

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

September 29, 2022, Eccles Wildlife Education Center
1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington, Utah

The meeting can be viewed live at <https://youtu.be/M1BOVsyuqOM>

Thursday, September 29, 2022 – 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda **ACTION**
– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman
2. Approval of Minutes **ACTION**
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3. Old Business/Action Log **CONTINGENT**
– Randy Dearth, Vice-Chairman
4. DWR Update **INFORMATIONAL**
– Justin Shirley, DWR Director
5. 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 **ACTION**
– Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator
6. Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan **ACTION**
– Guy Wallace, Wildlife Manager
7. LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals **ACTION**
– Chad Wilson, Private Lands Public Wildlife Coordinator
8. Conservation Permit Audit **ACTION**
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief
9. Conservation Permit Annual Report **ACTION**
– Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief
10. Prohibited Species Request – Pacific White Leg Shrimp **ACTION**
– Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator
11. 2023 RAC/Board Meeting Dates **ACTION**
– Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator
12. Other Business **CONTINGENT**
– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman

Wildlife Board Motions

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Motion made by: Wade Heaton
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Action: Established Summer 2022
Placed on Action Log: January 4, 2022

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Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: June 2, 2022

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Motion made by: Randy Dearth
Assigned to: Blair Stringham
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: August 25, 2022

Wildlife Board Work Session
Eccles Wildlife Education Center, Farmington UT
August 24, 2022 9:00 am
<https://youtu.be/cMaCSwCEG60>

1. Elk Status Updates

- Current elk population status and statewide elk plan update
- Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator, DWR
- Elk hunt management data and metrics
- Mike Wardle, District Wildlife Biologist, DWR
- Collaborative elk research
- Dr. Brock McMillan, BYU

2. Elk Conflict Management

- Chad Wilson, Private Lands Public Wildlife Coordinator, DWR

3. Elk Hunting Draw System and Over the Counter Sales Upgrades

- Lindy Varney, Licensing Coordinator, DWR

4. Elk Habitat Updates

- Danny Summers, Central Region Assistant Habitat Manager, DWR

5. Mule Deer Mid-year Update

- Dr. Randy Larsen, BYU

Utah Wildlife Board Working Meeting
Eccles Wildlife Education Center
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Attendance

Wildlife Board

Kevin Albrecht – Chair
Randy Dearth – Vice-Chair
J. Shirley – Exec Secretary

Bryce Thurgood
Karl Hirst
Gary Nielson

Division Personnel

Mike Canning
Ashley Green
Justin Shannon
Riley Peck
Kenny Johnson
Wyatt Bubak
Kevin Bunnell
Ben Nadolski
Chris Wood

Staci Coons
Paige Wiren
Chad Wilson
Mike Wardle
Lindy Varney
Brad Crompton
Covy Jones
Teresa Griffin
Eric Edgley

Mike Christensen
Dax Mangus
Jim Christensen
Danny Summers
Bryan Teel
David Smedley
Randall Thacker

BYU Research Professors

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- 00:00:01** Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order, and board members introduced themselves.
- 00:00:42** Division of Wildlife Resources director, J. Shirley, gave meeting comments.
- 00:01:23** Chairman Albrecht stated the value of holding working session meetings.
- 00:02:12** **1) Elk Statues Updates (Informational)**
Big Game Coordinator Dax Mangus gave updates on the status of the elk population and the statewide elk plan.
- 00:25:32** **Board Questions & Discussion**
The Board asked why elk cannot just be grown without population objective limits, and/or if the Division would consider increasing population objectives. The Board asked if raising population objectives would negatively affect deer populations. The Board asked if the elk plan addresses the difference in number of elk on private versus public land, and asked specifically if allowing private land owners to increase the number of elk on their property without taking away opportunity from the numbers available for the public hunt is addressed? The Board asked about the dynamics affecting the current status of Book Cliffs antlerless elk, and asked for an update on the Book Cliffs Working Group.
- 00:40:57** Southern Region district biologist Mike Wardle presented a summary of elk hunt management data and metrics.
- 01:02:09** **Board Questions & Discussion**
The Board asked if they could have a copy of the slide presentation. The Board asked about hunter reports of harvested elk in different units versus the size, health and age class data gathered from those same units. The Board noted that the age class had been changed in the Nebo unit a few years ago.
- 01:06:18** Brigham Young University Plant & Wildlife professor Brock McMillan presented a summary of current collaborative elk research.
- 01:47:08** **Board Questions & Discussion**
The Board asked if summer range habitat or winter range habitat is better for providing essential body fat for antlerless elk. The Board expressed the hope that the public could be made aware of real elk and deer scores. The Board asked if deer can birth twins in consecutive years, and how both range conditions and the condition of the fawn's mother contribute. The Board voiced appreciation for the fact that many

of the Division's wildlife biologists are also hunters.

01:57:43 Break

02:14:07 2) Elk Conflict Management

Private Lands and Public Wildlife Coordinator Chad Wilson gave a presentation on private land elk conflict.

02:24:44 Board Questions & Discussion

The Board asked about the depredation financial compensation budget, and commented on using short-duration hunts, such as are used for depredation issues, on private lands to move animals onto public lands. The Board asked if new CWMU or LOA applications have been submitted this year.

The Division commented on the how the CWMU and LOA programs set the conditions for improved relationships between the Division and private landowners.

The Board asked how antlerless LOA permits and CWMU vouchers are allotted.

02:31:02 Break

03:08:27 3) Elk Hunting Draw System and Over the Counter Sales Upgrades (Informational)

Licensing Coordinator Lindy Varney gave a presentation on licensing upgrades.

03:29:37 Board Questions & Discussion

The Board asked how the online sales waiting room function operates. The Board commented on how the data presented, when shared with the public, could help them understand the draw system better, and suggested that the information be shared though the Division's social media platforms.

03:35:06 4) Elk Habitat Updates (Informational)

Central Region Assistant Habitat Manager Danny Summers summarized elk habitat updates.

03:58:02 Board Questions & Discussion

The Board asked if wildlife migration overpasses are as successful as underpasses. The Board asked what management practices the Division might use given the current U.S. Forest Service suspension of prescribed burns. The Board expressed appreciation for the Division's Cinnamon Creek land purchase habitat restoration partners, and asked how the Division plans to move forward on restoring that property's habitat.

04:03:11 5) Mule Deer Mid-year Update (Informational)

Brigham Young University Plant and Wildlife Sciences professor Randy Larsen presented mid-year mule deer updates.

04:16:22 Board Questions & Discussion

The Board asked if doe annually return to the same location to birth fawns, and if they do, does that information help with collaring of deer. The Board asked what factors determine deer parturition.

The Board expressed appreciation for all the deer data that has been collected, analyzed and shared among biologists and university professors and students.

Big Game Coordinator Dax Mangus offered to field questions from anyone from the RACs who watches the recording of the work session meeting and has questions about what was presented in the meeting.

Wildlife Chief Covy Jones noted that Utah's successful wildlife management is positively supported by the Division, the Board, university, sportsmen and conservation partners, and the public, and the partnerships these groups have formed among each other.

Chairman Albrecht commented on the positive relationship that the Board has with Division biologists.

The Board asked how much project funding comes from the sale of conservation permits.

Deputy Director Justin Shannon commented that the current elk management plan committee had to address different challenges than the committee that met and formed a plan in 2015.

Director Shirley praised the licensing section for having managed successful elk permit sales days, and Administrative Services Chief Kenny Johnson gave an overview of how sales went over the summer season.

The Board again thanked the Division for presenting this meetings content, and noted the value of learning and being able to share the presented information with the public. Chairman Albrecht thanked all Division employees.

04:37:28 Meeting adjourned.

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– Sgt. Gabe Patterson, Technologies Committee Co-chair
6. R657-28 Lands Use Rule Amendments ACTION
– Chelsea Duke, Wildlife Lands Coordinator
7. Proposed Fee Schedule ACTION
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief
8. Expo Permit Audit ACTION
– Sarah Scott, Financial Manager
9. Expo Permit Allocation ACTION
– Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief
10. Drought Permit Recommendations ACTION
– Dax Mangus, Wildlife Big Game Coordinator
11. CWMU Advisory Committee ACTION
– Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief
12. Other Business CONTINGENT
– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman

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Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Gary Neilson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Gary Nielson, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 2, 2022 Wildlife Board Meeting as submitted.

3) R657-28 Lands Use Rule Amendments (**Action**)

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MOTION: I move that we approve the remainder as presented with the modifications indicated by the Division, minus the Spot and Stalk proposal (which was addressed in a previous motion).

5) Expo Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Audit as presented.

6) Expo Permit Allocation (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Allocation as presented.

7) Drought Permit Recommendations (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Drought Permit Recommendations as presented.

8) CWMU Advisory Committee (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

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J. Shirley – Executive Secretary	Wade Heaton
	Gary Nielson
	Bryce Thurgood

RAC Chairs

Central – Jason Vernon
Southern – Brayden Richmond
Southeastern – Kent Johnson
Northeastern – Brett Prevedel
Northern – Justin Oliver

Division Personnel

Mike Canning	Mike Christensen	Jim Christensen
Ashley Green	Staci Coons	Gabe Patterson
Justin Shannon	Paige Wiren	Brandon Behling
Kenny Johnson	Kyle Maynard	Randal Thacker
Chris Wood	Chelsea Duke	Davis Smedley
Jason Vernon	Sarah Scott	Mark Martinez
Miles Hanberg	Guy Wallace	
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Kevin Bunnell	Chad Wilson	
Covy Jones	Dax Mangus	
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Public Present

Troy Justensen	Kevin Norman
Angie Wonnacott	Dale Christiansen
Tanner Carlson	
Chris Carling	
Matt Anderson	

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- 00:00:01** Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order and welcomed the audience. The Board members introduced themselves. Bret Selman, Bryce Thurgood and Wade Heaton joined the meeting virtually. The Chairman thanked those in attendance.
- 00:01:33** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**
The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.
- 00:01:58** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Gary Nielson, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 2, 2022 Wildlife Board Meeting.
- 00:02:22** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**
There was no old business to report.
- 00:02:48** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**
Director J. Shirley gave Administrative Services, Habitat, Law Enforcement Outreach, Wildlife and Aquatic section updates.
Chairman Albrecht commented on the value of Utah's wildlife management public process.
- 00:18:05** **5) Technology Update (Informational)**
Gabe Patterson updated the Board on Technology Committee meeting participants, agenda items and topics of discussion. He noted that the committee has been put on hold pending further direction from the Board.
- 00:33:21** Bryce Thurgood joined the meeting in person.
- 00:34:33** **Board Questions**
Chairman Albrecht suggested that an ongoing technology committee is established. The Board thanked those who participated in the committee. The Board recognized that a common sense approach to approving or restricting hunting technology, and advocated for soliciting public input on technology issues after the Division has had time to review the committee's findings and make recommendations.
The Board asked for technology guidance prior to the elk committee finalizing the

elk plan.

00:41:29 Technological Issues

00:58:32 6) R657-28 Lands Use Rule Amendments (Action)

Wildlife Lands Coordinator Chelsea Duke gave an overview of the video presentation that was posted on the Division's website.

01:01:32 Board/ RAC Questions

The Board asked about the different classes of e-bikes, and asked about special use permit guidelines. The Board asked how much big game special use there currently is on Wildlife Management Areas. The Board asked if the Division perceives the need to monitor and evaluate special use permits on Wildlife Management Areas.

01:06:39 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

01:08:01 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the permit recommendations as presented with stipulations.

01:10:49 Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

01:11:07 RAC Summaries

Chairman Albrecht gave a summary of all the RAC motions.

01:11:48 Board Discussion

The Board asked the Division to look into adding guides and outfitters to the special use permit in both the Wildlife Management Areas and the Waterfowl Management Areas.

The Board voiced concern about assessing a use fee to the public on public lands.

The Board expressed differences regarding allowing e-bikes on Wildlife Management Areas.

Central Region Supervisor Jason Vernon shared e-bike use concerns in that region.

The Board recognized that, though WMAs are public land, they are primarily established for the benefit of wildlife.

Law Enforcement Chief Wyatt Bubak shared what e-bike use he has observed in the field, and noted that the proposed amendments will make enforcement

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.

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Action Log.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the recommendations as presented by the Division.

01:32:50 7) Proposed Fee Schedule (Action)

Administrative Services Section Chief Kenny Johnson gave an overview of the proposed fee schedule changes.

01:38:18 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked about resident and non-resident combination license prices, and asked about the changes to dedicated hunter hours.

The RAC asked about resident and non-resident general season elk and deer permit allocation. The RAC asked how many dedicated hunter program participants purchase their hours, and suggested that the Division revisit the guidelines of what constitutes a dedicated hunter project.

The RAC asked about the proposed price increase on the limited entry cougar hunt.

01:48:29 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

01:50:24 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the permit recommendations with varying stipulations and opposition.

01:55:32 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

01:58:14 Board Questions/Discussion

The Board asked the Division to explain the one-day fishing license.

The Board asked what the cost difference is between the total of paying three years of the Dedicated Hunter Program participation fee versus three years buying a multi-season elk permit.

The Board commented on the fairness of the youth non-resident fee.

The Board asked if the Division would consider offering the cougar spot and stalk permit for \$10.00, and if a cougar harvested on a spot and stalk permit counts against cougar quotas.

Director Shirley noted that the Division has been analyzing how to more widely make the cougar spot and stalk permit available.

The Board voiced support for the fee increases, and suggested that the legislature pay a higher percentage of the DWR budget to cover the use-costs of non-

consumptive users.

The Board noted that a lot of the conversations that western states were having at the 2022 summer WAFWA meeting revolved around the need for fee increases. The Board asked the Division to share the reasoning behind the non-resident fee increase dollar amount, asked what budgets the non-resident application fees fund, and asked how Utah's fees compare to other western states.

The Board asked if reducing the price of the spot and stalk permit, and potentially increasing the number of those hunters in the field statewide would have a negative impact on statewide cougar populations.

The Board discussed how the hunter program requirements might be adjusted to positively benefit both the program and program participants.

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MOTION: I move that we approve the remainder as presented, with the modification indicated by the Division, minus the Spot and Stalk proposal (which was addressed in a previous motion).

02:48:10 Lunch

03:35:30 Bret Selman was excused from the meeting, Wade Heaton indicated that he needed to leave the meeting at 1:30 p.m., and the RAC chairs were excused from the meeting.

03:36:05 8) Expo Permit Audit (Action)

Financial Manager Sarah Scott gave a presentation titled, "Expo Audit for 2022."

03:43:53 Board/RAC Questions

There were no questions from the Board or the RACs.

03:44:15 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

03:45:28 Board Discussion

The Board commented on the value of Expo Permit funding, and noted the transparency and clarity of the report.

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Audit as presented.

03:47:31 9) Expo Permit Allocation (Action)

Wildlife Section Chief Covy Jones gave a presentation titled, "2023 Expo Permit Allocation."

03:51:10 Board/RAC Questions

The RAC asked about the San Rafael North unit.

03:52:16 Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

03:52:27 Board Discussion/Questions

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Allocation as presented.

03:53:57 10) Drought Permit Recommendations (Action)

Big Game Coordinator Dax Mangus gave a presentation titled, "2022 Drought Big Game Permit Recommendations."

04:01:31 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked the Division to explain how the recommended number of Henry Mountain bison drought permits was arrived at.

04:03:02 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

04:03:41 Board Discussion/Questions

The Board recognized the diversity of voices that comprised the Bison Committee, those who argued for or against increasing Henry Mountain bison drought permits.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Drought Permit Recommendations

as presented.

04:07:20 11) CWMU Advisory Committee (Action)

Wildlife Section Chief Covy Jones requested that the Board approve the replacement of Joel Ferry for Randy Elliott on the CWMU Advisory Committee.

04:08:41 Board/RAC Questions

There were no questions from the Board or RACs.

04:08:46 Public Comments

There were no public comments given at this time.

04:08:54 Board Discussion/Questions

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04:09:44 12) Other Business (Contingent)

There was no other business.

