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Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 black bear recommendations? I would also propose that the waiting period for spot and stalk hunters be waived. Bears are extremely difficult to hunt, spot and stalk harvest percentage is very low, I don't understand how this waiting period improves the hunting experience for bear hunters

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I don't agree with this at all for one reason only. I use trail cameras through this time period not necessarily for the game I am hunting but for predators coming into that location. While I fully understand there are predators everywhere I want to ensure I am not "setting up" my hunting spot in their home territory. For example, a sow and her cubs are on my camera every other day. That is an issue. I literally have had that AND they were coming in from behind where I had built a natural blind. That is not safe for me at all. Would you want a mom bear with cubs coming up from behind you to eat berries? Once I saw they were coming in too often I knew I needed to move my location. It is my responsibility to stay safe and not disturb their living quarters, per say. I have had similar issues with a mountain lion climbing the same tree I was considering putting my tree stand. He came in every 2-4 days, randomly. Again, it is my responsibility to move. Had I stayed in either of these locations I have taken the risk of a confrontation leaving the possibility of a fight to the death. With a trail camera watching for a few weeks to be my eyes while I am not there (we all know it is impossible for a person to be there 24/7 for weeks at a time) the entire situation can be avoided.

Trail cameras are a huge safety tool we didn't used to have.

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Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I'm fine with regulating the use and number of TRANSMITTING cameras. What I'm a bit fuzzy on is the selling or sharing of images. If I have a non-transmitting trail camera and I go in and download the images during the hunt or around the hunt time then I should be able to share/sell/provide those images. I am opposed to regulating that.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

The infrared camera and trail camera initiatives are just one more step the Utah wildlife board is taking to decrease hunter enjoyment and especially success in a state where chances of harvesting an animal is already poor. If you have ever used a night vision camera, it seriously doesn't help that much and doesn't change the fact that an animals that is 200, 300, 400 or whatever yards away is still 200, 300, 400 or whatever yards away and still must be shot during shooting hours. For archers, this new rule is just more over-regulation and will just make the poor hunting success even poorer without changing anything. The trail camera question is also another example of decreasing hunter excitement and enjoyment.....do you really think a deer or elk is going to sit in one spot and wait for some hunter in his trailer to hurry and drive up on his ATV and shoot him? Furthermore, none of these new rules should apply to the archery hunt where success is already very poor. And then to think you are actually considering regulating what people do with their pictures.....that is absolutely absurd and I am sure would make the board liable for overreach into someone's private affairs. Seriously, I can't believe that sort of regulation is even being suggested. Also, state wildlife agents talk about "fair chase." Well the moment that the Utah wildlife board approved scopes on muzzleloaders and allow rifles that can accurately shoot an animal at 800+ yds....in that moment all discussion of fair chase has ended and no one should ever even bring up "fair chase". These overreach rules hurt hunting and hurt hunting enjoyment and hurt possible hunting success in a state with poor general season hunting success. Very sad!

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November 24, 2021 9:59 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

The restrictions on using night vision are too onerous. It basically prohibits anyone from using them in the mountains from July 30 to Jan 31. Many people use these for predator hunting and driving OHVs. I would suggest that you should add that it is prohibited if you have a hunting tag during that time period (in the same area), you are prohibited from using NV devices 48 hours before/after.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I disagree with the hunter orange proposal.

All others make sense but in the hunter orange you are proposing loosening safety standards during a youth hunt.

Not requiring orange during a youth hunt because it is inconvenient is ridiculous! They make orange camouflage for this reason. Deer and elk can not see the color orange hence we use it during hunting to increase safety of hunters from other hunters!

This rule change could affect a youth their whole life because it is inconvenient. Ridiculous!

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I use my cameras to view all wildlife not just for hunting. I have never killed a big game animal because of a trail camera. If the purpose is the unfair advantage of hunting big game i suggest from the September 1st thru November 1 when the majority of the big game hunts take place or maybe 48 hour prior to and after a hunt same as night vision.

