.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

PLEASE get rid of the Multi season tag for Elk to include all three season's. Die hard Rifle hunters who know little about elk in pre rut / summer behavior have ruined the Archery experience. I talk specifically on the North Slope / south slope elk herd. These elk move over the wyoming border or onto private when pressured and give ZERO chance to have any sort of success. I suggest having the multi season tag changed to Muzzy & rifle season's only as those who have a hunters choice tag have opportunity to hunt extended units.

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

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations? Somewhat agree

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

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?

I agree with the proposal and want to echo the statement from the central rac that we need to do more on CWMU's to push elk cows back onto public land with more tags to cwmu's. Elk on private land allow the public hunters to have zero success.

**Which best describes your position
regarding the proposed conservation
permit rule revisions?**

Strongly agree

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I agree that something needs to be done to help the deer population grow but by reducing the number of tags by 5k I dont think is going to be enough. I would rather cut the deer tag permits by at least 50% or just cancel all deer hunts to let the deer population grow as we are no where close to deer population objective. I would rather give up a season of hunting to let the population grow which will provide much more opportunity sooner than if just reducing the permit number by a few thousand.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? I only strongly disagree on one item, increasing the any bull elk tag number by 2500. I have been doing any bull elk hunts for the last 2 years and I do like them but it is a stinking zoo. There are so many people it is ridiculous to where I counted last year and I ran into 2x more hunters hunting any bull elk in the Ashley National Forest than I ran into hunting general season deer in the central Nebo unit. Plus, look at the success rate of any bull elk hunts which are around 10% that is a super low success rate. In addition I can't help but to think that this is all around money and selling more tags especially since this suggestion was already shut down this year. Come on, I know DNR is government but you dont need to be like politicians and keep pushing for something that was already defeated by the public earlier.

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

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

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? Wouldn't it be wiser to cut the antlerless deer hunts by 50% or completely to let the deer population grow (excluding the hunt to control chronic wasting diseases). I think it would be better to cut all deer hunts this year to let it grow as a result of the water drought; this will provide a huge increase in the herd for next year as we are no where the deer population objective.

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April 2021 RAC Feedback
April 14, 2021 1:07 pm

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

After watching the video, I strongly disagree with the projections. First off, Mr. Jones contradicts himself when he's said "Buck hunting doesn't affect populations," but later regarding the Pine Valley and Yellowstone units he said it doesn't make sense but recommends decreases because of population factors (drought and possible winter kill). Also, simple math says if you have 10,000 deer on a unit and you harvest 1,000 bucks = 9,000 deer now, not the same 10,000 effectively reducing the population.

First off let me state, having a tag in ones pocket does not equal opportunity. Opportunity is different for each individual, for my 12 year old son it meant having a chance at a buck that was at least a 3 point (even a small 3 point). For me it is much different, opportunity for me means having knowledge of a mature buck that I can pursue. Obviously, between my son and I, we have a very different meaning of "opportunity" for us. Some may think opportunity means seeing a deer, even if it is a doe, or having a tag in their pocket. I don't believe you can say you want to provide opportunity on any given unit without stating the minimum quality standard expected for the "opportunity". On premium units, it was stated that a minimum of 40% of harvested bucks had to be 5 years old, that is a measurable opportunity level. I feel something similar needs to be applied for general units. There should be mandatory reporting of all harvests, there should be minimum standards set for planned harvest and then adjustments made accordingly to reach opportunity objective of general units.

My biggest concern is on the Manti unit, where I spend most of my time is the overall population. I have been a dedicated hunter on the unit for the past 3 years and I have personally witnessed a significant decline in population. I have grown up on the unit and they have continued to reduce the population but tags are not following suit. Last year the state reduced the population objective by 33% on the Manti from 38,000 to 28,000 deer yet did not drop the tag recommendation. Additionally the population estimate was lower than the objective of 28,000. 8,100 tags for 28,000 (current objective, not actual population) is asinine, that is 2 tags for every one buck according to the statistics provided over the past couple of years. This is in no way sustainable.

Suggestions especially regarding the Manti Unit.

1. Split the unit up into a few smaller units. The populations of deer and buck to doe ratios across the entire unit are not the same from one area to another. The unit is too large to effectively manage as one unit. I would recommend splitting it into a minimum of 3 to 5 smaller units.
2. Implement mandatory reporting for all harvests and implement minimum age class objectives. Manage each unit for certain percentages of harvested animals in each age class. Example, 15% of harvested animals have to be 4 years old or older, 35% 3+ years old and 50% 2+ years old.
3. Reduce tag numbers drastically, at a maximum give 4,200 total tags on

the Manti. This would equate to about 1 tag per buck on the unit according to provided numbers, which is still high in my opinion.

4. Change the type of opportunities. I would recommend that on any unit struggling to reach population objectives, that is not at or above on both population and buck to doe ratio objectives, you change the types of hunts available annually for the unit. If populations and buck to doe ratios are met, provide more rifle tags to keep or reduce the numbers. On the contrary, if numbers are below, use HAMS hunts or other more primitive methods. Another idea of a primitive hunt would be an iron sight 30-30 hunt. Reduced or altered season dates would be an option as well.