04:09:51 Meeting adjourned.

**Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Approved Motions**

1) 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 (Action)

All Regions

MOTION: I move that we accept 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 as presented.

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

2) Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan (Action)

CRO, NRO, SER, NER

MOTION: I move that we accept Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan as presented.

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

SRO

MOTION: I move that we accept Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan as presented.

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

3) LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals (Action)

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MOTION: I move that we accept LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals as presented.

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

NRO

MOTION: I move that we accept LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals as presented.

MOTION PASSES: 6 in favor 1 opposed and 1 abstained

SRO

MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's presentation as proposed, but include a multiplier of 1.5 per acre.

MOTION PASSES: 3 in favor 1 opposed and 2 abstained

NERO

MOTION: I move that we support the four items as proposed by the DWR and add 1.5 multiplier for crop lands only as defined by rule.

MOTION PASSES: 5-4

Central Region RAC Meeting

Video Conference

August 30, 2022

The meeting streamed live at <https://youtu.be/hDn8Xca9MFU>

Tuesday August 30, 2022 6:00 pm

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Mike Christensen, acting RAC chair | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– Mike Christensen, acting RAC chair | ACTION |
| 3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
– Mike Christensen, acting RAC chair | INFORMATIONAL |
| 4. Regional Update
– Jason Vernon, Regional Supervisor | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14
- Randy Oplinger, Wildlife Lands Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan
- Guy Wallace, Wildlife Manager | ACTION |
| 7. LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals
- Chad Wilson, Private Lands Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |

Details of the specific recommendations can be found at www.wildlife.utah.gov

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Central Region RAC Meeting
August 30, 2022
Springville, Utah
Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda

The following motion was made by Jim Shuler, seconded by Eric Reid and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve to approve the agenda as presented.

2) Approval of July 26, 2022 RAC Meeting Minutes

The following motion was made by Jim Shuler, seconded by Eric Reid and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the July 26th Central Region RAC meeting as transcribed.

3) 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14

The following motion was made by Jim Shuler, seconded by Luke Decker and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented.

4) Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan

The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Danny Potts and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented.

5) LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals

The following motion was made by Jim Shuler, seconded by Ken Strong and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented.

Central Region RAC Meeting
August 30, 2022

RAC Members

Attending

Michael Christensen – acting RAC Chair
Braden Sheppard – online, joined 6:53pm
Eric Reid
Josh Lenart – online
Ken Strong
Luke Decker
Jim Shuler
Brock McMillan – online, joined 7:01pm
Danny Potts
AJ Mower – online

Excused

Scott Jensen
Ben Lowder

Wildlife Board

DWR Personnel

Jason Vernon
Matt Briggs
Scott Root
Guy Wallace
Randy Oplinger
Mike Christensen

Wade Paskett
Mike Christensen
Heber Shepherd
Covy Jones
Wes Pearce

Total public: 3

Public invited to join online: <https://youtu.be/hDn8Xca9MFU>

Central Region RAC Meeting
August 30, 2022
Springville, Utah
<https://youtu.be/hDn8Xca9MFU>

06:01:39	Acting RAC Chair Mike Christensen called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members and indicated which UDWR personnel were present on the broadcast. He explained the process that there will be no live presentations and public comments will be taken during the meeting.
06:04:00	<p>1) Approval of Agenda (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Jim Shuler, seconded by Eric Reid and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.</p>
06:04:00	<p>2) Approval of Minutes (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Jim Shuler, seconded by Eric Reid and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: To approve the July 26th Central Region RAC minutes as transcribed.</p>
06:04:30	<p>3) Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational)</p> <p>Actin RAC Chair Mike Christensen updated the RAC.</p>
06:07:15	<p>4) DWR Update (Informational)</p> <p>Jason Vernon updated the RAC on all regional activities.</p>
06:18:27	<p>5) 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 (Action)</p> <p>Randy Oplinger, Wildlife Lands Coordinator</p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html</p>
06:19:00	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>RAC members asked questions about the reasoning behind the reduction of perch limit at Sand Wash. Is the reduction due to size or low numbers? RAC also addressed the increase in the Walleye limit at Sand Wash, response given indicates this is due to a rapidly growing population that is unsustainable. Other questions were asked regarding Pineview Reservoir survey numbers for perch and how the Division is addressing drought conditions, any updates on increased limits at waterbodies. Related questions were asked about fish stocking at Yuba and other waters without conservation pools.</p> <p>Public Questions</p> <p>None</p>
06:25:25	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p>

<p>06:26:30</p>	<p>RAC Discussion RAC members asked for clarification in regards to a public comment concerning round tail chub.</p>
<p>06:29:18</p>	<p>2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 MOTIONS The following motion was made by Jim Shuler, seconded by Luke Decker and passed unanimously MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented</p>
<p>06:29:52</p>	<p>6) Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan Guy Wallace – Wildlife Manager A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html</p>
<p>06:33:03</p>	<p>RAC Questions RAC members asked questions bison population numbers on the Henrys, what the biggest threat is to this herd, the genetic viability of the herd, collar data, harvest of collared animals, and the visibility of collars for hunters. Public Questions None</p>
<p>06:44:07</p>	<p>Public Comments Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation. Public Comments Kevin Norman – SFW – Support Bison management plan. SFW member on the committee felt there was give and take on both sides but committee was able to come to an agreement. We recognize this Bison herd is important to the state and the country and we support the plan. Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>06:45:30</p>	<p>RAC Discussion The RAC discussed the Division being proactive with the management of the herd and recognize past conflicts with other stake holders. RAC requested DWR staff address the 50:100 bull to cow ratio online comment.</p>
<p>06:48:35</p>	<p>Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan MOTION The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Danny Potts and</p>

	<p>passed unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented</p>
<p>06:49:05</p>	<p>7) LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals</p> <p>Chad Wilson – Private Lands Public Wildlife Coordinator</p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html</p>
<p>06:49:50</p>	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>RAC members asked to review the Wildlife Board’s motion regarding the LOA Rule. RAC member asked for clarification regarding the information contained in a letter from Diamond Mountain, specifically the removal of all big game animals, is that a possibility? Does the Division do that? RAC member also asked for clarification of the 1.5 multiplier proposed by the LOAs.</p>
<p>06:58:15</p>	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>No public online comments received</p> <p>Public Comments</p> <p>Dale Christianson – LOAs – Thank you for having us and hearing us, we appreciate the work that you do. I also want to thank the Division, Covy, Chad, and the LOA committee for meeting with us. We believe we did make progress. The LOAs prior to this had been excluded from the process but we were able to organize and we have had ten plus meetings as LOAs in the last couple months. We are here, Randy Lawyer and myself, representing the Landowner Associations in the state. One of the things I wanted to do was remind you about what the LOAs are. There are 21 LOAs in the state and 17 operators because there are several LOAs that have multiple species. With that we have 743 landowners and I hope you can appreciate the difficulty and communicating and organizing getting 743 farmers, ranchers and landowners to agree and move forward. We’ve moved expeditiously. Those 743 landowners represent over 640,000 acres in the state. They are coupled with state and federal lands in these limited entry units and they are critical lands for wildlife. We’re here at the table trying to work with the state. You talked about the one LOA that is choosing to leave. We involved them in our process, they were aware of what we were doing and have chosen to take another path. The rest of us have chosen to stay at the table and work to come to some common ground and I think what I’d like to stress today is that we’re very close but this acreage multiplier is a lynch pin for the landowners. The landowners, I can tell you, are at a domino tipping point. You’ve seen one large LOA leave. If believe if we don’t get some common ground there could be a domino effect because we do have 743 landowners, it’s not 21. There could be a domino effect that could turn us back 20 or 30 years as far as where the wildlife is. Again we are trying to get some changes and this one change we believe is critical to our success. In that vein I want to leave you with some statistics. The LOAs receive 75% less vouchers, per enrolled acre, than the other private land program, CWMUs. You’ll hear the Division shoot out that it’s because you can hunt the whole unit, but 75% less? On the other side, the LOAs provide 50% more public access to private land than the CWMUs. We are here doing our part, we are</p>

	<p>asking for you to help us out. We are trying to be good citizens and representatives. The other thing I would like to finish with is trying to remind you what the landowner permit program is. The landowner permit program is intended to provide an incentive for private landowners to manage their lands as quality habitat for public wildlife, assist the Division in managing big game and most importantly increase private landowner tolerance of big game. Again, that is where we can't emphasize enough that landowners are at a tipping point where landowners believe they are not getting the incentive enough as what was given. We've estimated that if the new rule goes into effect as stated, in 2022 there were 200 landowner permits issued, that will go to 147 which is a 26% reduction. I don't know about you guys but I wouldn't be happy about a 26% reduction in income. Again we thank you for your service and working with us. We ask that you to recommend approval to the Board for the 1.5 multiplier. Thank you.</p> <p>Kevin Norman – SFW – It feels like we just did this but we still support the Divisions recommendations on this landowner association plan. Thank you.</p>
<p>07:05:08</p>	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>The RAC members questioned the motivation for the 1.5 multiplier, is it strictly financial, is there a benefit to the species? What is the Division's stance on the benefit of the 1.5 multiplier? Will the current recommendations disincentivize wildlife on public lands? RAC member asked about hunter harvest success on LOA permits. RAC discussed the reduction in permits not only as a result of the rule change but also due to permits not being reduced in the past.</p> <p>Public Comment Card received (late)</p> <p>Randy Lawyer – The multiplier, I look at the physicality of what that means. I have 250 cows on 8,000 acres. We go one earlier than most of other cowmen and we come off later than everyone else. The fact that we go on early is that we get as good a chance as our cows could hope for. The feed is pretty much gone in the spring because we have 3-400 elk competing with our cows. They tend to stay on our ranch because we have the only water on our side of the mountain. So we are not incentivized, how can we be? The feed is gone. We struggle, especially in drought. This multiplier from what we understand from collar data should be closer to 1.8 and I think we should have started with that. Maybe it doesn't matter, maybe nobody cares. The 1.5 is inadequate but it is coming from the landowners with the desire to cooperate and work with you and we feel like we are being stuck in the eye with a sharp stick. Take it or leave it, we don't care. So I hope that is not the case.</p> <p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>Mike Christensen – LOA committee discussed this for hours, it was agreed upon to form an LOA committee with LOA and sportsmen representation to address this in the future. Because the 1.5 multiplier was not agreed upon by the committee, taking it to the Board goes against the Board's motion. If LOAs wanted to stay on private lands and they manage to herd objective they could get more tags. There was no appetite for a multiplier for unit wide tags.</p>

07:26:01	Landowner Rule Amendments MOTIONS The following motion was made by Jim Shuler, seconded by Ken Strong and passed unanimously. MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented.
07:27:00	Strawberry Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan (Informational) Wes Pearce, Strawberry Reservoir Assistant Project Leader
07:28:02	RAC Questions RAC members asked questions about the pressure Kokanee fishery receives. How will that be addressed, stocking more fish? Would that decrease size and growth rates? Clarification question was asked about angler hours at Strawberry being one million hours for the last 25 years. Other questions were asked about the possibility of adding splake to Strawberry, Kokanee natural recruitment fluctuation, and the fish ladder near Aspen Grove.
07:41:20	Meeting adjourned.

Regional Advisory Council Meeting

Aug 31, 2022

The meeting will stream live at, <https://youtu.be/a1NzVyoKPoc>

1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- RAC Chair **ACTION**
3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
- RAC Chair **INFORMATIONAL**
4. Regional Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor **INFORMATIONAL**
5. 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14
- Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator **ACTION**
6. Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan
- Guy Wallace, Wildlife Manager **ACTION**
7. LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals
- Chad Wilson, Private Lands Public Wildlife Coordinator **ACTION**

Regional Presentations Only

- Strawberry Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan – CR Only **INFORMATIONAL**
– Alan Ward, Strawberry Project Leader
– Wes Pearce, Strawberry Project Biologist

**Presentations can be viewed at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html>
Public Comment can be provided by clicking the link under the presentation.**

CR RAC – Aug 30, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville
<https://youtu.be/hDn8Xca9MFU>

SER RAC – Sept 7, 6:30 PM
John Wesley Powel Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River
https://youtu.be/T_DEQkoN0lo

NR RAC – Aug 31, 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden
<https://youtu.be/a1NzVyoKPoc>

NER RAC – Sept 8, 6:30 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
318 North Vernal Ave., Vernal
<https://youtu.be/ypvzt3pbrmM>

SR RAC – Sept 6, 6:00 PM
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd., Richfield
<https://youtu.be/bDHQT8UGeKE>

Board Meeting – Sept 29th, 9:00 AM
Eccles Wildlife Education Center,
1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington
<https://youtu.be/M1BOVsyuqOM>

**Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Motions**

1) Approval of Agenda and Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Matt Klar, seconded by Randy Hutchison and passed unanimous. (Ryan Brown was not present for voting)

MOTION: I move that we approve the Agenda and Minutes.

2) 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Brad Buchanan and passed unanimous. (Ryan Brown was not present for voting)

MOTION: I move that we accept 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 as presented.

3) Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Brad Buchanan, seconded by Randy Hutchison and passed unanimous.

MOTION: I move that we accept Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan as presented.

4) LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals

The following motion was made by Matt Klar, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passed. For: 6
Against: 1. Randy Hutchison - More performance accountability needed. Abstain: 1 Paul Chase
- Forest Service doesn't want to affect how things happen on private land.

(Ryan Brown was present for the voting)

MOTION: I move that we accept LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals as presented.

Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting

Aug 31, 2022

Attendance

Justin Oliver – Chair
Kevin McLeod – Vice-Chair
Ben Nadolski – Exec Secretary

RAC Members

Ryan Brown
Brad Buchanan
Jaimi Butler
Paul Case

Randy Hutchison
Matt Klar
Nikki Wayment

Board Member

Bryce Thurgood

RAC Excused

David Earl
Junior Goring
Emily Jensco
Mike Laughter
Darren Parry
Casey Snider

Division Personnel

Jodie Anderson
Chad Wilson
Randy Oplinger
Guy Wallace
Chris Penne
Jim Christensen
David Smedley

Mike Christensen
Daniel Olson
David Beveridge
Wade Paskett
Blair Stringham

Advisory County Meeting
Aug 31, 2022
Minutes

00:03:47 1) Chairman Justin Oliver called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience and reviewed the meeting procedures.

00:07:53 2) **Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Matt Klar, seconded by Randy Hutchison and passed unanimous.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Agenda and Minutes.

00:08:56 3) **Update from past Wildlife Board Meeting by Ben Nadolski**
Links on website to view.

Justin Oliver commented how he likes having the cougar tag in hunters' pockets if the opportunity comes and having it as an option in the checkout cart when you purchase your license.

00:13:12 4) **Regional Update - Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor (Informational)**
Law Enforcement - Hunters are seeing bucks and bulls. Three recruits going to Police Academy. Davis/Weber district is vacant. Regular WMA patrols. UCOA magazine.
Beaver Releases - Addressing conflicts and restoring habitat in the Chalk Creek watershed. Featured on CBS Morning Show.
Newfoundland Mountains - A new guzzler was installed by the Wild Sheep Foundation last week.
Cinnamon Creek - Ribbon cutting and dinner on August 5.
Shooting Closures - Temporary Closures. 12 WMAs in 5 counties in the NRO. Rescinded with monsoons and improved conditions.
Aquatics - Aerial stocking of High Uintas. Cutthroat trout electrofishing surveys. Bear Lake gillnet survey. Channel catfish stocking in community fisheries. Least chub transfer.
Wildlife - Preseason elk and pronghorn classifications. Big game depredation counts. Updating unit deer plans. Rabbit surveys – populations are trending up! Youth chukar and waterfowl hunts 9/17. Antelope Island bighorn sheep transplant 10/15.

Avian Flu - Occurrence had slowed down in July and August. 44 birds and 2 foxes across 9 counties statewide. Recent increases due to fall migration. Canada geese among birds found in northern Utah.