I am disappointed that the central and the northern regions only have 2 days after the recommendations are released to submit comments, This should be at least 7 days

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations?

I agree with the recommendations How ever according to the bobcat management plan setting numbers and season dates information for the currant season need to be taken in account.

By setting bobcat rule now we are a year behind actual data this does not align with the bobcat management plan

I am disappointed that the central and the northern regions only have 2 days after the recommendations are released to submit comments, This should be at least 7 days

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November 28, 2021 12:40 pm

Which best describes your position Somewhat disagree
regarding the recommended changes to
the big game rule?

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Let me first start by thanking the RAC members & the DWR. You all sacrifice your personal & family time to do an often thankless job. I recognize & appreciate the research, time, thought, & effort that is given to try to find the balance in managing the resources along with the opportunity.

I understand & for the most part don't disagree with with what the Division is trying to accomplish in the terms of ethics & fair chase specific to trail cameras. My biggest concern is regarding the wording used for the regulation of trail cameras. I also have some legal concerns of the proposed regulation.

Covy Jones specifically shows & gives the definition they use for a trail camera as "a device that is not hand held or operated by a person" followed by what those devices are typically used for. He then on the same slide shows & reads the proposed change. He brings attention by putting in bold the word "transmitting" but immediately leaves the door open to regulation on all trail cameras having a season by adding the verbiage "or non-hand held devices." I would recommend the regulation be re-worded to be more clear or the following added; "excluding non transmitting trail cameras."

Additionally I have the following concerns & comments around the enforcement for the following:

1. This will largely only affect the law abiding public land user. It's extremely difficult for the DWR to gain access to private lands from landowners to enforce this. Without proper evidence it would be extremely difficult & highly unlikely for them to ever obtain a warrant to gain access to enforce.
2. The division is already significantly lacking law enforcement man power & this is simply another thing to add to their list of things extremely difficult to near impossible to enforce. Unless someone shows them the location of a camera I'd be surprised if an officer goes trekking through the woods to find cameras during the hunting season. If they do find one it's highly unlikely they will ever be able catch & cite the owner of the camera. Ultimately you end up with a lot of resources used to gain nothing for the public except maybe the removal of a camera.
3. This significantly increases the likelihood of a conflict with armed citizens out in the field. You will have people that feel it's their right & duty to police this. Many of those people don't even fully know the regulation or law. I personally dealt with this from catching someone taking an SD card from one of my cameras this hunting season. Their reason was because of the confusion caused by the deceitful misleading of Casey Snider in his attempt to create a law & by the divisions first attempt to make these changes back in September. It led to a an extremely heated confrontation.
3. Taking photos on & of public space & property is Constitutionally protected. Some have argued that a leaving trail camera would be considered littering or abandoned property but in 2018 the precedent was set that isn't the case after a couple from Park City (the McClean's) were

arrested, charged, & plead guilty to stealing two tree stands, trail cameras, & other equipment. Ironically they were able to be identified by trail camera photos.

As I previously stated, I understand & don't necessarily disagree but it's a slippery slope with some potential unintended consequences as it's currently written.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I do not hunt for sport. There is no qualification to the claim of being sporting when I am trying to put food on the table. Night vision devices allow those who have less time to hunt to still obtain food and get back to work, an increasingly important ability with the prices of meat going sky high and the consistent threat of covid restrictions/sickness.

Standard night vision devices allow a negligible advantage over regular glassing. Thermal and Infrared devices offer an advantage in finding an animal, but only until the sun rises and creates significant interference. The rules stating that no shots can be fired until 30 min. before sunrise and after sunset keep everyone to a sufficiently level footing. I have hunted with hunters who were only able to find their downed animal because they had a thermal/infrared device. It would have been left to rot even after hours of searching, and was where it went down.

Technology advances. Hunting was never for sport, it was for putting food on the table.

Maybe there should be a tag that comes with antler size limits and allows the use of these devices for those who don't kill for sport but to put food on the table. That would eliminate most of the reasons there are people complaining about the advantage.

