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July/August 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback  
July 12, 2022 1:49 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-28?**

Neither agree nor disagree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

I support the division to raise the fees. I recommend the division to increase the Dedicated Hunter permit to 300\$ and only 1 Buck harvest in the 3 year program.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

The Utah hunting and license fees need no changes due to inflation. If you want people to pay more for tags, charge the out of state tag holders that compete for residential tags to pay excessive fees or stop allowing or reduce the number of out of state hunters. Increasing fees for inflation is an irresponsible method to increase budgets. We pay millions into the DNR for application fees that are the biggest joke. We put in for tags for years and sometimes decades costing residents millions and you want to continue to increase fees for an actual tag. Drop the application fees or reduce them to \$2.50 per application, the actual cost of processing the application. Start charging land owners for tags at the appropriate amount for what they turn around and sell them for, stop allowing outfitters and land owners to sell tags for tens of thousands of dollars! Make them PAY that value up front to the DNR. Outlaw reselling of tags. If the land owners tags were for the land owner or family it's one thing, if they are selling them for profit it should be illegal. If you want to run a high fence elk ranch and sell your elk tags for your private herd....good on ya. They shouldn't be profiting from the States wildlife in selling a State issued tag! Reduce your budgets and tighten up your belt. Cut the pork. Thanks for all you do.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-28?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these recommended changes?** I strongly disagree with the proposed changes. I will write my Representatives about this and actively campaign against it.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?** Licenses and permits are already priced too high. I strongly disagree with increasing any license or permit fees. The DNR can conduct budget cuts and limit staffing just like any other business. I will write my Representatives and actively campaign against these proposed changes.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-28?**

Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these recommended changes?**

We want access restored to the high level mark on all water ways, to be able to walk and access rivers and lakes for fishing. We pay for fishing licenses and demand access to the resource again.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-28?**

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Neither agree nor disagree

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

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Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

You are making so low income people cannot afford to go out. With the rising Cost of everything else I already have a hard time affording myself and my families licenses. I have already stopped hunting partly due to license costs. Why don't add a fee on boats due the increased cost of quagga check points and let the people who have boats pay for costs in stead of making people like me pay for something I will never use

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

By raising the prices of the tags and decreasing the number of tags it is harder and harder in today's economy to feed our families. My family and I rely on the deer and elk hunts to feed our family for the year. Just the increase in combination licenses will take our family of 3 being able to afford them to only 2 of us, We have financially only been able to have two of us put in for draws for the last 3 years and the odds have severely decreased us even being able to be successful in the draw. Instead of raising the resident tags why not double the out of state tags in price and cut their tag amounts in half. Triple or quadruple the fines for those who get tickets for poaching or anything else illegal. I have been fishing in Utah my whole life and have been a hunter the last 8, But next year I will be applying to hunt in Wyoming and Colorado it is financially cheaper to now hunt out of state.

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**Which best describes your position  
regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments  
about these proposed fees?**

Fees for seniors should be the same as everyone else, only give youth and disabled vets a discount.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

The DWR gets alot of flak from the public. In my opinion it is unwarranted. I believe that many hunters don't understand wildlife management and are poor hunters and worse sportsmen. I agree that a small increase is probably needed. I would urge the DWR to explore other revenue sources before increasing license and tag fees. Make sure that the excise tax from the federal government is being fully exploited. Get hardware ranch and other dedicated funding sources up to full operating potential. Drop any inclusion and diversity programs that you are planning. It has no place in wildlife management. Sportsmen and the DWR have done some good things for the preservation of wildlife, with the acquisition of the cinnamon creek WMA as an example. I would like the DWR to be able to continue to make property acquisitions as well as aquire access points to national forest. One point of contention that I have with the DWR is the CWMU program. That could be a cash cow for the DWR if a portion of the cost of the hunt went back to the DWR.



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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

You ain't making more elk or deer for us all your doing is making it harder to get and afford a tag we are loosing are fishing because of drought but yet you want us to pay more for no water to go fishing in .stop giving land owner tags they can sale them and keep the big game on there land go Chase the wild life of there land so everyone can have a chance .stop asking us to give you all more money when it don't do us the people any good.

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

Hi. I would like to know where in the organization you have cut costs and/or eliminated non-essential programs/projects/expenditures. It's easy to require people to pay more money but better to cut the fluff first. There was nothing presented about anything that has been done to eliminate wasteful/non-essential spending which leads me to believe that wasteful/non-essential spending is still happening. If you were able to present a thorough, honest, transparent view of programs/ costs that were cut in order to save money and you still had a deficit, I'd be more willing to throw a tiny amount of support behind this. Without it, I think Utah hunting and fishing fees are already too high and I do not support in any way more rate hikes.