Native Fish & Mollusks - Bluehead sucker population surveys on the Weber River. Emergency transfer of least chub from Pilot Pond. Identified new populations of winged floater mussel in Ogden Bay and Salt Creek WMAs. South Fork of Junction Creek diversion rebuild and fish passage.

Great Salt Lake - Boat craned out of marina and back on the water for sampling. Salinity is extremely high >18%. Brine shrimp numbers look good but navigation for brine shrimp harvesting will be a challenge. Region wide shorebird survey was completed with more than 100 volunteers. Provided an airboat tour for a number of local leaders recently.

Waterfowl - Successful phragmites burns at Ogden Bay and Salt Creek WMAs. Planted food plots and shrubs at Farmington Bay, Ogden Bay and Salt Creek WMAs. Annual Phragmites Project August 8 - September 9.

Outreach - Beginning big game hunting clinic. Partnered with Utah Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. 5 nights of instruction. Hunting instruction, Hunting ethics, Field Day, Range Day and Field dressing. Pointing dog clinic. Free training provided by expert trainer Bret Wonnacott. 32 participants.

Sales & Administration - NRO opening sales day.

RAC Member Opportunities - Elk and pronghorn classifications. Cutthroat trout surveys at Cinnamon Creek WMA. Willard Bay gillnet surveys. Beaver translocations.

00:31:48: Questions from RAC Members

Justin Oliver asked when Great Salt Lake had last had a high salinity content. Question was deferred to Jaimi Butler, who wasn't sure. Luckily, brine shrimp and microbialites are two keystone species that the Great Salt Lake ecosystem relies on. They have a really wide tolerance for salt content. However, researchers think that if nothing changes within the next two years, the lake's brine shrimp population will probably crash. If that happens, most of the world's eared grebes population will have very little to eat.

Kevin McLeod commented that in 1982 or 1983, salinity was so low in Great Salt Lake that water froze along the Antelope Island causeway and it was difficult to travel in boats across parts of the lake.

00:35:08 5) 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 (Action)

Presentations were available at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html>

00:35:22 Questions from RAC Members

Biggest change proposed. Difference between a bonus limit and an increased fish limit. Threats to roundtail chub. Measurable criteria used. Enough staff for native species to monitor efforts.

Comment from Jaimi Butler – Catch-and-release and proper methodology for catching and releasing. Would encourage the Division to look at its outreach and the proper handling of fish. Some of the agency’s videos show anglers holding fish out of the water.

00:41:51 Electronic/Public Comment Report by Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor

1 response. 1 (100%) strongly agree.

Utah Anglers Coalition - Support the proposed changes to the 2023 Utah Fishing Guidebook.

Kevin Norman, SFW- Supports the Division’s recommendations.

00:43:10 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Randy Hutchison – Complimented the Division for its fisheries work and noted that far more fishing licenses are sold than any other wildlife-related license in Utah. You’re doing good work.

Ben Nadolski – We’ve engaged with angling groups, and many of these groups support our staff and our efforts. Our fisheries folks deserve a lot of praise for the work they’re doing with anglers.

Kevin McLeod - Great presentation.

Justin Oliver - Appreciate the pro-active approach the Division is taking to fishing, especially considering the drought and efforts the agency is making to get ahead of it.

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Brad Buchanan and passed unanimously. (Ryan Brown was not present for voting)

MOTION: I move we accept 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 as presented.

00:47:02 6) Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan (Action)

Presentations were available at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html>

00:47:15 Justin Oliver asked Guy Wallace if he had any additional information that wasn't mentioned in the presentation. Guy said in the Central Region RAC held the night before, he talked a bit more about the process the committee went through. They had a diverse committee that had some hard, candid discussions about issues that were of concern to the committee's members.

Ben Nadolski had the privilege of facilitating the committee. Guy asked Ben to share some comments on the process and how the committee functioned. Ben said a committee was appointed to give us information the Division needs to collectively make a decision that meets the needs of the state. A lot of stakeholders needed to have a voice at the table, and it was important that we gave them that voice. Things got really uncomfortable at times, but the committee made its way through the process.

Guy Wallace commented that everyone on the committee had an opportunity to voice their concerns.

Questions from RAC Members

300,000 acres of bison habitat. Mostly public property. Increase in hunting tags due to habitat conditions. Livestock operators have reduced the amount of grazing. Habitat projects getting approved through the WRI process. Acreage to work on in the next few years.

* Ryan Brown enters meeting at 6:56 p.m. He was helping with a Division project.

Elk removed from the area, but not mule deer. Deer population not competing with the bison. Wild horses on the unit.

01:02:06 Electronic/Public Comment Report by Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor

No Electronic Public Comments on this topic.

Kevin Norman, SFW - Supports the Division's management plan.

01:03:16 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Brad Buchanan - Likes the plan.

Justin Oliver - Heard from someone who drew one of the permits. Likes that it's giving hunters an opportunity.

The following motion was made Brad Buchanan, seconded by Randy Hutchison and passed unanimous.

MOTION: I move that we accept Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan as presented.

01:04:59 7) LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals (Action)

Presentations were available at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html>

Justin Oliver - Commented that this topic was discussed at the RAC in June. It went to the Wildlife Board, where it passed unanimously, but there was a caveat that shareholders be invited to meet together and to bring forward any amendments or changes they might like to see. The LOA partners are requesting some changes.

Chad Wilson was asked to address and discuss the process and the items that had been agreed upon.

01:09:17 Questions from RAC Members

Explanation of a multiplier. Coming together with original committee and the LOAs and what was agreed upon. Representatives from the LOA on the committee. Data up for debate was misinterpreted. Any proposal had to go through the committee. No new recommendations from groups on their own. Housekeeping items. Differences in verbiage: sometimes the rule says landowner and other times it says private landowner. Do both terms mean the same thing?

01:15:42 Electronic and Public Comment Report by Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor

No Electronic Public Comment on this topic.

Kevin Norman, SFW - Supports the Division's recommendations on the LOA program.

Dale Christiansen, Pilot Mountain LOA - They have organized themselves and have held 10 plus meetings to try to form an association. The LOA supports the proposed rule changes. They believe additional rule changes are key to the survival of the LOAs. LOAs represent more than 650,000 acres of private land. Wide variety of landowners involved. There are 21 LOAs in Utah, and 17 LOAs have multiple species on them. Within the LOAs, there are 743 owners. They're at the table, trying to work with the state. In 2022, the LOAs were awarded 200 bucks and bulls permits. Did take out a non-LOA in their calculations. LOAs receive 75% fewer private tags than CWMUs on a per-acre-enrolled basis. Value of the tags aren't twice what the CWMUs are. Feel like they are being under compensated on a per-acre basis for the benefit they provide to the state. 50% more public access per-acre-enrolled basis. This program was designed to entice and bring landowners in. Think they are doing their part. The largest LOA in the state has decided to leave the program. Keep the landowners involved. Want to work with the state, but more changes need to be made.

01:22:27 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Justin Oliver - We talked about different programs. One size does not fits all. Hard to compare the LOA program to the CWMU program. Essentially taking away some public opportunity. We have gone through this at length. Happy with where the program is at right now.

Nikki Wayment - Incredibly sensitive to the plight of the LOAs. Want to make sure we are all on the same page.

Justin Oliver - We are here to vote on the proposal that was brought here today. Wildlife Board will have the final say.

Nikki Wayment - Do not feel adequately educated enough to make a motion with an amendment. Not sure I understand all of the caveats of what the disagreement is. As a member of the RAC, it makes me nervous to make a further adjustment to the amendment other than how it is already written.

Matt Klar - It was pretty clear what to vote upon. The mandate is to vote up or down on the things they agreed upon. The board made the stipulation that all parties had to agree in order for the Wildlife Board to revisit this.

Justin Oliver – As the chair, if there was a member here that wanted to make a motion, I guess I would let their voice be heard.

Brad Buchanan - This a unique situation. The Board was clear on their directive. He supports the 4 amendments that came back through. Says it puts the program in the right spot.

Randy Hutchison - The rule is laid out. Struggles with this program. Glad that performance metrics have been set up.

The following motion was made by Matt Klar, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passed. For: 6 Against: 1. Randy Hutchison - More performance accountability needed. Abstain: 1 Paul Chase - Forest Service doesn't want to affect how things happen on private land.

MOTION: I move that we accept LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals as presented.

01:32:22 Meeting adjourned.

Southern Regional RAC Meeting

September 06, 2022

RAC Members

Attending

Gene Boardman

Craig Laub

Bart Battista (Acting RAC Chairman)

Verland King

Tammy Pearson

Chuck Chamberlain

Dan Fletcher

Absent

Brayden Richmond

Riley Roberts

Austin Atkinson

Chad Utley

Wildlife Board

Kevin Albrecht

DWR Personnel

Kevin Bunnell

Denise Gilgen (virtual)

Teresa Griffin

Kyle Christiansen

Mike Hadley

Craig Walker (virtual)

Guy Wallace

Paul Gedge (DNR Admin)

Stetson West

Gary Bezzant

Adam Kavalunas

Richard Hepworth

Wade Paskins

Phil Tuttle

Chad Wilson

Terron Roberts

Erik Woodhouse

Public invited to join online: <https://youtu.be/bDHQT8UGeKE>

Southern Region RAC Meeting

September 06, 2022

Richfield, Utah

06:00:16	Acting RAC Chairman Bart Battista called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members and of the meeting. There will be no live presentations during the meeting.
06:01:36	1) Approval Of Agenda and Minutes (Action) The following motion was made by Chuck Chamberlain , seconded by Tammy Pearson . MOTION: I move that we approve the Agenda and Minutes as presented.
06:02:42	3) Wildlife Board Meeting Update (Informational) SRO Regional Supervisor Kevin Bunnell .
06:04:52	4) DWR Update (Informational) SRO Regional Supervisor Kevin Bunnell updated the RAC on all regional activities and answered questions and concerns. Richard Hepworth commented and answered questions. Erik Woodhouse commented on projects in Washington County. Conservation Officer Terron Roberts was introduced. He is a new Officer in Richfield.
06:18:39	RAC Questions: Verland King: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not familiar with Navajo Lake, where is it located.• Are Tiger Muskie susceptible to Whirling Disease.• Last Chance treatment. Any chance of burning it too.• Lop and scatter project. Discussed problem with fallen trees in creek in his area. Suggested this could be a Dedicated Hunter project, to help pull trees out of creek.
06:25:00	5) 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 (Action) Craig Walker , Aquatics Section Presented his recommendations and answered questions.

	<p>Richard Hepworth: Treated Navajo Lake last Fall to get rid of Utah Chub. Restocked this Spring. Anglers are allowed to keep only one fish over 22 inches.</p> <p>The other change is to the Escalante River System. Trying to encourage one of our native species in that drainage, the Roundtail Chub. Making them a sports fish to allow additional fishing opportunities.</p>
06:28:00	<p>RAC Questions:</p> <p>Verland King: When you catch and release, what is the survival rate.</p> <p>Chuck Chamberlain: How big do Roundtail Chub get and how well do they survive.</p>
06:31:13	<p>Public Questions: None.</p>
06:31:28	<p>Public Comments:</p> <p>Kevin Bunnell: (online comments): The Utah Angler's Coalition. They are strongly in support of the Division's overall proposal.</p> <p>There was an individual who checked the "Strongly Approve" box, but did not leave a comment.</p> <p>Troy Justensen: Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife supports the Division's recommendations.</p>
06:32:45	<p>RAC Comments:</p> <p>Craig Laub: Not a fisherman, but catch and release seems like it has a high percentage of loss.</p> <p>Gene Boardman: Not much on catch and release because he hears about catching quality fish and not taking them home. Not a fan of the slots, poor survival rate, catch and release needs to be more ethical.</p>
06:38:02	<p>MOTIONS</p> <p>The following motion was made by Tammy Pearson, seconded by Dan Fletcher</p> <p>MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's recommendations as presented.</p> <p>Passed unanimously.</p>
06:38:35	<p>6) Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan (Action)</p> <p>Guy Wallace, Wildlife Manager</p> <p>Wade Paskins (Indian Springs Project)</p> <p>Presented recommendations and answered questions.</p>

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RAC Questions

Verland King:

- Historically we had a Bison Committee back in 2007. Upset that instead of using the established committee, the DWR created a new one. Disappointed the DWR didn't ask David or Brian Brinkerhoff to be part of the committee.
- Habitat projects on the Henry Mountains. What is the percentage of the projects that turned out how they were planned.
- The Indian Springs Project sounds good, but what kind of spring is it? The Henry Mountains are pretty dry. Are you saying another project with no water?
- So, from 2007 to 2022, that's 15 years that we've been working on this and still no water.
- Are you looking at putting cameras on the flight and letting the public see what you're seeing? (DWR is not opposed to doing this as technology develops.)
- Bison on the winter range. What are your plans to move them up, since other things haven't worked. (Hazing, etc.)
- How does Garfield County feel about closed the gate on their county road?
- Is the DWR aware that habitat has been damaged. compared to what it is in the past to what it is now. Do you agree there's habitat damage there? Is that the Bullfrog area? So with a little rain, the habitat improves.
- With this drought, what numbers are you decreasing to?

Bart Battista:

- When the committee came up with the rules and objectives of this management plan, was there a consensus or how did the committee comp up with the management plan?
- I used to do wildlife and resource projects back in Camp Pendleton and good project, typically has a success criteria and that's how you determine the results. That would be the metric you would use.

Craig Laub:

- What's being done to resolve the conflicts between the Ranchers and Bison, particularly on the Winter range.

Tammy Pearson:

- So has the spring been stopped? If there isn't a fence there, and you let Bison in, there won't be a spring there for long.
- What's your percentage of private land there? Just BLM?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm a Rancher and you don't have projects unless you have water or some sort of water development. Have you looked into BLM water rights? In the 1970's the BLM bought up a lot of water rights. Are there water rights that the BLM has not developed. It's a golden opportunity to look into a WRI project or something similar.(Solar projects) • Her family has been looking into infrared technology to monitor wild horses. This may be more feasible and realistic to capture images of Bison. • What is the success of the Bison hunts? <p>Gene Boardman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wildlife Board approved a bunch of emergency permits because of the drought. Has anyone considered what a yo-yo effect this has over the next several years? It seems like the Henry Mountains always has a yo-yo effect due to drought. (Over objective, then under objective). <p>Chuck Chamberlain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a minimum number to preserve the Bison genetics? If you drop down to 275, is that a minimum?
<p>07:19:00</p>	<p>Public Questions/Comments:</p> <p>No public questions.</p> <p>Kevin Bunnell (On-line comments):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was one person who did not leave a comment, but checked the "Strongly Agree" box. <p>Troy Justensen: SFW supports the division's recommendations as presented. Addressed the RAC as a committee member and I'm (we are) a permit holder on that mountain. There is something special about this bison herd. We need to preserve it, they're one of a handful of genetically pure herds. We need to come up with solutions, help each other, and save this lifestyle. Swapping land, water projects, etc. Strongly encourages the RAC to support this plan.</p> <p>Troy Forrest: I also served on the committee. It was my job to advocate for the Ranchers. I take that very serious, I grew up on a Ranch. I think we've come up with a viable plan going forward for the Bison and the agriculture community. I think we have tools in place now to make a difference. We have opportunity and technology now for water that we didn't have years ago. To the Division's credit, they were willing to have one more meeting to address concerns and they</p>