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November 30, 2021 12:56 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule? This is a great thing, fair chase is what everyone needs to be about.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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November 30, 2021 1:07 pm

**Which best describes your position
regarding the 2022 black bear
recommendations?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments
about the 2022 black bear
recommendations?**

Would love some more spot and stalk only harvest objective units in the
spring. Thanks for your work!

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 1, 2021 9:06 am

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Dear Wildlife Board,

1. I am a small time hunter. I get a deer tag every year and have been in the dedicated hunter program several times. I am against the ban on transmitting trail cameras. I do not use them to track an animal. I don't understand that concept unless you have dozens of cameras trying to cover an area. I use them to enhance my knowledge of animal behavior and also to just get excited about possibilities on the hunt. DO NOT TAKE THIS AWAY from me. This allows me to be a "hunter" for a much longer period every year. Consider other ways to limit abuse of this technology. PLEASE. The transmitting camera has really enhanced my enjoyment of hunting in Utah.

Kurt Rifleman

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I appreciate the DWR, The RAC's and the Wildlife Board for actively looking at the issues concerning the ability to harvest wild game animals. I feel that in a lot of situations, technology has surpassed the animals natural defenses and ability to survive under natural instincts.

I am one that spends a significant amount of time in the outdoors and have enjoyed setting up trail cameras through out the year and have used this strategy for more reasons than just hunting. I have friends and family members that do not hunt but enjoying setting up and manually checking cameras throughout the year. It has been a wonderful time to just enjoy the outdoors with hunters and nonhunters alike.

So I am still in favor of being able to place trail cameras but they need to be checked manually and not of the cellular or instant transmitting options type. Same goes for the thermal and heat imaging instruments that in my opinion do not advocate fair chaise. I try very hard to be respectful in the field and I hope that the bad actions of a few individuals don't punish the many who enjoy more than just the harvest.

I have never sold or have used these devices as an accessory to the actual moment of harvest which seems that the DWR recommendations are addressing that, the assist in the actual moment of harvest.

It is very hard to govern ethics and values buy punishing the honest. So I hope that for those who violate can be punished severe enough that it would deter most from breaking the rules.

Thank You for your efforts in these matters.

Sincerely,
Jerry Slaugh

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I strongly agree with the decision to propose a 48 hour restriction of Night vision equipment prior to and following a hunting season. I also strongly agree with the proposal to define a time frame for using cell transmitting cameras outside of the typical hunting season. These cameras give a hunter, particularly a rifle hunter an unfair real time advantage and crosses the line of fair chase IMO. However, I would be adamantly opposed to any future regulation in regards to limiting the time frame of non transmitting trail cameras. As your data suggests, the majority of hunters have less than 5 cameras and are really a non issue. A camera that you have to check by intruding into the area repeatedly to view pics really gives no more of an advantage, and I would say less of an advantage, then a laser rangefinder or turret style scope. I think the idea of limiting the number to 5 per person seems reasonable, but hardly enforceable. Seems to be a non issue anyways. The bigger issue would be the tiny minority who has 10+ and in several cases upwards of 100 cams.

I also support the effort to make the sale of pics illegal. I wish you would ban paying bounties for intel of big game. The outfitting industry has really capitalized on this and it is just as unethical as selling a trail camera pic IMO. There is no difference.

Lastly I also support the definition of a muzzleloader as having both the powder and bullet loaded from the muzzle. I would like to see smokeless powder banned from the muzzleloader season. Those guns are capable of shooting out to 1000 yards and don't belong in what was originally defined as a primitive type weapon hunt.

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December 5, 2021 6:12 am

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule? I would like to see the General Season Muzzleloader deer go back to Open site. It is absolutely ridiculous that people can hunt with a muzzleloader that can shoot moa at 500 yards alot of animals are wounded. Lets get back to actaual hunting!