5. Allow the harvest of bears and lions with a deer or elk tag.

6. Only allow individuals to hunt one big game animal a year. This is a tough one for me, as I love to hunt deer and elk but in order for more opportunity to be available to more people, having individuals obtain multiple big game tags may need to be reduced. If you draw a once in a life time, limited entry or general season tag, that is all you should get. I think this should also include bear and lion tags. This would allow more individuals the opportunity to hunt.

7. The majority of antlerless hunts should go to youth only.

I appreciate your time and understand that this is a complex and difficult thing to manage. These are my thoughts on how to better some portion of it.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?	Somewhat disagree
Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?	I am for increasing the population and age class of elk across the landscape and I don't feel this is the direction of the recommendations.
Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?	Somewhat agree
Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations?	Somewhat disagree
Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations?	Antlerless hunts should be mostly youth only.
Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?	Strongly disagree
Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?	CWMU operators are taking advantage of this by giving up the less attractive antlerless tags for more Buck and Bull tags. This is not the way it should be in my opinion.
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions?	Somewhat disagree
Do you have any additional comments about the conservation permit rule revisions?	As public property, I don't particularly agree with the Conservation permits. I would like to see a reduction of about 1/2 of these permits and put those back into the normal draws. I understand there is a significant amount of money involved, but that can be budgeted for elsewhere.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I would love to see a middle hunt unit if that makes sense. Meaning a buck unit that is not the Henry's or Paunsagaunt. But a unit that is perhaps 25 bucks per 100 does to both give a bit more trophy hunting opportunity but not be necessarily a premium unit.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? I understand the recommendations. I think we need to figure out a way to increase chances for elk hunts as point creep is starting to make me wonder if eventually it will take 40 points to draw a bull tag which would essentially be a once in a lifetime hunt.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? So the thing I would say about this. is what was said in the southern rac meeting. We need to make it so we know how many permits we are going to expect on a unit before the application period. If that means moving the application period to april or may then let's do it! It is very frustrating to see tags be much lower or higher then you were expecting after the application period.

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

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

We are in the year 2021. Why should it take 2 1/2 months to complete draw? It is so ridiculous! Most states don't take more than a month to complete the draw and get the results out. It should only take 2 weeks at the most! The hunt expo draw is done in about a week. From what I've been told tag #'s haven't been set yet because it has to be presented to the RACs and Board if that is the case then change the dates of the application. It isn't hard to educate people that the dates have changed with mail flyers, email, and social media.

I've heard the excuse "Well people want to plan their time off for the hunts". That isn't valid we do the antlerless draw in June. Other states hold their draw later.

DWR seems to only listen to the old guys until recently with Brandon Zundel proposing a change of dates with the general archery elk season.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

I have a few comments about harvest management but I'm not sure this is exactly the correct place. One concern I have is in regards to earning bonus points towards limited entry hunts. It concerns me, that as a resident of Utah, I must choose between deer and elk in the limited entry drawing while non-residents may apply for both species. As it takes many years to build enough points to have realistic draw odds, I am effectively prohibited from hunting my second-choice species on a limited entry unit. I feel like this management strategy benefits residents of other states at my expense.

Another concern I have is specific to this years elk permits. I noticed that general-season archery permits go on sale July 8 but the multi-season tags won't be available until 5 days later. This seems ill conceived to me because the multi-season hunts are basically premium archery tags with their greatest benefit going to bow hunters. As a bow hunter, I would love a chance at a multi season tag but I have to wait 5 days after the archery tags are available to buy one. I would feel like a real dummy if I let the archery tags sell out while I waited for a long shot chance to buy a multi.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? In regards to Pine valley. After watching the presentation and seeing the data and proposed cuts make sense. I will not draw a tag with the proposed cuts, I am ok with that. I understand the animals should come first and NOT my personal wants of drawing a tag. I would think cutting more tags on the Nov. late muzzle loader hunt would be a wise choice in protecting the older age class deer!

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

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? I wish the UDWR would post the recommendations from the biological data on projected tags before the application deadline. With proposed cuts i for certain, will not draw the elk tag i applied for. If i would have known the cuts where taking place i would have applied for a different unit!! With limited entry hunts many years of applying and building points is necessary to be able to draw the tags, in most cases multiple decades! The data would be extremely helpful before the application deadline. If the board would give this some consideration it would be greatly appreciated by many, Thank you.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Kill more lions maker where people can him everey 3 years do a way with the sponsee hunting I had to go to hunter safety why shouldn't they I think 12 is to yo young to Cary a rifle I had to wait tell I was 16 you guys have done a poor got the deer giving land owners tags that they can hunt from sep nov give me a brake they should have the same time ttheit guided hunt as the general public they have something we don't land let's make it fair they get a bull moose every year but it once in a lifetime for me their are Moore moose givin to the land owners than the public

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Somewhat agree

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

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I believe deer population in certain units could be managed for both quality and quantity of hunters. This could be done through a 3 point or 4 point or better system in which animals are allowed to grow more mature but still have a large number of hunters in the field. Buck to doe ratios could still be achieved and it would entice more applicants to these areas hoping to harvest a mature animal.