	<p>honestly listened. As a committee, we didn't always agree, but we came up with a plan and recommend you support it.</p>
<p>07:27:04</p>	<p>RAC Comments</p> <p>Tammy Pearson: I think you guys are spot on when it comes to working together and putting a plan forward. We should all be on the same page and working on the same common goals. Water is always going to be a problem. These landscape projects are going to be key, no matter where they are at. Having everyone at the table is key. Commends the committee on SITLA projects, water projects are key. Wildlife wouldn't be where it is today if it wasn't for the Ag people that have put effort into water and habitat projects. Kudos to the committee, knows it wasn't easy</p> <p>Verland King: There is damage to the habitat. That desert, when it use to rain, would get 8 inches, maybe 11 inches on the mountain. The mountain isn't the problems. The winter range is where a lot of Wayne County producers run their cattle, there's been damage. When the number was 225, we finally got the DWR's attention, got them counted and there were over 500 head. I agree, if you get a good rainstorm you'll get growth and good range. The Bullfrog where these Brinkerhoff's run their cattle have had to cut back and probably don't use half the permits, the forage just isn't there. The Bison take the winter feed early before the ranchers can get down there. They're plains animals, they're not supposed to be in this environment. I've never seen a petroglyph showing Bison in this area. They damage the range, then move on. The bison are genetically pure, but they aren't growing to their full potential, according to a park ranger that I spoke to. She believed it was due to the poor range condition. That tells you there's a problem with the habitat. The damage has been done and the Henry Mountains and the surrounding areas will not recover like the plains will. I believe we can manage the genetically pure with hauling buffalo in and out. With 225, you'd might have less hunters, but you'd have bigger buffalo. In the plan, it says the DWR adjust for drought, You're down 15 %, I'm down 30% on my cattle. I'm struggling to build back if I can get another rainstorm. The plan is always too little to late.</p> <p>Craig Laub: I'm concerned about the winter range. Summer range is fine. The buffalo go where it's green and sometimes that's on winter range. It's really those guys' property. The pay for their assessments and permits. So really, it's a property right in my opinion. I'm</p>

	<p>concerned about the resource, the deer, the elk everything runs through their property.</p> <p>Verland King: The SFW permits. There's been rumors for several years about you guys working with Brinkerhoff's, then someone throws a wrench in the cog. Are you guys dealing again? (David Brinkerhoff answered they are talking again. We need help somewhere, somehow).</p> <p>Craig Laub: Along those lines. I'll echo what the Yardley's say all the time. The elk beat the cows to the feed.</p> <p>Tammy Pearson: It's the horses on ours.</p>
<p>07:38:48</p>	<p>MOTIONS: The following motion was made by Verland King, seconded by Craig Laub.</p> <p>MOTION: I move that the division reduced the number of Bison population on the Henry Mountains to 225. Failed 3-4 (Bart Battista, Gene Boardman, Dan Fletcher and Chuck Chamberlain opposed).</p>
<p>07:38:48</p>	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>Bart Battista: We want a genetically healthy herd. So your proposal is that we should haul bison in and out?</p> <p>Verland King: Yeah, I think the habitat is more precious than the genetics of this herd. There are several in other parts of the United States and you can manage by bringing Bison in and out. You can manage that genetic diversity without hurting the resources, the habitat. I feel that's what needs to be done.</p> <p>Bart Battista: And we just heard that 1000 is the minimum population, to keep a healthy population.</p> <p>Dan Fletcher: So the committee met, came up with a plan. Not everyone agreed with the plan. If we approve this motion, What will happen? Does it go back to the Wildlife Board for further consideration? Does it go back to the committee for further consideration?</p> <p>Verland King: With you being a BLM guy, you can understand what I'm talking about. Maybe you haven't been on the Henry's, but the more you overgraze, pretty soon you lose body size, pregnancy rate.</p>

Bart Battista: Did the committee reconsider those numbers and what was the result. Was it a concensus?

Guy Wallace: No, some wanted more, some wanted less. We decided 325 was a place everyone could get along with. Specific plans were put into plan to monitor drought conditions and adjust populations as range conditions dictated.

Verland King: The problem with that is the slow reaction time. By the time you go through the process, you're a year or more – sometimes less with this. In the meantime, damage to the resources are still be done. If we went to 225, it wouldn't be that critical. We'd have the drought numbers that would be protecting the habitat and resources. We'd have a healthier, bigger herd.

Bart Battista: Those appear to be speculative statements.

Dan Fletcher: Our district does a lot of proactive station treatment in Iron and Beaver County and I feel like the office over there does a lot too. In our area, we didn't have a good water source at the time, but we went ahead and treated it. We did that knowing that we'd probably come back and put a well in and extend the pipeline to get water in those areas. One benefit of doing that is you can look at that treatment, have measurable objectives and determine whether or not to spend 50K to put in a well. I think that's what they're trying to do over here. I'm not terribly familiar with the Henry's. Water is a limiting factor throughout the whole area. But if you don't put those treatments on the ground, you're not going to make any more habitat. If the treatments are successful, you can go after funding to get some wells placed in the area. And with those wells, it would be for Bison, livestock, etc. I would hope that water would be used to help get those Bison off the winter range. Whether or not that would work with Bison, I don't know. Sounds like they go pretty much where they want. Sounds like proactive treatment is where you really have to focus, it may be controversial with the special interest groups. Proactive treatment also helps prevent fire. Beneficial for both livestock operators and wildlife.

Bart Battista: I think it's important to note that committee members are in the audience that support the plan. Something to keep in mind.

Tammy Pearson: Is there a way or a discussion on the plan on the sites of water projects. Is it in the plan?

Guy Wallace: We went through a process to come up with project. There are projects we'd like to do. Difficult to identify specific projects. The DWR is definitely interested.

	<p>Tammy Pearson: 100 % agrees with habitat management projects. It seems like once they're established, you're locked out of them for two years, especially if there's a burn, for livestock. The wildlife still uses them. I think it makes sense to do water projects after the habitat and restoration projects and that type of work. Is there a way to amend the Motion to address this?</p> <p>Kevin Bunnell: The motion on the table is only to address the population of Bison, the rest of the recommendations are still on the table.</p> <p>Chuck Chamberlain: Let me clarify that. It was my understanding that the Motion would accept the entire plan with the exception of the reduction of numbers.</p> <p>Kevin Bunnell: You are correct.</p> <p>Tammy Pearson: So, I would like to make a motion to amend to include water projects.</p> <p>Verland King: That is already in the plan.</p> <p>Kevin Bunnell: Water projects are in the plan, they're just not site specific. They're opportunistic. Based on opportunity, success of projects, and water rights.</p> <p>Guy Wallace: The plan wouldn't preclude any new water project idea that came in.</p> <p>Verland King: The more you overgraze, you lose body size. The reaction time is so slow. By the time you go through the process the damage is still being done. If we went to 225, it would not be that critical. We would be protecting the herd and habitat.</p> <p>Chuck Chamberlain: I put my trust in the committee that they've already studied</p>
<p>07:54:57</p>	<p>MOTIONS: The following motion was made by Chuck Chamberlain, seconded by Gene Boardman. MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's Henry Mountain Bison Management Plan as presented. Passed 4-3 (Verland King, Tammy Pearson and Craig Laub opposed).</p>

<p>07:55:26</p>	<p>RAC Discussion:</p> <p>Verland King: You're reliving this little bit right here, but we are living it every day of our life.</p> <p>Chuck Chamberlain: I will say because I made the Motion, there's a lot of conflict in my mind. My grandfather raised cattle. I can understand the conflict between you and wildlife.</p> <p>Craig Laub: And that's the thing. These guys are down 25-30 % of what they can run, the buffalo aren't down. Buffalo numbers should go down too, the resources aren't there.</p> <p>Dan Fletcher: There's been talk of the drought monitor and utilizing that to adjust the population. Is there a trigger in this plan so that if you have a 50% drought you can quickly drop the number of Bison? Do you have to go through the Wildlife Board for approval? If you do this for Bison, people are going to ask for you to do this for elk, deer, etc.</p> <p>Kevin Bunnell: It's the same tool. Our tool for reducing population is hunting for deer, elk, and other wildlife. If we make recommendations in April for the next year's hunt. If come August we are in a drought situation, within the same hunting season we can increase the number of permits. There will also be disagreement on is that not enough or too many.</p> <p>Guy Wallace: This was kind of a difficult decision. A month ago there were some areas greening up. But it was spotty across the range. We felt an adjustment for additional permits was warranted.</p> <p>Verland King: Hunting is not the only way to reduce the population. You captured some (Bison) and transplanted them. The problem is finding someone to take them.</p> <p>Chuck Chamberlain: I put my trust in the committee. I don't want to blindly trust; however, I don't want to overturn something they've spent month and months working on.</p>
<p>08:01:51</p>	<p>7) LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals (Action) Chad Wilson, Private Lands Public Wildlife Coordinator Presented his recommendations and answered questions.</p>

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RAC Questions:

Tammy Pearson: I'm just getting comments, not questions. I haven't talked to anyone from LOA's that are happy about it. Some of the landowners are going to pull out, period, with the comment that I want the wildlife off my property. If someone pulls out of the LOA, what will you do if they want the wildlife off of their property?

Chad Wilson: We will work with landowners, we are not trying to have them leave. We are open to discussion whether this rule is passed or not.

Kevin Bunnell: All under the depredation program in this case, Tammy.

Bart Battista: If you have wildlife on your property, do you have to show harm or damage. Or can you just say they are there?

Chad Wilson: As soon as you have the damage, report it to the division. We'll come out and complete an assessment and then do a mitigation plan. Each landowner situation is different.

Craig Laub: Can they do a 72-hour notice.

Verland King: That's my question.

Chad Wilson: So, a 72-hour notice is an intent to kill. Landowners can give an intent to kill if it's cropland, but not on rangeland.

Craig Laub: So what's the incentive to push the DWR to take care of it then? If they're on my farm ground, you've got 72 hours or I can get rid of them, but if they're on my rangeland I can't. What's your incentive to get rid of them?

Chad Wilson: Because we like to work with the landowners. Not every general season unit has this. They don't have Landowner Associations. You have the opportunity to obtain a general season deer permit if you don't draw.

Craig Laub: I know all about that.

Chad Wilson: That's their incentive to be in this program. Where in a general season unit, it's a deer permit.

Kevin Bunnell: A 72-hour notice is a difference. We are required by law to respond to depredation issues. Following the law is our incentive.

	<p>Craig Laub: If I didn't have a recourse, why would the DWR be in a hurry to respond.</p> <p>Kevin Bunnell: We are still required by law to respond. And, we always do respond.</p> <p>Verland King: You say rangeland versus cropland. How do you make the distinction? BLM and...</p> <p>Chad Wilson: No that would be private. Cropland is irrigated, harvested, cultivated.</p> <p>Verland King: My rangeland is cropland, it's for my cattle. I ought to be compensated for deer if I want to be.</p> <p>Bart Battista: Is rangeland something that has to be registered as Greenbelt Status? Is that what you mean by rangeland?</p> <p>Chad Wilson: There's a definition. Maybe we should look at that.</p> <p>Kevin Bunnell: Irrigated, mechanically harvested, qualifies. That is in State Code and not anything the Division of Wildlife has established. It doesn't necessarily mean irrigated.</p> <p>Chad Wilson: So we follow State Code, not just rule. Read State Code for RAC.</p> <p>Verland King: So, wheat grass counts?</p> <p>Kevin Bunnell: Not if it is mechanically harvested.</p>
08:12:37	<p>Public Questions:</p> <p>Troy Justensen, SFW: Chad, will you point out the four changes?</p> <p>Chad Wilson: Yeah. So the four items that were established by the LOA Advisory Committee are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish an LOA Advisory Committee.• Individual landowners in an LOA could be held accountable before action was taken against the entire LOA.• Program performance metrics will have input from LOAs.• Modify rule language to clarify that LOAs and the DWR will work together cooperatively.

	<p>Verland King: The last sentence LOA, doesn't necessarily mean committee? Or just individual only?</p> <p>Chad Wilson: LOAs.</p>
<p>08:14:23</p>	<p>Public Comments:</p> <p>Kevin Bunnell: (On-line comments): There was one comment. Now written comment, just "strongly support" on this agenda item.</p> <p>Dale Christiansen: I am here to represent the Utah Limited Entry Landowner Associations that were trying to form, which represents all landowners in the State. I'm also the President of the Pilot Mountain LOA, which is in Box Elder County in Northern Utah. Appreciates the RAC members time and listening. We had the opportunity or the Wildlife Board to go back and meet. In the past month or so, we've received 10 plus phone calls and we engaged with all the LOAs. Some more than others. We had to narrow down things that would not fly with the Division and other things that the LOA's felt were very important. It was a collective process and we support the four changes that are proposed and ask you to support them. The prior committee did not have any LOAs represented directly. They did not go back to the LOAs or try to work with the directly. This is the program where the landowners work with the state. We are here to work with the state. It is to provide incentive to landowners to provide quality habitat for wildlife. Also, increase landowner tolerance of wildlife on their land.</p> <p>he multiplier is really the incentive for the private landowner to work with the Division of Wildlife Resources 644,00 acres enrolled in LOA program. 21, LOAs, 17 different operators, 8 in your region. SRO has the largest group of operators.</p> <p>Where's the water, where's the feed? We are asking to be treated fairly and be incentivized. We want to work with the division and this program. There's still work to do. LOA'S receive 75 percent less private tags per enrolled land than the CWMU's. Is our land that much worth that much less? LOAs provide 50% more public access than CWMUs. The LOA's are doing their part and ask you to support the multiplier.</p> <p>Randy Lawyer: Great grandfathers settled Annabella. 175 years of family history handed down from how things were to how they are now. Both agriculture and wildlife are in trouble in the State of Utah. I'm in the cattle business. We compete with elk and are not in good shape</p>

because of the elk. In 2021, I'll pay about \$50,000 in taxes that came from development, not cattle. I don't know where that tax money goes too. Maybe building like this, \$80,000 for pickup trucks for the harassment officers. We are generally in trouble. The drought, we've had to pull back numbers, nobody pulls back the elk numbers. Depredation helps us. We used to have 7 vouchers and we were reduced to 4, now we are being reduced to 3. No wonder operators want to pull out. I'm also the President of Monroe Mountain LOA. We were told two things: 1) They're going to enforce the hunter ratio – one public hunter for every voucher we get. The elk hit my ground before my cows get there for the most part and are there when the cows are gone. I think it's going to take wildlife long-term at least with agriculture.

Troy Justensen, Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife. We support the division's plan with the four changes.

Bob Ott: Thank you for the opportunity to discuss some of the proposed landowner rule changes. I'm the President for the Paunsaugunt LOA and am also helping try to set up an Landowner Association for the State. This remaining issue on the rule of one acre of private land for one acre of public land doesn't hold water. On the Paunsaugunt 61% of our membership that has land enrolled has irrigated alfalfa fields that are mechanically harvested. Irrigated alfalfa fields are a magnet for deer, elk and antelope. How can you say an irrigated acre of irrigated alfalfa is equivalent to an acre of rangeland on the unit? There might also be rangeland that hardly ever sees any wildlife because there isn't any water there or anything else. And yet, we're faced with this one to one rule – makes no sense. We believe there should be some change so that that can be accounted for in the rules that govern LOAs. We think that 1.5 was a "give me" because the biology we looked at says it was 2-3 times of the wildlife on private lands. We just disagree with that. We can talk about collar data, which I don't even want to get into. I can tell you as a landowner that I have deer in my irrigated fields day or even at night after they grazed on my property. They may go out onto public land during the day or The one to one is just something we have trouble with.

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RAC Comments:

Craig Laub: This number one, I've talked to a lot of operators who are part of LOA's and unless the DWR and the Board does something, they're going to herding a lot of deer and elk in 2023. The Wildlife Board are not taking into account the value of private land to wildlife. It comes from the top down. I'll address the multiplier a little bit.

You can hunt just on your property, you can have more. The deer and elk on are private land at night and go to public land during the day. The division and wildlife board needs to take into account private landowners and what we do to support wildlife. I've worked to consider damage, not acres. Division needs to work with landowners – they provide an awful lot of feed.

Bart Battista: Did you want to mention the multiplier?

Chad Wilson: Part of the multiplier was that they were given more tags if they stay on private property, but that doesn't work. By daylight, the elk were long gone.

Gene Boardman: I grew up in a kinder, gentler world. Gates were open and people hunted generally where the wildlife were, private and public. This year, I got a GPS and found out the whole mountain is private and I didn't know it. I wasn't sure if it was my job to know it or if it was supposed to be posted. I understand that landowners are upset that their tags are being cut. For years, I've been complaining that the public draw permits have been cut and the landowners have kept their tags. I was told conservation tags were set for three years, but they never got adjusted and on the elk unit I hunted there were almost 20% of the permits were being taken out of the draw.