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I am in favor of limiting the use of transmitting trail cameras during the hunting season. I am NOT in favor of limiting internal card trail cameras during the hunting season. The survey that was performed supports this. To eliminate the use of all trail cameras is a bridge to far. I am also in favor of not being able to sell trail cam data. I would like to see a reasonable limit on the number of trail cams that can be used. I understand it would be hard to enforce but it is better to have it on the books than to not have it. As far as emerging technologies, I am also in favor of not using night vision technology during the hunting season. I am concerned that your description of night vision technology might be used to cite internal card trail cam users. Is there a better way to write this regulation to eliminate confusion?

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Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the recommended changes to
the big game rule?

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December 7, 2021 12:35 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

1 If you are going to view cameras as unfair chase you need to out law the use of guides there is no difference

2 i have 30 camers that you have let me use for yrs if you ban them are you going to buy them from me

3 The use of cameras is to gain knowledge when we wait 20+ yrs to draw a tag for a premium unit and live 100+miles away it is a tool but does not guarantee we will kill the animals we take pictures of

4 Trail games is something i do yr round with my kids both types cellular and non don't take this way

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December 9, 2021 7:52 am

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I just laugh at all this trial camera agenda . It's no different than the use of a FISH FINDER, ha ha

I think we need to outlaw FISH FINDERS they are killing our trophy fisheries .

thanks for you time & energy spent on Pre School Bull Sh!t

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December 9, 2021 8:30 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I am 110% for the ban on cellular cameras. I would like to see a ban on all trail cameras during the proposed period. I understand that normals cameras area not nearly as advantageous as cellular, but at the same time, it is just another way to increase pressure on animals.

We all hear stories of outfitters and their guides running dozens, if not hundreds, of trail cameras in certain areas. This increase traffic in bedding, watering, feeding, and trailing areas will most definitely impact the animals and increase stress. Without the use of cellular technology, I worry it will motivate hunters to implement more cameras and more people to check them. An all-out ban would be ideal for our wildlife.

I am also strongly in favor of the prohibition of night-vision devices. Simply crosses the line.

I am in favor of the muzzleloader proposal as well. Muzzleloaders should be loaded from the "muzzle." I am also in favor of the whispers among the wildlife community to remove optics from muzzleloaders. They are just too efficient. Practically rifles. Creating somewhat of a challenge is exactly what is needed.

I have never used thermals, and as I expressed above, I think its just

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These are great moves and again, I am strongly in favor of them.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I think we need to be careful on what we start restricting. Setting and checking trail cameras provide me and my circle of fellow hunters almost as much entertainment than hunting/harvesting an animal. I don't use transmitting cameras but am fearful it opens the door for all cameras to be banned. Its also very hard to regulate and gives others in the woods a vigilante permit to destroy other's legal property thinking that they are doing good. How would someone know if a placed camera transmits or not? This opens up a can of worms and I think its better left untouched. Why as hunters are we also so worried about emerging technologies when we have so many advantages over the animal already. We drive a 4x4 pickup truck or ATV around, look through amazing optics, use weapons that are simply amazing and effective. The fact that we have opposable thumbs and a superior cognitive mind puts us at an advantage. How we really should manage these hunts and herds is through numbers of tags being sold. I feel like the division sells tags like airlines sell tickets. They expect a large number of them to be unsuccessful at harvesting an animal. If the division expected a 100% harvest rate and planned accordingly when selling tags then why does it matter how the animal was harvested? It doesn't. My opinion is sell the right amount of tags and let people hunt how they want as long as its safe.

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December 11, 2021 3:46 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

All trail cameras should be banned all the time. Real hunters should learn to read tracks, sign and put in legwork for their hunting. Trail cameras are basically for lazy so called hunters and are a blight on the landscape. They are offensive to see out in the wilderness and on waterholes. Please ban them all and do everyone a favor!!!

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December 12, 2021 6:37 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

This is to far. WAY TO FAR. Trail cameras have nothing to do with killing an animal. Another thing me and my family do as a family and enjoy. Running trail cameras. Just because some dill head doesn't like running into them doesn't mean we all get sckewed for it.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022–23 cougar recommendations?

