

Which best describes your position regarding the landowner rule amendments for 2022?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these amendments?

I Love the idea of losing preference points if you obtain a general season landowner tag or even Limited entry points if you obtain an LOA tag. I don't think it's a legal or right to require private land owners to give access to public. The LOA members are part of the association because these tags are used to financially mitigate damages caused by the wildlife that they support (water, fences, crops). Will the DWR be reimbursing landowners for damages, water, grazing by wildlife? Will the DWR be responsible for any damages and cleanup to private land? Will the DWR be responsible for gathering up cattle that are released from open gates? Will the DWR be paying for cattleguards at every access point on every piece of private land? If said Hunter is not in physical shape and has a heart attack or any type of accident is the DWR going to take liability and responsibility off of the landowner in civil court. Does the DWR have adequate staff in all LOA areas to respond to all needs or violations reported in a timely manner?

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recommendations for 2022?**

Strongly agree

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about these recommendations?**

If you want people to harvest hens and/or poult in the fall the tags need to be cheaper. \$35 is very excessive for 2 to 3 lbs. of meat from a hen or poult. This is why hunters are harvesting toms in the fall, if the tag is the same price as the tag in the spring where the ultimate goal of the hunter is to harvest a "trophy" then the hunters will continue to target "trophies" in the fall.

If you sell tags that are beardless tags they will need to be cheaper or they will not be purchased.

One thought from myself and a couple other turkey hunters that would like to harvest multiple birds in the fall but are hesitant due to price is that you could sell one tag for the full \$35(Any bird) and give the option of buying the additional tags(beardless) for a reduced price, say \$10 to \$15.

I've had the opportunity to harvest at least 3 birds in the fall for the past 4 years as I have access to private property that has birds in Liberty which I know is an area that has many nuisance birds. However, I have not exercised that opportunity due to cost. I understand that hens and poult are the targets for Fall but can not bring myself to spend \$12/lb on turkey meat.

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more needs to be done with upland game transplants for Chukar areas along the Wasatch front. There are great areas that could support birds and provide opportunity closer than having to drive to far mountain ranges. Upland hunting is great for youth and continuing to get adults out and having urban upland would be great for that. More needs to be done along semi urban areas to provide opportunity and expand bird populations. More and more needs to be done to raise both Sharp-tails, Sage grouse, and huns to historic range in northern Utah. Please make this a priority, as they provide non-hunter watching and hunter opportunity.

HARD NO on Air Guns.

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Somewhat agree

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I love the idea. However, the Beardless/Hen permits should be \$20 or less.
\$40 for a gobbler is pricey already, \$40 for a hen seems unreasonable.

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Neither agree nor disagree

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Please allow a 22LR to be used to take upland game birds and prairie dogs. It is almost impossible for someone without dogs to take many of the upland bird species. Less animals will be wounded as well as it is way easier to be very accurate with a 22 than with a shotgun on a flying bird.

Ive had a ut warden tell me the rules allow me to use a 22 on pararie dogs. He couldn't show me the verbiage and i cant find it. If its allowed please say so in the guidebook. If its not allowed, that is just silly. How do you get within shotgun range without being seen. Am i suppose to sit over a hole with a shotgun until one pops out?

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The more i watch the board meetings the more i see the wishes of the at large/unaffiliated hunters taken away for preferences towards wealthy sportsman and landowners (recent example, baiting not allowed, except for those who "won't hunt it" like guides) and mob fears (recent example: also baiting, and trail cameras!).

Chads presentation is showing just a small example (his area of responsibility) on how the hunting Public is not benefiting as a whole.

The survey polled more landowners, they responded more, and the results (didnt say both sides) show favor to compansate landowners. Wow! And this is how we make recommendations. Dwr truely needs statastions for survey analysis. Not sure its worth it though cause the board still does whatever it wants (ex: trail cameras & SFW)

No disrespect to chad, he is doing what he can with the tools and support he's given.

My apologies for a very sided opinion. I'm confident i don't understand all perspectives and the obstacles the dwr and board experience. My trust and faith in both has been fading over the last few years. I appreciate chads hard work and hope we all keep working together to do better and come together.

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I think that the ratio of LOA permits should be a 60/40 split. 40% to the general public and 60% to the LOA. With all the programs we currently have in the State for big game hunting - the private landowners are favored over the general public - who, by the way, provide the most financial input to the DWR. With the CWMU program that has been poorly managed and abused to favor private landowners and then the ratio that this presents it is totally unfair to the general population,. When I mention the CWMU's - the State law identifies the required acreage necessary to be issued a CWMU designation yet the DWR has in many cases waived the acreage requirement. In some instances by as much as 50% and also closing off public lands to the general public. So - a better split to even out the field should be seriously considered. And the CWMU program should be following the State Law regarding acreage requirements. As is - the State has generated a program that is primarily to make landowners very wealthy for doing nothing.

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Strongly agree

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The Diamond Mountain Land Owner Association has got the best of both worlds for way to long, it says on the DWR web sight not to expect public access. They can hunt both, this is not right. Not to mention all the public ground and class D roads posted. The public has to wait 15 years for a tag but if you have 10,000 dollars to spare you can get one every year. Give the public hunter more opportunity.

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Strongly disagree

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Dear Board

I disagree with the recommended rule changes to the LOA Rules and ask that it be tabled to consider better options. I am a LOA President and did not become aware of the changes until; a week ago. 1. The committee did not represent all the LOAs. No discussion or feedback was ever given from the 2 LOA members. One LOA member quit as he felt there was no feedback being taken from him. The other LOA member never reached out to any other LOAs. 2. While I agree with the desire by make a "1 size fits all" rule on voucher allocation...the proposed rule does not recognize the nature of critical habitat owned by private owners. 3. The proposed rule changes are not scheduled to take effect until 2024. There is plenty of time to table the proposal and engage with all the LOAs. 4. The proposed Rule changes are not supported by the majority of LOAs which the LOA program is supposed to help and support.

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May 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
May 14, 2022 7:49 pm

**Which best describes your position
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Strongly disagree

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about these recommendations?**

I'm originally from Louisiana. I have hunted turkeys for many years. I moved to Utah in 2009 and I have noticed over the last 13 years that the Turkey population is booming. I think hunting turkeys in the fall is no fun. I enjoy hunting them in the spring when they are vocal and more active. I would love to see where you can get 2 Turkey tags in the spring. Way more fun for the youth as well. Not a fan of the fall thanks Les

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Speaking to the Diamond Mtn land owner Association They have gotten away with not allowing public hunters on the LOA for a long time with the use of the variance, there is no reason to allow one LOA to have special treatment and I believe the use of this variance has created an entitlement with the land owners and that is why there is so much push back to this new rule change. This rule change will level the playing field and is a clear and precise and easy to follow rule.

I think the W.B. needs to create more language in the rule that dictates the rules that the LOA can impose so that they are not creating hardship on the public hunter within reason.

The clear and simple fact is no land owner is forced into this program, but if you want to be in this program the LOA needs to be held to the same rules as everyone else. They are still getting benefit from the program, but if it is not worth it to them to allow some public onto their land then they can remove themselves from the program.

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I like the recommendation from the central RAC for a two permit limit on fall turkey tags, with maximum of one for a bearded bird.

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Strongly agree

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I can see the perspective of the Diamond Mountain LOA but I also think they ought to provide substantial public benefit if they're going to profit off a public resource. The rhetoric about being "forced" to provide public access to their land is simply not true - the program is voluntary and they can pull out if they don't like the terms and conditions.