It's hard for me to have much sympathy. I do believe you guys are feeding a lot of animals. I believe there are too many "pay to slay" permits. What percentage are "pay to slay" permits. I have a problem there. I truly can see your point though in what you want.

Verland King: Wildlife grows on the back of the landowners. I would fault landowners for dropping out of the program. The DWR needs to be careful on how their treating this issue. It's going to be very difficult to get everyone to agree. I'm 100% behind the landowners, they need to be compensated for feeding the public's wildlife and for their damages. If you can work it out through this committee, more power to you. Not sure why it needs to be messed with at all.

Tammy Pearson: It's harder and harder every year for agriculture to stay in business due to drought, etc. Incentives or the multipliers are critical, it's deserved. We are trying to make a living. Our heart and soul is in this. I don't make money on the permits I get, I pay for them. I'm not part of an LOA, but I have 640 acres, plus to qualify for deer permits. It's worth it to me so my family can continue to hunt. I can turn my head to some crop damage. I have received comments that some LOA's will just pull out, it's not worth it to them.

Bart Battista: What's the function of the LOA special advisory committee? We talk about population, how do they contribute to the increase of wildlife? Is there a higher population of wildlife near LOA's and CWMU's, especially during the drought? A multiplier makes sense.

Chad Wilson: A lot of different rolls. CWMUs hear complaints from public hunters, such as not allowing a public hunter on their property. They'll be involved them in measuring metrics, LOAs communicate back and forth with the Division. Not a lot of organization on LOAs. Our goal is to continue to foster communication with LOAs.

We are very open to multipliers if they stay of private lands, which is Option B. Really, the multiplier for us is they can hunt the whole entire unit.

Craig Laub: I'm able to disagree. The deer and elk are on private land because that's where the resources are. Ninety percent of the time they leave when it's time to hunt. CWMUs are different from LOAs and how the property is located. You're argument doesn't hold water with me.

Chad Wilson: Would you concede that the value of that tag is a lot more because of it? Because you get to hunt the entire unit.

Craig Laub: No. They're useless unless we devise a plan to keep them on our land until daylight. If we could have gone into the foothills, they would have been more valuable.

Chad Wilson: We are allow them to hunt the entire unit to be of more value.

Craig Laub: We still need to have a multiplier.

Chad Wilson: This was discussed at length in our initial committee. It came up through the last Board process. They brought it back to our committee. There was interest, but it wasn't at 1.5 and it would take a significant amount of discussion going forward. We could potentially have a multiplier as we gather more data.

Craig Laub: I think this is a killer point at this time for a lot of operators.

Tammy Pearson: Is it already in place how to set that up to be in the committee?

	<p>Chad Wilson: Yes, it is designed to be representative.</p>
<p>08:52:50</p>	<p>MOTIONS The following motion was made by Craig Laub, seconded by Tammy Pearson . MOTION: I move that we accept the proposal as presented, but include a 1.5 multiplier per acre. Passed 3-1 (Gene Boardman opposed, with Dan Fletcher and Chuck Chamberlain abstaining).</p> <p>Chuck Chamberlain abstained due to being with the Forest Service and this being a private land issue.</p> <p>Dan Fletcher abstained. Didn't feel comfortable telling the Board to accept an issue that has already gone through the process.</p>
<p>08:57:29</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned.</p>

**Southeast Region RAC Meeting
Hybrid Conference
Sept. 7, 2022**

The meeting streamed live at <https://youtu.be/FH6nAFmZMnQ>

RAC AGENDA – September 2022



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| 1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair | |
| 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- RAC Chair | |
| 3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
- RAC Chair | INFORMATIONAL |
| 4. Regional Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14
- Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan
- Guy Wallace, Wildlife Manager | ACTION |
| 7. LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals
- Chad Wilson, Private Lands Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |
|
Regional Presentations Only

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| Strawberry Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan – CR Only
– Alan Ward, Strawberry Project Leader
– Wes Pearce, Strawberry Project Biologist | INFORMATIONAL |

Hybrid Conference
September 7, 2022
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

The following motion was made by Sunshine Brosi, and seconded by Charles Fisher and passed unanimously, 8/8.

- **MOTION: To approve the agenda and minutes as presented.**

2. 2023 Fishing Recommendations and R657-14

The following motion was made by Sunshine Brosi and was seconded by Dana Truman, and passed unanimously, 8/8.

- **MOTION: to accept the recommendations as presented by the DWR.**

3. Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan

The following motion was made by Sunshine Brosi and was seconded by Eric Luke and passed unanimously, 8/8.

- **MOTION: to accept the recommendations as presented by the DWR.**

4. LOA Rule Amendments — LOA Proposals

The following motion was made by Dana Truman and was seconded by Kirk Player and passed unanimously, 8/8.

- **MOTION: to accept the recommendations as presented by the DWR.**

Southeast Region RAC Meeting
September 7, 2022
Attendance

RAC Members Attending

Kent Johnson, Chairman
Kirk Player
Eric Luke
Dana Truman
Sunshine Brosi
Lynn Sittrud
Charles Fisher
Brad Richman

18:31:00	RAC chair Kent Johnson called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members to indicate who attended the broadcast.
18:31:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Sunshine Brosi, and seconded by Charles Fisher and passed unanimously, 8/8.</p> <p>MOTION: To approve the agenda and minutes for the Southeast Region RAC meeting.</p>
18:32:00	<p>5. Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational)</p> <p>Scot Flannery updated the RAC with Wildlife Board decisions.</p>
18:41:00	<p>6. DWR Update (Informational)</p> <p>Chris Wood updated the RAC on all regional activities.</p>
18:46:00	<p>1. 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 (Action)</p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html</p>
18:46:00	RAC Questions
18:53:00	Public Questions
18:53:00	Public Comments
18:53:00	RAC Comments
18:53:00	<p>The following motion was made by Sunshine Brosi and was seconded by Dana Truman, and passed unanimously, 8/8.</p> <p>MOTION: to accept the recommendations as presented by the DWR.</p>
18:54:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Henry Mountains Bison Management Plans</u> (Action)</p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html</p>
18:55:00	RAC Questions
17:07:00	Public Questions
17:07:00	Public Comments

17:14:00	RAC Comments
17:15:00	<p>The following motion was made by Sunshine Brosi and was seconded by Eric Luke and passed unanimously, 8/8.</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the recommendations as presented by the DWR.</p>
17:17:00	<p><u>LOA Rule Amendments — LOA proposal</u> (Action)</p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html</p>
17:17:00	RAC Questions
17:20:00	Public Questions
17:21:00	Public Comments
17:28:00	RAC Comments
17:45:00	<p>The following motion was made by Dana Truman and was seconded by Kirk Player, and passed unanimously, 8/8.</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the recommendations as presented by the DWR.</p>

RAC AGENDA – September 2022



1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- RAC Chair
3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
- RAC Chair **INFORMATIONAL**
4. Regional Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor **INFORMATIONAL**
5. 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14
- Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator **ACTION**
6. Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan
- Guy Wallace, Wildlife Manager **ACTION**
7. LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals
- Chad Wilson, Private Lands Public Wildlife Coordinator **ACTION**

Regional Presentations Only

- Strawberry Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan – CR Only **INFORMATIONAL**
– Alan Ward, Strawberry Project Leader
– Wes Pearce, Strawberry Project Biologist

Presentations can be viewed at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html>
Public Comment can be provided by clicking the link under the presentation.

CR RAC – August 30th, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resource Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville
<https://youtu.be/hDn8Xca9MEU>

SER RAC – September 7th, 6:30 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River
https://youtu.be/T_DEQkoN0lg

NR RAC – August 31st, 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. #240, Ogden
<https://youtu.be/a1NzVyoKPoc>

NER RAC – September 8th, 6:30 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Rm
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal
<https://youtu.be/vqvzt3pbmM>

SR RAC – September 6th, 6:00 PM
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd., Richfield
<https://youtu.be/bDHQT8UGeKE>

Board Meeting – September 29th, 9:00 AM
Eccles Wildlife Education Center
1157 S. Waterfowl Way, Farmington
<https://youtu.be/M1BOVsyuqOM>

Northeast Region RAC Meeting
September 8, 2022
Vernal, Utah
Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda

The following motion was made by Brad Horrocks, seconded by Natasha Hadden and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

5) 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 - Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator

The following motion was made by Brad Horrocks, seconded by Jeff Taniguchi and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented.

6) Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan - Guy Wallace, Wildlife Manager

The Following motion was made by Ritchie Anderson seconded by Natasha Hadden Motion Passes unanimously.

MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division.

7) LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals ACTION - Chad Wilson, Private Lands Public Wildlife Coordinator

The following motion was made by Ritchie Anderson and seconded by Jeff Taniguchi Fails 3-5.

MOTION: To support the four items as proposed by the DWR and add 1.5 multipliers for all acres.

The following motion was made by Rebekah Jones and seconded by Daniel Davis Passes 5-4.

MOTION: To support the four items as proposed by the DWR and add 1.5 multipliers for crop lands only as defined on the rule.

Meeting Adjourned 9:08 p.m.

Northeastern Region RAC Meeting
August 4, 2022

RAC Members

Attending

Dusty Carpenter
Natasha Hadden
Rebekah Jones
Brett Prevedel-chair
Daniel Davis
Jeff Taniguchi
Joe Arnold-remote
Brad Horrocks
Ritchie Anderson
Eric Major
Malarik Harrison

Absent

Mike Smith

Ute Tribe Present

DWR Personnel

Torrey Christophersen
Randy Oplinger
Pat Rainbolt
Guy Wallace
Chad Wilson
Dallon Christensen
Paul Geddes
Rose Fedelleck-Remote
Miles Hanberg-Remote
Dax Mangus
Anthony Christianson
Wade Paskett

06:30:00	RAC Chair Brett Prevedel called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members and indicated which UDWR personnel were present. He explained the process that there will be no live presentations or public comments taken during the meeting. Introduced new RAC Members. Welcomed public.
06:33:20	<p>1) Approval of Agenda (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Jeff Taniguchi and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.</p>
06:33:20	Approval of minutes was passed up
06:34:06	<p>3) Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational)</p> <p>RAC Chair Brett Prevedel updated the RAC.</p>
06:39:48	<p>4) DWR Update (Informational)</p> <p>Pat Rainbolt updated the RAC on all regional activities.</p>
06:43:00	<p>5) 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 - Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator.</p> <p>(Action)</p>
06:51:46	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>The RAC members asked about Jones Hole Creek restrictions.</p>
07:10:02	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Pat Rainbolt summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p> <p>Public Comments</p> <p>Youth hunt/fish-remove 5\$ fee.</p>
07:10:20	RAC Discussion
07:10:45	<p>5) 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14</p> <p>The following motion was made by Brad Horrocks, seconded by Jeff Taniguchi and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented.</p>

07:12:30	6) Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan - Guy Wallace, Wildlife Manager
07:20:00	RAC Questions Where would Bison come from?
07:20:30	Public Comments No online comments Tanner Carlson-SFW is supporting management plan RAC Comments Ritchie Anderson-Ranchers are supportive of plan.
07:22:15	RAC Discussion
07:23:01	6) Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan - Guy Wallace, Wildlife Manager The Following motion was made by Ritchie Anderson seconded by Natasha Hadden Motion Passes unanimously MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented.
07:24:45	7) LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals ACTION - Chad Wilson, Private Lands Public Wildlife Coordinator
07:31:12	RAC Discussion Brett Prevedel further clarifies the multiplier rule.
07:33:48 07:38:00	RAC Questions Audio inaudible at times. What kind of formula is used to determine voucher numbers/ Landowner compensation? Dax Mangus-Wildlife Coordinator further explains the divisions' stance.
07:42:00	RAC Discussion on Multiplier rule & rule changes.
07:52:02	Continuing discussion on Diamond Mountain issues, LOA's, CWMU's and multiplier rule. Chad Wilson explained each one.
08:11:45	Brett Prevedel asks that we stay on task tonight with our discussion.

<p>08:14:55</p>	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Bob Ott with Paunsaugunt LOA explains LOA permit allocation question made by Daniel Davis- Concerns of agriculture/habitat loss-where do we go from here?</p> <p>Dale Christianson with Pilot Mountain LOA describes LOA program. Supports the 4 changes with 1.5 multiplier.</p> <p>Tanner Carlson-SFW supports the plan.</p> <p>Dave Chivers speaks about Diamond mtn.</p>
<p>08:30:02</p>	<p>RAC Questions and comments</p> <p>Fundamental landowner rights/ Water issues on Diamond.</p>
<p>09:03:20</p>	<p>The following motion was made by Ritchie Anderson and seconded by Jeff Taniguchi- Fails 3-5.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: To support the four items as proposed by the DWR and add 1.5 multipliers for all acres.</p> <p>The following motion was made by Rebekah Jones and seconded by Daniel Davis Passes 5-4.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: To support the four items as proposed by the DWR and add 1.5 multipliers for crop lands only as defined on the rule.</p>
<p>09:08</p>	<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>

2022 Conservation Permit Audit - Executive Summary

Organization	Carry Over Project Revenue	New Project Revenue 2022	Interest & Donations	Total Project Revenue Available	Project Expenditures	Remaining Project Funds / Adjusted Bank Balance
MDF	\$ 830,317.77	\$ 1,241,190.00	\$ -	\$ 2,071,507.77	\$ 1,140,212.00	\$ 931,295.77
NWTF	\$ 276,265.75	\$ 189,525.00	\$ -	\$ 465,790.75	\$ 248,744.00	\$ 217,046.75
RMEF	\$ 255,041.12	\$ 409,200.00	\$ -	\$ 664,241.12	\$ 635,040.00	\$ 29,201.12
SCI	\$ 213,965.19	\$ 210,450.00	\$ -	\$ 424,415.19	\$ 213,960.00	\$ 210,455.19
SFW	\$ 2,239,382.75	\$ 1,607,715.00	\$ 40,591.80	\$ 3,887,689.55	\$ 2,369,942.24	\$ 1,517,747.31
UAA	\$ -	\$ 91,320.00	\$ -	\$ 91,320.00	\$ -	\$ 91,320.00
UHA	\$ -	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 3.40	\$ 22,203.40	\$ -	\$ 22,203.40
UWSF	\$ 731,479.78	\$ 594,000.00	\$ 101.98	\$ 1,325,581.76	\$ 515,598.00	\$ 809,983.76
WCF	\$ -	\$ 34,695.00	\$ -	\$ 34,695.00	\$ -	\$ 34,695.00
<i>Total</i>	\$ 4,546,452.36	\$ 4,400,295.00	\$ 40,697.18	\$ 8,987,444.54	\$ 5,123,496.24	\$ 3,863,948.30

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$1,096,320.00
5618 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY-22	2022	\$1,887.44
5447 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 6	2022	\$20,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$25,000.00
5639 Lower Fish Creek Forest Health Restoration	2022	\$25,000.00
5637 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase II	2022	\$26,000.00
5533 Government Creek Improvement Phase II	2022	\$30,000.00
5624 Rabbit Gulch Lop and Scatter	2022	\$30,000.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2022	\$33,500.00
5545 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 2	2022	\$37,000.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2023	\$33,500.00
5548 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2023	\$15,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2023	\$20,000.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2023	\$15,000.00
5587 Raft River Mountains Restoration FY22	2023	\$15,000.00
5618 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY-22	2023	\$18,850.00
5625 Stansbury Mountains Winter Range Improvement and Solar Farm Mitigation	2023	\$10,000.00
5626 Tintic Mountains Guzzlers	2023	\$2,250.00
5634 Mount Pleasant Twin Creek Habitat Improvement Project	2023	\$8,000.00
5637 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$26,000.00
5639 Lower Fish Creek Forest Health Restoration	2023	\$25,000.00
5658 South Manti Big Game Summer Range Restoration	2023	\$50,000.00
5685 Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 2	2023	\$10,000.00
5734 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-22	2023	\$10,000.00
5735 Timpanogos WMA Fire Shrub Planting - FY22	2023	\$5,000.00
5751 Beaver WMA's Cheatgrass Control Project	2023	\$15,000.00
5756 East Bear Lake Range Improvements - Phase I	2023	\$10,000.00
5762 Boobe Hole Habitat Enhancement Project Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
5772 Fountain Green WMA Cheatgrass Control	2023	\$4,550.00
5777 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY22	2023	\$6,500.00
5794 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$5,411.50
5799 FY22 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2023	\$15,589.50
5219 South Beaver and Little Dog Valley Watershed Imp, Phase I	2023	\$15,000.00
5624 Rabbit Gulch Lop and Scatter	2023	\$30,000.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2023	\$40,000.00
5761 Central Utah Chaining Maintenance Project Phase II	2023	\$30,000.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$350,000.00
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$4,000.00
6175 FY23 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile Managem	2023	\$17,152.00
6013 MDF Stewardship Position FY23	2023	\$16,129.56
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$1,096,320.00