This is ridiculous. This is a passion of my families and many others that we do as a family and raise our kids. I object!! These dogs are my family too leave it how it is. Don't let the anti's and tree huggers ruin our passion and sport. Also, no more unlimited quota on lions period. To many money hungry people killin every lion they find including kittens. BRING BACK THE QUOTAS.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

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December 12, 2021 6:48 pm

**Which best describes your position
regarding the 2022 black bear
recommendations?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you have any additional comments
about the 2022 black bear
recommendations?**

I agree with hunting bear and lion in Utah with aid of dogs

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December 12, 2021 7:54 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? I support lion hunting in Utah and feel the most ethical management tool for these hunts is with the aid of hounds dogs.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 black bear recommendations? I support bear hunting in Utah and feel the most ethical management tool for these hunts is with the aid of hounds dogs.

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Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Need to define sale of trail camera photos does not include the advertisement for outfitters in regards to prospective clients. Example, a picture in JULY does not affect a hunt in SEPTEMBER. These types of advertisements are merely to showcase quality of animals in the hunt area and not to say here is your animal you will take. After all it is hunting and the animals aren't tied up to a tree.

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December 12, 2021 9:26 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? I fully 100% support bear and lion hunting in Utah and feel the most ethical management tool for these hunts is with the aid of hounds.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 black bear recommendations? I fully 100% support bear and lion hunting in Utah and feel the most ethical management tool for these hunts is with the aid of hounds.

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December 12, 2021 9:53 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule? Cell cams do not help anyone kill anything. By the time you receive the pic, there is no way that animal will still be in the area by the time the hunter gets to the location. Cell cams minimize hunter footprint in an area which means less pressure on the animals.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule? Non transmitting trail cameras should not be regulated at all.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? The cougar population is in bad shape and continued unlimited quotas is not management at all. The Bookcliffs is a prime example, you have killed unlimited cougars and had quotas higher than met for years prior to unlimited and the deer have not responded in a positive population increase due to it. If you want to increase deer, killing cougars is not the answer. Plant some alfalfa in Nash WMA, give incentives to private land owners in Cottonwood/Diamond and Hay Canyon to plant hay, decrease deer tags, get rid of the wild horses, get rid of the wild and domestic cattle on the roadless, and then once this has been done, then let's talk.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 black bear recommendations? Decreasing time for houndsmen due to "conflicts" with bait hunters is in direct disregard for the agreement made several years ago at request of the bowman's association and archery hunters. Houndsmen agreed to have the overlap, but it was agreed if there were any issues the houndsmen would not lose out. Go back and listen to minutes of meetings and you will find it was agreed on by both sides. I was part of a committee that was in place when this happened.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 black bear recommendations?

I feel that there needs to be something done to avoid Bait/Hound interference and issues during the FALL season. The recommendations state that hunters must choose bait or hounds, but the seasons run at the same time. This will not make any difference in conflict. Bears go to bait, hounds trail bears, so hounds will trail bears to bait sites, causing issues between bait and hound hunters. Either change the seasons, so there is no hounds during bait season, or vice versa. A simple solution would be this. If a person has a fall tag, let them hunt with hounds/bait/ etc. It makes no difference. The rules read, that in order to pursue bear in the fall season, you must have a tag holder or a person with a licence...Its not a pursuit only season, so eliminate the "Gray" area in one way or another. I work a law enforcement job and its not easy to "walk on eggshells" wondering if you will get in trouble if your dogs go to a bait. Its a simple idea, and like mentioned before, if there are bait sites in the area, more than likely hounds will trail bears there. There is no way around it. So I dont see what the difference would be if a licensed hunter used dogs to pursue a bear that visited their bait site. For what its worth, they can shoot rifles off their baits, so I dont see why dogs need to be an issue. Use the fall season to make it easier for hunters to harvest the bears that the Board feels need to be harvested. Its very hard to not have conflict when there are so many conflicting rules on public land. I am all for separating the seasons to hound only, or bait only, but if that is not possible, eliminate the obvious conflicting rules. It makes it easier for DWR Law Enforcement to have seasons like in the spring and summer where its Hound only, or Bait only. Fall season is totally different where bait and hounds are allowed on the mountain at the same time. There will always be a conflict if the rules are not changed. I think for the fall, if a person draws that permit, they should be able to hunt whichever way necessary to be successful. It would make it a more premium/coveted permit, just please eliminate the conflicting rules.