I am also in favour of moving more rifle deer tags into the HAMS or archery categories without optics. I believe these hunts would allow more applicants opportunities at animals because the hunts are more difficult and less successful. I have a hard time seeing the sport in some of the 800+ yard kills that are becoming more and more common.

As the number of applicants increases each year and the number of animals will likely stay the same or decrease do to development, any way more applicants can receive tags even if they are not successful would help the wildlife enthusiasts in Utah because at least they got a chance, rather than moving away from hunting because that can't draw a tag for 5 or 10 years.

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

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the conservation permit rule revisions? I appreciate the clarification of the revisions for the conservation permits. I do fully support the changes Justin presented and I am glad to see the 1 & 3 year programs merged. This should be a big help for new groups entering the program.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? Lower all deer permits more then the suggested decrease

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

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? Increase manti elk more and give more archery tags rest of units I agree with I would like to see a increase in archery permits for limited entry elk it's a very low success any ways.

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

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

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

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions? Somewhat agree

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

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? The Manti proposed cut of an additional 600 tags is warranted with the current deer population.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations? After watching the video and the RAC meetings, it is still my strong opinion the Bookcliffs elk problems started with the spike elk hunt being allowed on the units. I have hunted the Bookcliffs for elk first starting in 1993 and not missing a year since of being on the unit during the hunts. I have seen droughts before, the conditions of the landscape prior to the fire, cattle grazing increase and decrease, and such. The problem started with the implementation of the spike hunt. Look at tag numbers, the decreasing age of bulls and it directly is tied to the spike elk hunt. It is an embarrassment to look at the actual numbers and chose to disagree with the facts. I aploud the shortening of the spike hunt, but plain and simple, it needs to close. Fact is Covy personally told me he would rather shut the mature bull hunt down on the Bookcliffs to keep the spike hunters happy rather than shut the spike hunt down. This is poor management and needs to change. One true backcountry pack in hunt for bull elk in Utah and we simply are watching it erode away. Take the bull by the horns and close the spike elk hunt.

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

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

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? More cow elk tags on the Bookcliffs is not the answer. The Bookcliffs received average snowpack this year in contrast to much of the state. A much more conservative approach on cow elk tags is needed. If an older cow only has one more calf in her life, that is one more than a dead cow will have. Also, hunters do not chose the old worn out cow of the herd to harvest, they prefer to shoot what appears to be a younger cow with the hopes for better tablefare.

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

**Which best describes your position
regarding the proposed conservation
permit rule revisions?**

Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

I would like to comment on a few of the items I heard while listening to the RAC's. I do agree with the permit numbers for 2020 and appreciate the data driven decisions. However, I have a few items even though these may not be on the agenda for this meeting.

1. With projected future points on some units now going way up due to the decrease in licenses, the issue of lifetime license holders being guaranteed a tag despite the number of bonus points needed to draw a general season deer tag must be addressed. It is simply not fair to guarantee these select individuals a tag every year. I agree with comments made in the Southern Region RAC. There was no motion made, but the lifetime license holders must go into the points pool just like everyone else. Perhaps one remedy that would solve this issue is to refund them a portion of their money and end the program. I'm sure there are legal remedies and this is getting out of control. You will likely get a lawsuit from the non lifetime license holder public if it isn't addressed soon, so might as well be proactive.
2. Now after several years since the Wildlife Board approved scopes on muzzleloaders, we have not seen any data applied to the permit numbers for improved harvest during the muzzleloader season. My guess is that it has increased substantially. We are seeing so much improvement in the ignitions and barrels and topped with a long range scope, you basically have a single shot rifle that shoot out past 700 yards and never miss. I know this because I own one. It's more accurate than my 300 win Mag. I don't want to see our deer herds being killed off because we don't understand the harvest potential of muzzleloaders. We probably need to cut the muzzleloader permits way back to match prior harvest rates or change back to primitive muzzleloaders to decrease the harvest rates. This technology issue has definitely affected our buck to doe rates also, not just drought and predators.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and pronghorn permit recommendations?

Strongly agree

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

Somewhat agree

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

Agree with comments made that we need to put in for the draw after the permit numbers are finalized. Continuing to take 3 months to run our draw and have no idea what permit numbers are when you put in is very poor. Other states have much quicker draw turn arounds. Need to hold our drawing vendors feet to fire and be able to turn around the Draw in one month.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations?

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed conservation permit rule revisions?

Strongly agree

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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?

Start General Rifle hunt on Wednesday close Sunday. 5 day hunt only. Change Dedicated hunter program bag limit to 1 buck deer in the 3 year program. Raise Dedicated Hunter tag fee to, \$300. Thank you for your work.