	2022 Revenue	\$1,241,190.00
6013 MDF Stewardship Position FY23	2023	\$63,870.44
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$15,000.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$7,214.50
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$200,000.00
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$625.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$23,184.29
		\$1,241,190.00

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded	
2022 Funds Expended	\$309,894.23
 Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$931,295.77
Remaining Balance	\$931,295.77

National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2019 Revenue	\$115,860.00
5038 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY20	2020	\$573.62
4072 Raspberrry Canyon Habitat Restoration Project	2020	\$10,000.00
4334 Watts Mountain Pipeline Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4625 Red Canyon Habitat Restoration Project Phase I	2020	\$2,000.00
4840 Cold Springs WMA Conifer Removal Aspen Regeneration Phase VI	2020	\$3,000.00
4860 Shingle Mill Phase 1	2020	\$2,000.00
4881 Cedar Mtn (Mormon Peak Phase I) Habitat Protection	2020	\$2,000.00
4882 La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY20	2020	\$4,000.00
4888 Dolores River Restoration 3.0 - Utah	2020	\$3,000.00
4917 Willow Creek WMA Aquatic and Terrestrial Improvement Project 2020	2020	\$3,000.00
4932 Lower Diamond Fork Post Fire Riparian Rehabilitation Phase I	2020	\$15,000.00
4952 Colorado River Restoration 3.0	2020	\$3,000.00
4959 Center Creek Chaining Project Phase II	2020	\$3,000.00
5018 East Pockets Stewardship	2020	\$19,298.90
4781 Hogs Heaven Watershed Enhancement Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5122 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5161 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5175 Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5177 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration and Fire Rehab Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5199 Salina Creek/Gooseberry Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 2	2021	\$3,000.00
5202 Swasey/Dry Wash/Grimes Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Red	2021	\$4,000.00
5206 Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$2,500.00
5218 La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$3,000.00
5220 Miller Creek 3.0	2021	\$5,000.00
5223 Government Creek P/J Reduction - Phase I	2021	\$3,000.00
5224 Pinto Watershed and Defensible Fire Space Restoration Project Phase II and Share	2021	\$2,000.00
5229 Ranch Creek Watershed Improvement Project - Phase II	2021	\$2,000.00
5232 Burrville Collaboration Ecosystem Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5241 Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$1,487.48
All 2019 Funds Expended		\$115,860.00
	2020 Revenue	\$129,988.80
5241 Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$512.52
5248 Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$3,000.00
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021	\$2,500.00
5257 Uinta Mountain Meadow Restoration	2021	\$2,500.00
5258 Rolley Canyon Water Development	2021	\$4,000.00
5260 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership	2021	\$2,000.00
5262 East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$3,500.00
5274 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 5	2021	\$13,000.00
5286 Colorado River Restoration Collaborative 4.0	2021	\$3,000.00
5304 Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$3,000.00
5322 Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$3,000.00
5324 Northern Region Browse and Water Enhancements	2021	\$3,000.00
5335 Mendon Turkey Plantings Phase VI	2021	\$3,250.00
5376 Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$2,000.00
5400 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY21	2021	\$2,000.00
Valley Mountain (Lone Cedar Chaining Phase II)	2022	\$10,000.00
5761 Central Utah Chaining Maintenance Project Phase II	2022	\$2,000.00
5748 Church Hills Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project	2022	\$2,000.00
5581 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 6	2022	\$10,000.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2022	\$4,000.00
5637 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase II	2022	\$3,000.00
5446 Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project Phase 3	2022	\$4,000.00

National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

5551 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$4,000.00
5558 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$5,000.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2022	\$4,000.00
5449 Gooseberry East Phase 2	2022	\$4,000.00
5525 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership II	2022	\$4,000.00
5635 Miller Creek Restoration 4.0	2022	\$5,000.00
5533 Government Creek Improvement Phase II	2022	\$3,000.00
5621 Mill Hollow Aspen Restoration Phase II	2022	\$5,000.00
5561 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$5,000.00
5580 Sanpete Face NEPA Analysis (Formerly Skyline West)	2022	\$4,000.00
5616 Colorado River Restoration 5.0	2022	\$1,726.28
All 2020 Funds Expended		\$129,988.80

	2021 Revenue	\$120,006.00
5616 Colorado River Restoration 5.0	2022	\$2,273.72
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$3,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$3,000.00
5762 Boobe Hole Habitat Enhancement Project Phase II	2022	\$3,000.00
5552 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2022	\$4,000.00
5204 Deer Springs wildlife habitat and fuels reduction	2022	\$4,000.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2022	\$3,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2022	\$2,000.00
5626 Tintic Mountains Guzzlers	2022	\$5,000.00
5734 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-22	2022	\$2,000.00
5736 Northern Region Browse Scalping	2022	\$5,000.00
5777 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY22	2022	\$3,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$5,000.00
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$6,000.00
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$15,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$25,500.00
5910 Weber River Watershed Restoration and Forest Resilience - FY23	2023	\$1,710.53
2021 Funds Expended		\$92,484.25

Remaining 2021 Revenue \$27,521.75

2022 Revenue \$189,525.00

Remaining Balance \$217,046.75

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$380,040.00
5631 Hamlin Valley Wash Sage Steppe Habitat Improvement	2022	\$5,656.65
5455 Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2022	\$10,000.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$20,000.00
5560 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2022	2022	\$7,500.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$15,000.00
5552 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2022	\$10,000.00
5412 FY21 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2021	\$10,000.00
5417 FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2021	\$5,254.00
5224 Pinto Watershed and Defensible Fire Space Restoration Project Phase II and Shared Stev	2022	\$6,809.28
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2022	\$10,000.00
5260 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership	2022	\$5,000.00
5279 Central Region Shrub Restoration Project FY 2021	2022	\$5,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$10,000.00
5692 USFS Guzzlers	2022	\$5,000.00
5736 Northern Region Browse Scalping	2022	\$5,000.00
5798 FY22 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2022	\$10,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$10,000.00
5722 Sevier plateau guzzlers	2022	\$7,500.00
5781 Kiln and Smith Springs Development project	2022	\$5,000.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$217,320.07
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$380,040.00

	2022 Revenue	\$409,200.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$292,721.05
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$1,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$10,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$5,000.00
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$13,339.00
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$10,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$16,439.90
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$15,000.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$2,500.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$3,998.93
2022 Funds Expended		\$379,998.88

Remaining 2022 Revenue \$29,201.12

Remaining Balance \$29,201.12

Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2020 Revenue	\$166,207.20
5045 Lake Fork Allotment Water System Repair - Helicopter Lift Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5122 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5161 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5162 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2021	2021	\$5,000.00
5173 Paunsaugunt-Petrified Wash Wildlife Drinkers	2021	\$5,000.00
5175 Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$22,000.00
5177 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration and Fire Rehab Project	2021	\$10,000.00
5191 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements FY21	2021	\$10,000.00
5196 New Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$5,000.00
5197 Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$2,500.00
5198 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 5	2021	\$5,000.00
5202 Swasey/Dry Wash/Grimes Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction	2021	\$3,500.00
5206 Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$2,500.00
5208 Shiner Basin-McKee Bench Seeding	2021	\$5,000.00
5218 La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$5,000.00
5220 Miller Creek 3.0	2021	\$3,500.00
5223 Government Creek P/J Reduction - Phase I	2021	\$5,000.00
5224 Pinto Watershed and Defensible Fire Space Restoration Project Phase II and Shared Stewa	2021	\$5,000.00
5229 Ranch Creek Watershed Improvement Project - Phase II	2021	\$5,000.00
5231 Crab Creek Guzzlers	2021	\$5,000.00
5232 Burrville Collaboration Ecosystem Restoration Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5233 Sowers Canyon Watershed Improvement	2021	\$5,000.00
5237 Whiterocks Watershed Improvement Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5241 Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$22,000.00
5248 Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$10,000.00
5251 Boulder Unit, Dark Valley Pond Maintenance Project	2021	\$207.20
	All 2020 Funds Expended	\$166,207.20

	2021 Revenue	\$213,960.00
5251 Boulder Unit, Dark Valley Pond Maintenance Project	2021	\$3,792.80
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021	\$10,000.00
5257 Uinta Mountain Meadow Restoration	2021	\$10,000.00
5260 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership	2021	\$5,000.00
5262 East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$10,000.00
5270 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 1	2021	\$10,000.00
5278 Boobe Hole Water Enhancement Project Phase 1	2021	\$1,500.00
5279 Central Region Shrub Restoration Project FY 2021	2021	\$3,000.00
5304 Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$16,000.00
5322 Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$5,000.00
5324 Northern Region Browse and Water Enhancements	2021	\$5,000.00
5325 Ashley NF Aspen Restoration Project	2021	\$10,000.00
5363 Bookcliffs East Water Developments	2021	\$3,000.00
5367 South Monroe Mtn Kingston/Forshea Pond Enhancement Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5376 Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$10,000.00
5379 Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2021	\$5,000.00
5386 Mineral Mountains Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2021	\$5,000.00
5400 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY21	2021	\$3,000.00
5406 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2021	\$13,000.00
5413 FY21 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2021	\$5,000.00
5417 FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2021	\$5,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2021	\$4,000.00
5146 West Desert Aspen Regeneration	2021	\$2,500.00
5300 Lower San Rafael & Price River Riparian Corridor Habitat Improvement, Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00

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5446 Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project Phase 3	2021	\$5,000.00
5447 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 6	2021	\$4,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2021	\$2,500.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2021	\$3,000.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2021	\$330.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2021	\$2,170.00
5545 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 2	2021	\$3,000.00
5548 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2021	\$5,000.00
5551 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5555 Montes Creek WMA Improvements Phase II	2021	\$13,121.00
5558 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5560 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2022	2021	\$2,500.00
5561 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2021	\$4,000.00
5580 Sanpete Face NEPA Analysis (Formerly Skyline West)	2021	\$2,500.00
5581 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 6	2021	\$5,000.00
5587 Raft River Mountains Restoration FY22	2021	\$2,500.00
5613 Richard Mountain Fire Seeding	2021	\$1,541.01
	2021 Funds Expended	\$213,954.81

Remaining 2021 Revenue \$5.19

2022 Revenue \$210,450.00

Remaining Balance \$210,455.19

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2020 Revenue	\$1,113,450.00
5471 Aurora BLM Allotment FY21	2021	\$39,701.66
5597 Bookcliffs Stray Livestock Management	2021	\$180,000.00
4808 Bison Fencing on Book Cliffs	2021	\$7,000.00
5312 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development	2021	\$9,000.00
5413 FY21 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2021	\$62,265.50
5219 South Beaver and Little Dog Valley Watershed Imp, Phase I	2022	\$10,000.00
5624 Rabbit Gulch Lop and Scatter	2022	\$30,320.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2022	\$40,000.00
5761 Central Utah Chaining Maintenance Project Phase II	2022	\$30,000.00
5748 Church Hills Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project	2022	\$5,000.00
5558 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$8,170.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2022	\$25,000.00
5525 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership II	2022	\$5,000.00
5187 Mud Springs Phase III - Powell Ranger District	2022	\$10,000.00
5727 East Fork Fire Seeding FY2022	2022	\$5,000.00
5533 Government Creek Improvement Phase II	2022	\$25,000.00
5548 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2022	\$25,000.00
5587 Raft River Mountains Restoration FY22	2022	\$10,000.00
5756 East Bear Lake Range Improvements - Phase I	2022	\$10,001.00
5561 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$10,000.00
5580 Sanpete Face NEPA Analysis (Formerly Skyline West)	2022	\$15,000.00
5613 Richard Mountain Fire Seeding	2022	\$10,000.00
5448 Glenwood Collaborative Project Phase 1	2022	\$10,000.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$20,000.00
5560 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2022	2022	\$2,500.00
5647 Strawberry Ridge Vegetation Project - Stand Exams	2022	\$5,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$15,000.00
5552 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2022	\$10,000.00
5658 South Manti Big Game Summer Range Restoration	2022	\$125,000.00
5639 Lower Fish Creek Forest Health Restoration	2022	\$25,000.00
5751 Beaver WMA's Cheatgrass Control Project	2022	\$22,268.00
5146 West Desert Aspen Regeneration	2022	\$10,000.00
5772 Fountain Green WMA Cheatgrass Control	2022	\$4,550.00
5625 Stansbury Mountains Winter Range Improvement and Solar Farm Mitigation	2022	\$10,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2022	\$15,000.00
5626 Tintic Mountains Guzzlers	2022	\$2,250.00
5734 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-22	2022	\$5,000.00
5735 Timpanogos WMA Fire Shrub Planting - FY22	2022	\$5,000.00
5757 Lake Fork Allotment Water System Repair - Helicopter Lift Project Phase 2	2022	\$2,648.00
5687 Bookcliffs East Water Developments Phase 2	2022	\$8,412.50
5690 Bookcliffs West Water Developments Phase 2	2022	\$2,671.88
5692 USFS Guzzlers	2022	\$15,000.00
5695 Red Leaf Mine Reclamation	2022	\$6,000.00
5699 Bull Pen water development	2022	\$5,000.00
5461 Gregory Basin wildlife friendly fence Phase II	2022	\$1,500.00
5653 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY22	2022	\$13,450.00
5736 Northern Region Browse Scalping	2022	\$25,000.00
5798 FY22 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2022	\$25,000.00
5799 FY22 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2022	\$15,589.50
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$25,000.00
5722 Sevier plateau guzzlers	2022	\$5,000.00
5779 Fremont River Ranger District Ponds	2022	\$5,000.00
5794 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2022	\$75,000.00
5800 FY22 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2022	\$25,151.96

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

All 2020 Funds Expended \$1,113,450.00

	2021 Revenue	\$1,359,635.40
5800 FY22 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2022	\$19,301.04
5806 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator	2022	\$18,400.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$1,000,000.00
6185 Book Cliffs Stray Livestock Management Phase II	2022	\$170,200.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$73,570.24
6199 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY23	2023	\$18,400.00
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$15,000.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$7,214.50
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$30,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$7,549.62
	All 2021 Funds Expended	\$1,359,635.40

	2022 Revenue	\$1,648,306.80
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$12,450.38
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$46,036.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$20,000.00
6042 I-15 Wildlife Exclusion Fence	2023	\$15,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$37,073.11
	2022 Funds Expended	\$130,559.49

Remaining 2022 Revenue \$1,517,747.31

Remaining Balance \$1,517,747.31

Utah Archery Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2022 Revenue	\$91,320.00
	<u>\$0.00</u>
2022 Funds Expended	\$0.00
Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$91,320.00
Remaining Balance	\$91,320.00

Utah Houndsmen Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2022 Revenue	\$22,203.40
	<u>\$0.00</u>
2022 Funds Expended	\$0.00
Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$22,203.40
Remaining Balance	\$22,203.40