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December 14, 2021 12:52 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the recommended changes to
the big game rule?

Do you have any additional comments I would like to see cameras outlawed for sure! Every were you go now,
about the recommended changes to the thats all you see is cameras on trails, watering holes, there taking the sport
big game rule? out of hunting. And I DO NOT LIKE LONG RANGE RIFLES FOR
HUNTING.... The Wildlife does not stand a chance anymore!

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I agree with most everything you have proposed. Trail cameras should be limited, especially during the hunt. Transmitting devices and night vision should not be allowed anywhere near hunting season. I would be careful with the archers not wearing orange requirements. It is very frustrating hunting elk with a rifle in orange, when a bow hunter is trying to sneak between you and your game in nothing but camo. It has happened to me multiple times along the wasatch hunt where late season archery hunters have been out in camo during the rifle deer, rifle elk and cow hunts. They are not easy to see, especially when you are looking at an elk 400 yards away on a hillside. I have shots that I could not take because between me and game was a camoed out archery hunter that I could not see until just before I was about to shoot.

I am also very concerned about the way the cwmu seasons are regulated. If the program is to continue, the dates on the cwmu's need to be the same as the general unit. It would help distribute elk more evenly if the big cwmu rifle bull elk hunts were held at the same time as the general hunt. Then instead of spreading 8-12 hunters out over 4 weeks, they would all have to hunt at the same time as the general hunters, pushing elk outwards, instead of offering a retreat from public lands. I have been on cwmu's during elk hunts where there are hundreds of elk pouring into the ranch from the surrounding areas. Of course these cwmu's do not hunt during the general hunt, so that the pressure pushes all the elk onto there land. Anyway, I do think the cwmu program is totally out of wack and needs to offer more to the public hunters. The elk and deer are public property, not private. Especially for elk, it should be 1 private tag for 1 public tag. It is important for private land to maintain habitat for wildlife, but I believe it has become way too much about money.

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 14, 2021 3:22 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the recommended changes to
the big game rule?

Do you have any additional comments Excellent choices, particularly about trail cameras. I support these changes.
about the recommended changes to the Thank you for your work.
big game rule?

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 14, 2021 3:33 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I am in support of cellular trail cams being regulated during hunting season but there has been talk and proposals from some RACs that ban regular trail cams during seasons also. I disagree with that and I do not want to see regular cams regulated. I would encourage the wildlife board to look at the survey that shows 51% support the use of internal storage cams. With only 31% oppose. Thanks

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 16, 2021 11:05 am

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule? I would like to see the proposed changes made by the division be made. I would not like to see amendments to the trail camera rules that involve regulating or banning internal storage cameras. Again I support the rule change as proposed by the division.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

There's no data from Utah or any western state suggesting that hunters who use transmitting trail cameras have a higher harvest rate. So what's the problem? The DWR's ban proposal is based purely on subjective opinion. The surveys conducted only represent a small fraction of hunters and the vote is far from overwhelming in either direction. (For some reason I never get invited to take surveys, but would like to do so.) Hunters all have different styles, and for some reason we like to ban whatever others' do but protect whatever we like to do. Leave it be! Until we have data that proves a real impact then leave it be, please.