Also, branding this as a "Modest fee increase" is misleading or intentionally untruthful. 18% increases are not "modest"

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

I understand the need for more revenue and appreciate the DWR's services. But the \$6 increase for resident fishermen should be shifted to nonresidents. \$0 increase for residents. If a short-term time-bound \$2 increase is needed for the hatchery projects, with a specific end date for that increase, I could support that temporary change to help complete the projects. Utah's nonresident fishing licenses first should be aligned with the cost of neighboring states' nonresident licensing. Utah's current and proposed nonresident fees are lower than Wyoming, Idaho, etc. It seems obvious that the first step would be to align nonresident fishing fees with the regional market, before putting any burden on residents. Only once Utah nonresident fees are equal to surrounding states should residents be expected to start addressing revenue burdens via resident fee increases. I don't hunt, but I would support also shifting all resident hunting fee increases over to nonresidents as well. \$0 increase for resident hunters. Put the burden on all of the tourist hunters, who as with the nonresident fishermen, likely are not going to base their decision much on the cost of the tag/license anyway.

I don't know how guide regulations work in our state, but I'd also recommend exploring guide license fees or guide regulations. Maybe there's a source of greater state revenue there somewhere since most of those guides are using public waters as best I see, to the detriment of the resident fishermen (and possibly it's the case with hunters as well).

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-28?** Neither agree nor disagree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?** Dear Board Members,

I Strongly Disagree with Residents having to foot this bill. As Single parents and families try to continue the tradition of hunting and fishing here in Utah I ask that you do not support this proposal.

Yes it may seem like \$5 here and \$30 dollars there is little but this proposal is HURTING the average hunter and fisherman and moving more and more to a "rich" persons sport. With the climate around us I would hope that the DWR would find other means to generate the funding rather than take more from Utah Residents. Please, keep hunting and fishing at the forefront of our passion and the amount of hunters and fisherman and the outdoor industry in Utah please DON'T support this.

Can you ask why Swan and Crane Permits increased so Dramatically? The explanation was just to match turkey fees but with cranes and swans migrating thru vs turkey why the outrageous fee percentage when not much is done to manage them like turkey?

In closing with the surrounding rise in everything please don't raise the prices for us to get out and have the opportunity to hunt and fish. It is all some of us have left with gas prices and cost of living. Some of us don't take vacations or trips so that we can hunt and fish to provide smiles to our kids and food on our tables.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to voice my opinion to you all.

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July 13, 2022 1:06 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

I recognize that additional funding is needed, however multiple smaller increases over several years would easier to bear as a hunter. This reduces the financial pressure that everyone is already feeling from the high inflation while still helping DWR meet financial needs.

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July 13, 2022 4:13 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

I think instead of upping the prices on licenses you need to charge the CWMU land owner for the tags they get to sell, I guide on a CWMU ranch and the owner gets 9 Elk tags he sells them tags for \$15,000.00 dollars a tag make him pay for those tags, say charge him \$500.00 a Elk tag, plus he gets a dozen Deer tags to sell , they are getting rich off of state game our game as taxpayers, and if they don't want Elk on their land then fly a helicopter over their land and run the Elk off there land . The land owner I guide for tells us if the state didn't give me tags then the state can come and get them off my property, so that's just what I would do, so charge them for the tags they get and if they don't like it then cut them off from giving them tags, it doesn't bother you to up our licenses, so charge them also, if you charge them \$500.00 for a Elk tag he'll just up the price to \$15,500.00 and he'll get it, it's not fair to up the price for us and not charge them, hunting anymore is a Rich Man's Sport.

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July 14, 2022 2:13 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

Many other Western states have much higher fees for nonresidents, UT has always been much lower than other states. My recommendation is to significantly increase all hunting/fishing fees for nonresidents and leave resident fees lower.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-28?**

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Neither agree nor disagree

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

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Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

I think all of the changes are reasonable with one exception. I don't think that the "hour purchase" for the dedicated hunter program should be increased. I'm a participant in the dedicated hunter program and I have never bought hours before but I think it should stay at \$20 considering the fact that the DNR and all other state agencies start most of their seasonal work and low level positions at less than \$16 an hour. Moving the rate to \$40 seems ridiculous to me unless the state is going to be raising their rate for low-mid skill employees to \$40. The DNR is already coming out on top at \$20. Don't put more red tape on the dedicated hunter program than there already is.

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July 25, 2022 11:02 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-28?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?** I am happy to help support the DWR and will happily pay to keep things running smoothly. Thanks!