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2020 Revenue	\$445,560.00
5471 Aurora BLM Allotment FY21	2021	\$136,103.43
5835 Wild Sheep Guzzler Maintenance	2021	\$25,000.00
5836 Blakes Lambing Grounds Water Project	2021	\$7,000.00
5312 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development	2021	\$11,536.60
5748 Church Hills Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project	2021	\$2,000.00
5748 Church Hills Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project	2022	\$2,000.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2022	\$7,500.00
5613 Richard Mountain Fire Seeding	2022	\$7,500.00
5300 Lower San Rafael & Price River Riparian Corridor Habitat Improvement, Phase 2	2022	\$7,500.00
5616 Colorado River Restoration 5.0	2022	\$7,500.00
5647 Strawberry Ridge Vegetation Project - Stand Exams	2022	\$2,500.00
5690 Bookcliffs West Water Developments Phase 2	2022	\$2,500.00
5653 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY22	2022	\$13,450.00
5777 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY22	2022	\$1,500.00
5798 FY22 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2022	\$65,482.00
5806 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator	2022	\$18,400.00
6172 FY23 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2023	\$38,500.00
6171 FY23 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2023	\$10,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$20,000.00
6199 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY23	2023	\$18,400.00
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$3,114.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$2,500.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$35,573.97
All 2020 Funds Expended		\$445,560.00

	2021 Revenue	\$512,040.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$39,426.03
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$18,584.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$15,000.00
5936 West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 1	2023	\$75,000.00
5940 Right Fork Lake Canyon/Gray Head Restoration Project	2023	\$20,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$10,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$100,000.00
5956 Timpanogos WMA Fire Rehabilitation and Access Management Project - FY-23	2023	\$5,000.00
5967 Sheepecreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$3,046.21
2021 Funds Expended		\$296,056.24

Remaining 2021 Revenue \$215,983.76

2022 Revenue \$594,000.00

Remaining Balance \$809,983.76

Utah Wildlife Conservation Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2022 Revenue	\$34,695.00
	<u>\$0.00</u>
2022 Funds Expended	\$0.00
Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$34,695.00
Remaining Balance	\$34,695.00



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September 14, 2022

To: Kevin Albrecht, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Randy Dearth, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2022 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Mule Deer Foundation (MDF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Mule Deer Foundation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for MDF was Jeremy Snitker. All information requested was promptly provided. MDF was allocated 79 of the 318 permits for 2022. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 45 permits sold, which were later reconciled against MDF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$2,068,650.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$206,865.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$620,595.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$1,241,190.00
• Carry-over funds	\$830,317.77
• Interest	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$2,071,507.77
• Less FY22 direct pay for Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	(\$350,000.00)
• Less FY23 WRI project payments	(\$790,212.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$931,295.77



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$1,623,088.16
• Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$691,792.39)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$931,295.77

Findings and Recommendations

All 2022 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were four adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1077 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$620,595.00)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	(\$206,865.00)
Permit proceeds deposited after audit period	\$133,985.00
Bank fees (to be covered by MDF)	<u>\$1,682.61</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$691,792.39)

We sincerely thank MDF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Johnson
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cc: Justin “J” Shirley
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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2022 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the National Wild Turkey Federation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for NWTF was Rick Brittain. All information requested was promptly provided. NWTF was allocated 32 of the 318 permits for 2022. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 3 permits sold, which were later reconciled against NWTF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$315,875.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$31,587.50)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$94,762.50)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$189,525.00
• Carry-over funds	\$276,265.75
• Interest	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$465,790.75
• Less FY22 WRI project payments	(\$121,870.00)
• Less FY23 WRI project payments	(\$126,874.00)
• Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$217,046.75



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Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$201,145.75
Adjustment(s)	\$15,901.00
• Adjusted Bank Balance	\$217,046.75

Findings and Recommendations

All 2022 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were five adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1035 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$94,837.50)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	(\$31,587.50)
Overpayment of DWR 30%	\$75.00
Permit proceeds deposited outside of audit period	\$269,125.00
Check #1034 to DWR (FY23 WRI project payments)	(\$126,874.00)
Total Adjustment(s)	\$15,901.00

We sincerely thank NWTF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2022 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contacts for RMEF were Ronald Camp and Katelynn Presser. All information requested was promptly provided. RMEF was allocated 33 of the 318 permits for 2022. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 14 permits sold, which were later reconciled against RMEF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$682,000.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$68,200.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$204,600.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$409,200.00
• Carry-over funds	\$255,041.12
• Interest	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$664,241.12
• Less FY22 direct pay for Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	(\$510,041.12)
• Less FY23 WRI project payments	(\$124,998.88)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$29,201.12



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$6,281.12
• Adjustment(s)	\$22,920.00
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$29,201.12

Findings and Recommendations

All 2022 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were two adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1274870 to DWR (30% of Permit Proceeds)	(\$204,600.00)
Permit proceeds deposited outside of audit period	\$227,520.00
Total Adjustment(s)	\$22,920.00

We sincerely thank RMEF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2022 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Safari Club International (SCI)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Safari Club International has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for SCI was Isaac Erickson. All information requested was promptly provided. SCI was allocated 27 of the 318 permits for 2022. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 27 permits sold, which were later reconciled against SCI permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$350,750.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$35,075.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$105,225.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$210,450.00
• Carry-over funds	\$213,965.19
• Interest	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$424,415.19
• Less FY21 WRI project payments	(\$213,960.00)
• Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$210,455.19



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$350,755.19
Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$140,300.00)</u>
• Adjusted Bank Balance	\$210,455.19

Findings and Recommendations

All 2022 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were two adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #17 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$105,225.00)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	<u>(\$35,075.00)</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$140,300.00)

We sincerely thank SCI for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

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To: Kevin Albrecht, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2022 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for SFW was Angie Wonnacott. All information requested was promptly provided. SFW was allocated 97 of the 318 permits for 2022. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 58 permits sold, which were later reconciled against SFW permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$2,679,525.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$267,952.50)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$803,857.50)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$1,607,715.00
• Carry-over funds	\$2,239,382.75
• Wild horse gather proceeds	\$40,591.80
• Interest	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$3,887,689.55
• Less FY22 direct pay for Cinnamon Creek acquisition	(\$1,000,000.00)
• Less additional FY22 approved project payments	(174,200.00)
• Less FY23 WRI project payments	(\$1,195,742.24)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$1,517,747.31



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$2,586,986.78
• Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$1,069,239.47)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$1,517,747.31

Findings and Recommendations

All 2022 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were three adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #0004 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$803,857.50)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	(\$267,952.50)
Permit proceeds deposited outside of audit period	\$2,525.00
Bank fees (to be covered by SFW)	<u>\$45.53</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$1,069,239.47)

We sincerely thank SFW for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

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September 14, 2022

To: Kevin Albrecht, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Randy Dearth, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2022 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Archery Association (UAA)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Utah Archery Association has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contacts for UAA were Ben Lowder and Kris Marble. All information requested was promptly provided. UAA was allocated 9 of the 318 permits for 2022. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 9 permits, which were later reconciled against UAA permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$152,200.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$15,220.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$45,660.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$91,320.00
• Carry-over funds	\$0.00
• Interest	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$91,320.00
• Less project payments	\$0.00
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$91,320.00



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$136,980.00
• Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$45,660.00)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$91,320.00

Findings and Recommendations

All 2022 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There was one adjustment identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #0001 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	<u>(\$45,660.00)</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$45,660.00)

We sincerely thank UAA for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



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Subject: 2022 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Houndsmen Association (UHA)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Utah Houndsmen Association has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contacts for UHA were Corey Huntsman and Jared Dearth. All information requested was promptly provided. UHA was allocated 4 of the 318 permits for 2022. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 4 permits sold, which were later reconciled against UHA permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$37,000.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$3,700.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$11,100.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$22,200.00
• Carry-over funds	\$0.00
• Interest	\$3.40
Subtotal	\$22,203.40
• Less project payments	\$0.00
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$22,203.40



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Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$22,203.40
• Adjustment(s)	\$0.00
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$22,203.40

Findings and Recommendations

All 2022 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were no adjustments identified through the reconciliation process.

We sincerely thank UHA for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2022 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Wild Sheep Foundation (UWSF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Utah Wild Sheep Foundation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for UWSF was Travis Jenson. All information requested was promptly provided. UWSF was allocated 20 of the 318 permits for 2022. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 7 permits, which were later reconciled against UAA permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$990,000.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$99,000.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$297,000.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$594,000.00
• Carry-over funds	\$731,479.78
• Interest	\$101.98
Subtotal	\$1,325,581.76
• Less FY22 WRI project payments	(\$27,460.00)
• Less FY23 WRI project payments	(\$488,138.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$809,983.76



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$1,106,983.76
• Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$297,000.00)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$809,983.76

Findings and Recommendations

All 2022 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There was one adjustment identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1011 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	<u>(\$297,000.00)</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$297,000.00)

We sincerely thank UWSF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2022 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Wildlife Conservation Foundation (WCF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Utah Wildlife Conservation Foundation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for WCF was Kevin Richens. All information requested was promptly provided. WCF was allocated 17 of the 318 permits for 2022. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 6 permits, which were later reconciled against WCF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$57,825.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$5,782.50)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$17,347.50)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$34,695.00
• Carry-over funds	\$0.00
• Interest	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$34,695.00
• Less project payments	\$0.00
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$34,695.00



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$49,225.06
• Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$14,530.06)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$34,695.00

Findings and Recommendations

All 2022 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were four adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1001 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$17,347.50)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	(\$5,782.50)
Bank fees/expenses (to be covered by WCF)	\$99.94
Permit proceeds deposited outside of audit period	<u>\$8,500.00</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$14,530.06)

We sincerely thank WCF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



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WCF

UTAH'S CONSERVATION PERMIT PROGRAM

ANNUAL REPORT



FISCAL YEAR
2022

Utah's Conservation Permit Program

Annual Report — Fiscal Year 2022

Utah's Conservation Permit Program benefits all Utah hunters. What started in the early 1980s as a creative approach to raise needed funds for wildlife conservation has blossomed into a well-regulated program that raises millions of dollars each year. Those dollars are then invested back into wildlife conservation. This novel approach to funding conservation has allowed the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) to seize opportunities, grow the state's wildlife populations and improve wildlife management.

Origins of Utah's Conservation Permit Program

Historical accounts and archeological evidence indicate that bighorn sheep were once abundant across much of Utah, but in the early 1970s, many of Utah's bighorn sheep populations were struggling or had altogether disappeared. There was a very limited distribution of desert bighorn across southern Utah. Biologists observed large tracts of unoccupied desert bighorn sheep habitat and, at the same time, became concerned about the many desert bighorn concentrated in Canyonlands National Park. Wildlife managers recognized that the high bighorn densities in Canyonlands were not sustainable. Those excess bighorn presented wildlife managers with both an opportunity and a dilemma.



The excess bighorn in Canyonlands provided an opportunity to establish new populations and augment other struggling herds, but how could a large-scale, expensive translocation project fit within the tight constraints of the DWR's budget? At about the same time, a group of avid hunters founded the

Utah Bighorn Sheep Society. They made a proposal to generate funding to reestablish bighorn sheep in the state. They asked for one permit that could be sold at auction, with the proceeds dedicated to bighorn sheep management. In 1980, the first permit sold for \$20,000, and Utah's Conservation Permit Program was born. The program allowed generous hunters to help cover the costs of conserving, transplanting and managing this highly sought-after species.

The conservation permit strategy was effective, and over several years, the DWR used the proceeds of auctioned desert bighorn sheep conservation permits to fund a successful translocation program. That program led to the establishment and/or supplementation of new desert bighorn sheep herds in several hunting units, including San Rafael-North, San Rafael-South, Henry Mountains, Kaiparowits-East and Kaiparowits-Escalante, as well as herds within Arches National Park and Capitol Reef National Park.

The early success of the Conservation Permit Program led to its expansion. The program now includes and benefits the following species: bear, bighorn sheep (desert and Rocky Mountain), bison, cougar, deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, pronghorn and turkey.

How the program works

Conservation permits represent only a small percentage of total hunting permits issued, but they can produce big results. The number of conservation permits allocated for a given species is based on how well a population is doing (e.g., population size, increasing trends and long-term health) and the number of hunting permits available to public hunters. As public hunting opportunities increase, conservation permits may also increase, with a maximum of eight conservation permits per hunting unit. After the Utah Wildlife Board approves specific permits and numbers, the DWR partners with wildlife conservation organizations to sell the permits.



Conservation organizations that participated in the program in fiscal year 2022 included the Mule Deer Foundation (MDF), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf), Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), Safari Club International (SCI), Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW), Utah Archery Association (UAA), Utah Houndsmen Association (UHA), Utah Wild Sheep Foundation (UWSF) and Wildlife Conservation Foundation (WCF). Other conservation groups can also apply to participate by following the procedures listed in Utah Administrative Rule R657-41, which is the rule that regulates the Conservation Permit Program.

The conservation organizations market, promote and auction the permits. These auctions typically coincide with chapter banquets, expos or other fundraising events. The goal is to maximize revenue to fund wildlife conservation activities. After the auction, the conservation organization returns 30% of the money raised directly to the DWR. The conservation organizations may keep up to 10% of the proceeds to cover administrative costs, and the remaining 60% is held by the conservation organizations for a short time as they work cooperatively with the DWR to choose approved conservation projects to fund. As a result, hunters can identify and prioritize projects that matter to them and then direct conservation permit funding to those projects. It gives conservation-minded hunters a strong voice and encourages cooperation and collaboration between the DWR and participating organizations.

Seizing opportunities

The funds raised through the Conservation Permit Program are reinvested back into Utah's wildlife. Conservation projects are wide ranging and provide diverse benefits. With these projects, wildlife managers can establish new populations, augment existing populations, improve wildlife habitat, monitor for disease and conduct essential research. The program provides resources and tools that let wildlife biologists and hunters accomplish remarkable things for wildlife and habitat conservation.

Having a source of funding available to wildlife managers in a timely manner can make all the difference when it comes to managing wildlife. Wildlife and their habitats are dynamic, and changes can happen rapidly. The desert bighorn sheep source population in Canyonlands National Park experienced a die-off shortly after the translocations in the 1980s occurred. Had wildlife managers been forced to pursue traditional funding, which is typically limited in availability and takes much longer to obtain, that opportunity might have been lost. Whether it is capturing source animals when they are abundant, or striking while the iron (or ground) is hot to get a wildfire reseeded, timing is essential in effective wildlife management. Utah's Conservation Permit Program allows wildlife managers to adapt to challenges and allocate resources where and when they are needed.



Improving wildlife management in FY 2022

Having adequate funding is often a source of concern and a limitation for state fish and wildlife agencies. While many western states struggle with increasingly stretched budgets, Utah leads the way with habitat work, wildlife transplants, wildlife research and monitoring.

The Conservation Permit Program is key to providing funding for needed research and management of Utah's big game populations. Below are examples of work completed this past year that wouldn't have been possible without funding from conservation groups and the Conservation Permit Program.

The Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative

The Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative has been documenting, preserving and enhancing wildlife movement in Utah since 2017. The initiative uses state-of-the-art GPS tracking technology to monitor animal movement in near real-time. Through the Conservation Permit Program, Utah's conservation organizations have generously supported this important effort. The funding has allowed the DWR to track the movement of thousands of animals throughout the state.

In December 2021, the Wildlife Migration Initiative — with help from the Conservation Permit Program and an order from the U.S. Department of the Interior (Secretarial Order 3362) — continued a study on mule deer movement along the I-80/84 interstate corridor, northeast of Park City and east of Ogden. The DWR is concerned about the effects that roads, development and vegetation changes are having on mule deer in this area. In this portion of the state, more than 15,000 vehicles per day use the I-80/84 corridor, creating a considerable barrier to the movements of big game species. Consequently, the area is one of the most problematic in the state for wildlife-vehicle collisions, causing hundreds each year (Figure 1).