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 21, 2021 2:57 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule? We need to get rid of magnified scopes on muzzleloaders. We have muzzleloaders that guys shoot animals out to over 500 yards! Go back to open sights

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 22, 2021 1:33 am

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

You are absolutely killing the DIY BOWHUNTER. I've never heard of a camera killing a deer. If you want to fix the problem let's talk rifle scopes and scopes on muzzleloaders. That's the real problem. Don't take away the DIY bowhunters privilege because some guides abused the cel cam. Regulate the guides...not the DIY bowhunter.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Its great! Cellular cameras should have been banned a long time ago. I still think cameras should be regulated more on units that are dryer and the animals have very limited water sources. You spend the time and money to put in a guzzler to help the animals but then it just gets surrounded by trail cameras. So either the animals don't want to use it or the animals don't stand a chance during the hunts cause that is there only water source and every one knows when they are coming to water. So maybe making it illegal to put trail cameras on guzzlers and other man made water sources would be helpful. On a unit like the Central Manti where there is plenty of water and feed and baiting is no longer allowed I don't see trail cameras being a huge advantage to hunters. Technology is just making it to easy I know in your survey most people were against restricting long range weapons but I guarantee those same people if they were asked if they would like to start seeing more mature deer and elk would answer yes as well. At this point with the low quality of the animal herds I don't see it being possible to have both. An animal deserves the right to use its natural instincts to get away I thought that is what hunting is. An animal has no idea a hunter is around when they are shot at long ranges. The hunter could scream and yell and do what ever they wanted and the animal would have no idea they were about to get shot. There is no difference between shooting a paper target or a real animal at 1000 yards, neither one has the ability to know it is about to get shot. It seems pretty messed up to me.

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 23, 2021 2:32 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the recommended changes to
the big game rule?

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I think it is about time that hunting comes back to what it is meant to be "FAIR CHASE".
Lets give the big game a chance to survive and not have 10, 20, 30 or 40 cameras following them every hour every day or popping up on a cellphone. This is NOT hunting. I think it is a great idea to have July 31 to Jan 31 no cameras to bring it back to fair chase. Go out and enjoy the outdoors the way it should be and scout for the big game. I agree on the thermal images too.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

This needs to be changed. I talked to a hunting guide a few months ago that was telling me he has out 20 satellite cameras. He told me that his wife loves too get the pictures texted to her phone from the cameras everyday. Which yes that does sound kind of fun but, I did not agree with how he told me they use them when he is guiding customers. He proceeded to tell me that he calls her every morning from their hunting camp on a satellite phone. She will then tell him what camera's the animals were at the night before so he knows where to take his customer that morning. This is crap and not fair for the animal or other hunters who are practicing fair chase.

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 25, 2021 2:24 pm

Which best describes your position Somewhat agree
regarding the recommended changes to
the big game rule?

Do you have any additional comments I believe the rule should ban the use of both transmitting AND
about the recommended changes to the non-transmitting trail cameras from July 31st through Jan 30th
big game rule?

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 25, 2021 6:54 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the recommended changes to
the big game rule?

Do you have any additional comments As long as it is clear that use of non transmitting cameras is ok, if not
about the recommended changes to the selling data.
big game rule?

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 26, 2021 10:11 am

Which best describes your position Somewhat agree
regarding the recommended changes to
the big game rule?

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 26, 2021 9:01 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the recommended changes to
the big game rule?

Do you have any additional comments Trail cams need to be regulated to make it fair chase again.
about the recommended changes to the
big game rule?

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 27, 2021 10:16 am

Which best describes your position Somewhat agree
regarding the recommended changes to
the big game rule?

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

My main disagreement is with the limiting of "night vision devices". I personally have not used all those listed technologies but have used some thermal imaging optics. My experience is that using thermal imaging doesn't allow you to identify the sex of an animal or sometimes even the species of an animal. It gives you heat signatures only to tell you an animal is there and the further away an animal is, the less accurate it is with other objects like stumps and rocks also giving heat signatures. You still need visible light to accurately identify the object you are viewing.