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

I appreciate and understand the dwr needs and the work that is done on behalf of Utah outdoors opportunities. I also understand the emphasis on youth hunters/fishers and the special consideration they get. Future paying customers. I think similar or even more thought should be given to the elderly, over 75 yrs of age. I will be 82 for the upcoming hunting season and purchase licenses even though my use may be limited. "Inflation" has devastated most our the elders' budgets. How about if we make it past 75 yrs of age, we get a complimentary fishing/hunting permit?

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July 27, 2022 7:22 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

The swan tag increase is very concerning. With a \$10 application fee and \$40 tag fee the \$50 swan tag is very highly priced. That is the same price as an over the counter ELK tag. With kids that hunt also it would cost hundreds of dollars for our family to hunt swans. I do not agree with this increase.

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July 27, 2022 10:36 pm

**Which best describes your position  
regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments  
about these proposed fees?**

I am OK with the fee increase for most tags.

But a 100% increase for the dedicated hunter buy out hours is ridiculous  
\$40 per hour is too much. And I have only ever bought out 2 hours in the 9  
years I have been in the program.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Somewhat disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

I think the 6 dollar increase for a fishing license is way too much. A couple of dollars or at most or 4 dollars is a ten percent increase. Doing nearly Twenty percent is unreasonable and way above inflation. The Division should be finding a way to cut costs not pass them on to the public. With the drought the last few years, decent fishing opportunities are rapidly shrinking. and I see very little money being put into anything for fishing more than just hatcheries and stocking finless fish. Work with Conservation groups to lower costs or sell exclusive tags for to increase funds. The average resident angler should not shoulder this extreme financial burden.

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August 1, 2022 10:19 pm

**Which best describes your position  
regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments  
about these proposed fees?**

The non resident antlerless elk tag is way to much of a increase. 251 to 350. Please reconsider this and maybe spread the money out more evenly.  
Thanks Robert Monroe

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Somewhat disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

Dedicated hunter buyout fee. I want to be a dedicated hunter. I want to do my part. But increasing the buyout to \$40 per hour is extreme. General labor cost is well below that and you know it. According to the bureau of labor statistics, entry level construction labor national average pay is \$18.69. And you dont see labor wage go into the \$30's until workers have significant experience (over a decade) or they are highly skilled in a specific trade. I planned to work for you this year, but due to medical issues, cannot, so I bought out. I had to save up to even be in the program to begin with, and the current cost was financially difficult, but necessary (again, due to medical issues). Doubling the price will be unrealistic, and will push me out of the program if Im unable to be part of labor projects.



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August 4, 2022 2:22 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

There is never a good time to raise a price on most goods and services. I can't recall off hand a price reduction of any kind that actually meant anything, or had longevity to it. You watch us hover around \$4.50 in fuel as the "new" normal. Hope I miss my guess. So really- you don't have much of a choice.

I would encourage you too take a good look at your employees and their financial stations. Can't run it without them. Also have a good look at the age ledge where folks stop buying licenses. I've always been pro youth and new hunters. I think your missing the senior boat. I'm not going to put the effort into filling a tag like I did 20 years ago or even 5 for that matter. There just comes that time. As a guess I'd say those over 60 don't figure much into the success rates. But we'd sure like to be able to acquire a tag, be able to go out of camp and sit, or walk around somewhere and feel like we still can hunt.

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August 6, 2022 5:22 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

Inflation is already hard on the people. You start raising the prices for something that people are passionate about and fill their freezer for, the people will not take it lightly. We already pay double in gas prices and food. We don't need additional fees to live and provide for our families right now. My vote for the raise would be a  no.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

The Northeastern RAC meeting inspired me with an idea I'd like you all to consider. I'll be archery hunting and will be unable to attend the meeting in person.

As a previous dedicated hunter, I was somewhat supportive of the idea of doubling the rate for buying out the hours because we really do have a problem with people doing that instead of actually volunteering their time (especially in some of the sought after southern units)

That said--especially the first year--it can be EXTREMELY difficult to find projects in such a small time frame. (You basically have 2 months to find a project and get your first 8 hours completed.)

That sounds like a lot of time, but when there are projects they fill up extremely fast because people procrastinate, which makes the demand very high.

I won't go into my idea about how to fix that, and I'll only speak to the fee structure for this meeting.

I propose that the fee be \$20/hr for the first 8 hours, and \$60/hr for the remainder... This allows people to get that first tag by buying the hours if necessary, and severely penalizes those who refuse to volunteer.

Getting the remaining hours is a walk in the park after that first season. (I did 36 hours in less than 2 months after the seasons were over, and I had more time to volunteer)

One other thing that also needs to be addressed here is credit for those buying materials for a specific project as well as the mileage per diem given on some projects. I believe those should also remain at \$20/hr. This does open a loophole for the people that want to just buy their way out, but at least they have to put in some effort to find the specific need, and purchase those materials.