What is the purpose of this new rule? If it is to prohibit people from shooting big game after legal shooting light then that is already illegal and this rule change isn't needed. Is it to prevent people from locating animals in the dark? Then we would also need to prohibit people from locating bugling bulls and gobbling turkeys in the dark. Should we allow houndsmen to run roads all night after a storm to get a quick jump on a lion or bear at sunrise? No. If night vision specific optics allows you to see a 6 point bull elk at 300 yards away on a ridge and helps you identify that as the 340 bull that you have been looking for then maybe night vision specific optics are the technology that needs to be prohibited. I think all the technologies listed are completely different from each other and need to be discussed more thoroughly. I'd venture to guess that most people who voted against these technologies are also the same people who aren't against limiting the shooting range of weapons. There are fair and unfair advantages in the field when it comes to killing game species and I think long range weapons do much more damage to other hunters' experiences than someone locating an animal with optics.

I also have a major issue with the way the language is written with the proposed rule change. Even the way Covy announced it in this video is contradictory to the language presented. Covy said you wouldn't be able to use the technologies 2 days before "your" hunt starts or until after 2 days after "your" hunt ends. The rule is written as 2 days before "any hunt" in the area begins and 2 days after "any hunt" ends. This creates unfair issues for some areas of the state. For example a La Sal, La Sal Mountains Elk hunter would be unable to use the technologies from the middle of September to the end of November because of the La Sal Mountain Goat hunt going on in the same area boundary even though the elk hunt may not take place anywhere near the goat areas. An elk hunter in the Book Cliffs could potentially use the technologies up until the 2 days before his hunt started so as you can see the language needs to be corrected if it is going to be specific to when "your" big game hunt starts instead of "any" hunt in the area.

Again, I do not feel like the 5% of hunters that can afford these high tech optics are the bad guys here unless in fact the night vision optics do allow you to see that incredible detail that normal visible light allows you to see. If that is the case, then night vision only optics should be regulated but not thermal imaging because you still need visible light to accurately identify your object. Do not approve this as written.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Until this year, I've never participated in the RAC process. Of course, this year a controversial topic came up regarding the use of trail cameras, in which an attempt to legislate their use. It was ultimately decided to have this handled through the public forum via the RAC and ultimately the Wildlife Board to involve public process.

Now, I've wondered why people felt like their public input did not matter, and after having reviewed and participate in the public process, I can see why. The Division did an excellent job of putting out a survey, and building a recommendation based on it. It was clear there was a portion who supported trail camera bans, a portion who did not, and a portion who didn't care. What was clear was everyone supported a season on transmitting cameras. Again, the Division created a recommendation based on it. I'm pretty sure many people felt the same way as I did, and were good with what was recommended, so comment was not necessary. What I found was disappointing. The Northern RAC decided to make a motion to change the proposal without any public comment on the change. I later discovered the Southern did the same. The southern RAC later did the same (they went a step further to make a motion to propose a change on scoped muzzleloaders which were not on the agenda, and without ANY comment!) If you're going to put an item on the agenda, you should have to stick with that item- either you're for it being recommended, or your against it. To change it after the public comment period diminishes the publics ability to be part of the input process. Also, it's unfair a person representing himself (and likely many others) only gets three minutes to comment. But, if you're part of an organization you get five? Why is it what a larger organization has to say is more important than what the individual has to say?

In short, I and several others support the proposal as recommended without any changes or amendment. I'm sure there is more to be debated in the future, but right now the proposal fits what was surveyed amongst the hunters. If that's the case, let's have the debate on each parts merits and not do this end-around of public input.

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 27, 2021 11:59 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Utah Wildlife Board. As an avid hunter & outdoorsman, I strongly oppose the new proposal that would limit the use of trail cameras to certain dates. While some use trail cameras as a hunting tool, there are also many others who simply enjoy them as a way to view wildlife that are not often seen otherwise, and as another way to get out and explore new areas. I would not be opposed to a limit on quantity or reporting specific locations, similar to what some states require for bear bait sites, but I strongly support hunters and outdoorsmen being able to continue to use trail cameras year-round. Thank you.