Thanks, and please reach out if you have any questions or need clarification on this idea.

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August 10, 2022 1:47 pm

**Which best describes your position  
regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments  
about these proposed fees?**

Don't do it. Don't be a sell out like most. Buckle down and look at ways to cut costs like we all are doing. Ex. Costco hasn't raised their hot dog prices figure out other ways to cut costs and maintain revenue.

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August 10, 2022 3:49 pm

**Which best describes your position  
regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments  
about these proposed fees?**

This seems to just be a cash grab that should not be done, with inflation going on pushing to force more people to pay more to get outside is the worst possible option!

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August 15, 2022 6:47 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

I don't like these increases at all 1 thing I can't keep swinging money ? I don't have. I'm a retired custodian from a school district in Utah. Also I retired from Geneva steel about 25 years ago with very limited pensions and limited income in social security. If you guys go along with these increases in fees for fishing hunting me, disabled people like my son and other fellow hunters and anglers will be put in a bind me fellow hunters and disabled people like my son will be unable to afford to pay ? for these licenses I love to hunt, fish, and camping ?. I understand things cost ? We've been an big supportive of wildlife. I hate to see this happening. I think it will have a big effect especially on what's been going on through past 20 years plus I've seen you guys change a lot things and has not been very good at all it's cost ? me and family. Increases in spike elk hunting which should be limited to every 3 to 5 years. Also I'm concerned about the future Fishing ? in these big lakes and Reservoirs like strawberry it's open all year round never gets a break use to be the best fishing ? and nice cutts rainbows trophies it use to be the blue ribbon lake years ago. I'm also concerned about how you guys have got these deer ? and elk hunting seasons all combined together with a lot pressure on them. There won't be anything around if this continues there won't be any trophy bucks and bulls. I hope you take this into consideration before you I think there is a better ways we can get money ? to pay for theses expenses like having banquets expos not to increase the license fees thanks again Richard Harper



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August 16, 2022 1:02 pm

**Which best describes your position**      Somewhat agree  
**regarding the proposed DWR fees?**

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**Do you have any additional comments about these proposed fees?**

Thank you for your good work on this. I know that raising fees as a public entity never tends to go well, but in general I do support actions that keep our wildlife management programs adequately funded.

There's only one item I'm having a really hard time with: I do not support a \$40 fee for a swan tag. I can't make sense of it no matter how I look at it.

Looking at other states, the most expensive resident swan tag is in Idaho for \$22.75. North Dakota and Nevada are \$10. Montana is \$5.

It also doesn't make sense when compared to other tag fees, such as a doe deer for \$33 or doe pronghorn for \$40. Those are more popular hunts with much more/better meat than a swan provides.

The only rationale I can find behind the \$40 amount is that the division wants to charge \$40 for a turkey and so they think they ought to charge \$40 for a swan as well. I disagree with this rationale for a few reasons: (1) the Division needs more revenue to manage turkeys than they do to manage swans. Turkeys need to be transplanted, cause depredation issues, etc. whereas swans just fly through habitat that we are already managing for ducks and geese. (2) A turkey hunt is a better and more popular hunt than the swan hunt. There were more than 11,000 applicants for LE turkey permits compared to just over 6,000 for swan. (3) Turkeys have more meat than a swan and the meat is much tastier. (4) The \$40 price point for turkey is already very steep, and it's not fair to use one steep fee to justify another. Resident turkey tags are \$22.75 in Idaho, \$20 in Nevada, and \$16 in Wyoming, as a few points of comparison.

I feel the same way about crane tags - \$40 is too much and makes no sense.

I would respectfully request a tag fee of \$20 for swans and cranes and to keep it at \$35 for turkeys. I think this would keep us more in line with other states and avoid a massive spike in prices that is hard to swallow, especially when everyone is already feeling stretched with inflation. I spend a lot of money on license/tags each year, but eventually there comes a straw that breaks the camel's back. I don't think I'll apply for swan or crane again if the fee is raised to \$40, and I'm sure others feel the same. I also think we will lose many if not most of our nonresident applicants for these species if the fee is increased from \$17 to \$125.

Thank you for taking on these hard decisions and attempting to do what's best for Utah's wildlife.

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July/August 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback  
August 17, 2022 12:42 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-28?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these recommended changes?** In regards to the e-bikes on wmas, I agree that they should be restricted to motorized roads and trails. Anything with a throttle should be restricted from non motorized trails

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed DWR fees?** Strongly agree

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