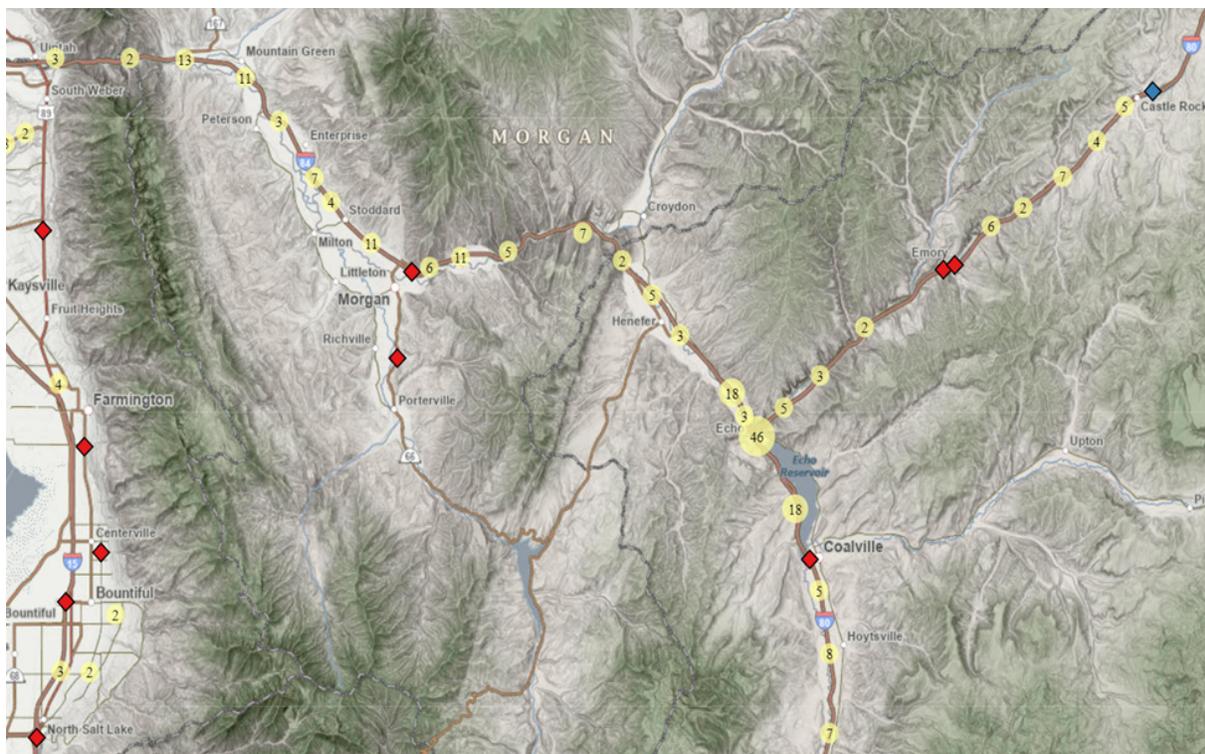


Figure 1. Locations of deer-vehicle collisions in the I-80/84 corridor between 2020 and 2022

To address these problems, the Utah Department of Transportation installed wildlife fencing along sections of the I-80/84 corridor to prevent deer and other species from crossing the roadway. Although the fencing now keeps most animals off the interstate, few wildlife-crossing structures have been installed to provide connectivity. Additionally, the limited winter range in this region is currently being reduced due to housing development and the unchecked growth of conifers (pine and fir trees) that outcompete other vegetation.

The DWR captured and collared 35 deer on surrounding units to learn more about how and where deer migrate and to document how they are affected by the interstate corridor. The tracking data indicates there are several migration corridors for deer in this area. The interstate appears to have shaped migratory movements for many deer, as the migration corridor follows or terminates at the interstate corridor (Figure 2). Information from this study will help the DWR and other partners provide better habitat connectivity for deer in the I-80/84 corridor, as well as identify areas for new fencing, crossing structures and other improvements to increase deer survival.

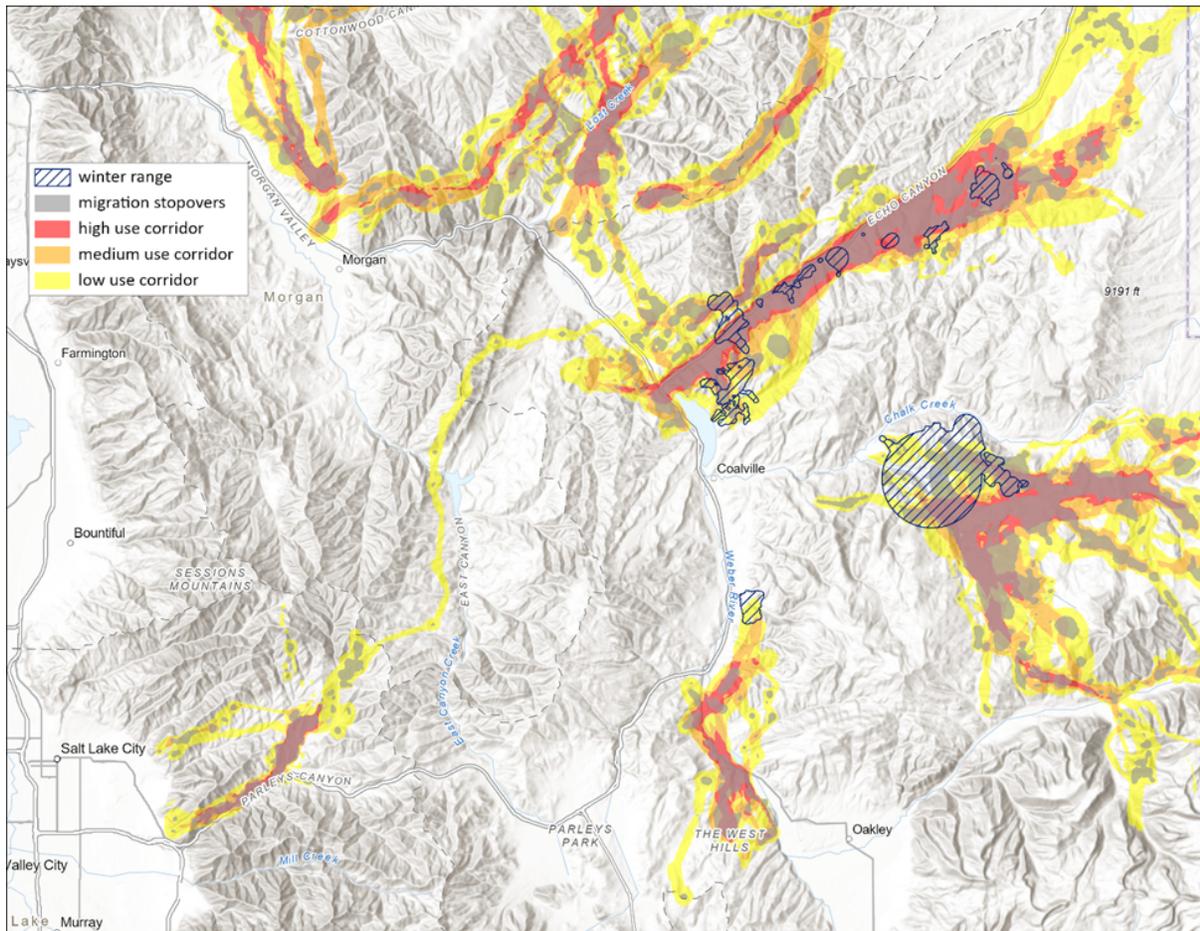


Figure 2. Deer migration corridors, winter range and stopover areas in the I-80/84 corridor

Cougar scavenging and prey selection study

Thanks to the Conservation Permit Program and close partnerships with Brigham Young University and the Utah Houndsmen Association, 28 cougars have been collared on the Wasatch, Nebo and Oquirrh mountain



ranges in the last year. Each animal has been fitted with a GPS collar programmed to record the animal's location every two hours. One of the core objectives of this study is to identify seasonal prey selection in relation to the sex and ages of both predator and prey — whether cougars select prey based on its availability or if there is a preference for species, sex or age of prey animals. From GPS collar data, we can determine when a cougar has made a kill. Every identified kill site/cluster is investigated to determine prey species and age class, when possible. Although the study hasn't been underway for long, the data collected so far suggest that cougars prefer to feed on newborn deer fawns and elk calves during the summer months. Another interesting observation has been that male cougars appear to kill and feed on elk more frequently than female cougars do.

The next few years will lead to a more in-depth understanding of seasonal prey selection by cougars that have multiple prey species within their ranges.

An additional objective associated with this project is to determine frequency of scavenging by cougars, depending on the season. Utah has invested substantial resources to monitor mule deer populations, including determination of causes of death for animals with GPS collars. There is a need to understand how frequently and how quickly mule deer that die of other causes are scavenged by cougars. To accomplish this objective, we plan on airlifting 50 deer carcasses, twice a year, to random spots on the Nebo range to simulate a scavenging opportunity. Each carcass will then be monitored with a remote camera to observe feeding events by cougars and other scavengers. This part of the study will begin in January 2023. We expect more scavenging to take place during winter months than in summer months, but it is unclear how frequently scavenging will occur and how quickly carcasses will be scavenged. A more detailed understanding of this behavior will provide information to better manage both cougars and mule deer in Utah.



Mountain goat captures

During the past two capture seasons (2020-2021 and 2021-2022), DWR biologists and the agency's conservation partners conducted a large effort to improve our understanding of mountain goat populations across the state. During fall 2020 and fall 2021, we captured 96 mountain goats from four mountain goat populations: Tushar Mountains (22), Uinta Mountains (35), Willard Peak (9) and La Sal Mountains (30). All mountain goats were equipped with GPS collars that are programmed to collect each animal's location every two hours. The collars also send notifications if the collar doesn't move for an eight-hour period. This project will provide biologists with real-time data on survival, causes and timing of mortality, habitat use and movement patterns. These efforts represent the first time the DWR has simultaneously conducted this type of monitoring of multiple mountain goat populations, and the project will provide valuable data to help improve future management.

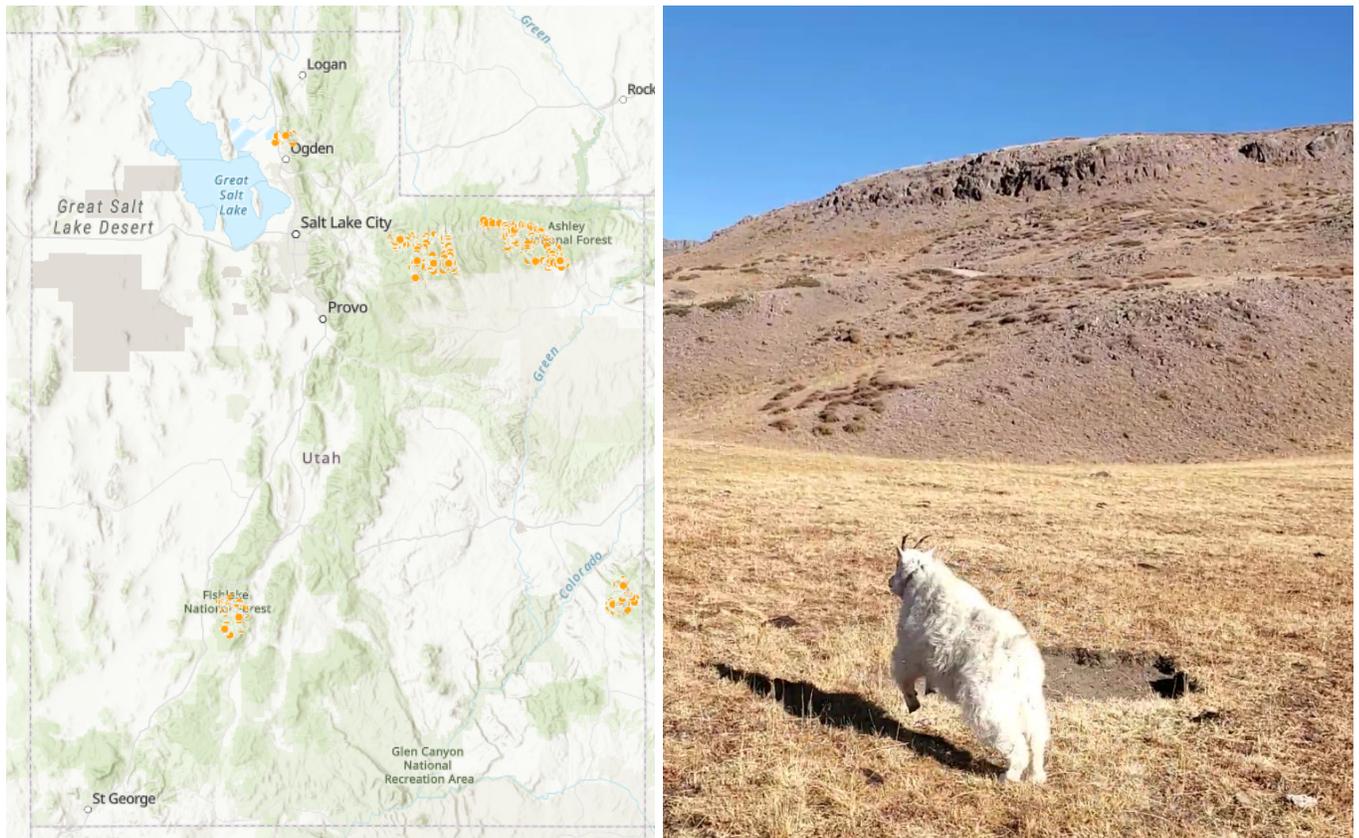


Figure 3. Map of collared mountain goat locations

Big game captures

Utah's biologists conduct regular aerial surveys to count bighorn sheep, bison, elk, moose, mountain goats and pronghorn. Conservation permits have also contributed to the ongoing monitoring of black bear and cougar survival, disease monitoring, turkey-trapping efforts and other components of wildlife management. In FY 2022, conservation permit sales helped fund the capture and/or collaring of more than 1,000 big game animals as part of translocations, research, monitoring and disease-testing activities (see Table 1). This work would not have been possible without the money generated through the Conservation Permit Program.

Table 1. Big game animals captured and/or collared using conservation permit funds in FY 2022

Species	No. animals	Unit	Purpose
Bighorn sheep	31	Muddy Mtns, NV	Transplant to Northeastern Region
	11	San Rafael	Survival and migration
Total	42		

Bison	16	Book Cliffs	Survival and migration
	16	Henry Mtns	Survival and migration
Total	32		

Deer	40	Beaver	Deer survival and migration
	54	Book Cliffs	Deer survival, migration, neonate capture
	40	Box Elder	Deer survival and migration
	50	Cache	Deer survival and migration
	1	Kaiparowits	Deer survival and migration
	11	La Sal	Deer survival and migration
	41	Monroe	Deer survival and migration
	30	Morgan	Deer survival and migration
	30	Nebo	Deer survival and migration
	40	Oquirrh-Stansbury	Deer survival and migration
	5	Parleys Canyon	Movements and use of overpass
	49	Pine Valley	Deer survival and migration
	40	San Juan	Deer survival and migration
	10	San Rafael	Deer survival and migration
	46	South Slope	Deer survival and migration
	20	Wasatch East	Deer survival and migration
61	Wasatch Manti	Deer survival and migration	
Total	568		

Elk	63	Book Cliffs	Survival, migration, neonate capture
	15	Box Elder	Survival and migration
	64	Chalk Creek	Survival and migration
	90	Hardware Ranch	Survival, migration and dispersal
	5	Parleys Canyon	Survival and migration
	20	Wasatch Mtns	Survival and migration
Total	257		

Moose	5	Parleys Canyon	Survival and migration
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Mountain goat	12	La Sal	Survival and migration
	33	Uinta Mtns	Survival and migration
	5	Willard Peak	Survival and migration
Total	50		

Pronghorn	20	Book Cliffs	Survival and migration
	15	Box Elder	Survival and migration
	15	Eagle Mtn	Survival and migration
	35	Southwest Desert	Survival and migration
Total	85		

Program results in FY 2022

The Utah Wildlife Board approved 318 conservation permits for FY 2022 (see Table 2). This represents less than 3% of the total number of permits issued for all these hunts combined. Permits were auctioned by conservation organizations and raised more than \$7.7 million. In contrast, if these permits had just been sold at current resident permit prices, they would have raised around \$52,000. Since 2001, conservation permits have generated more than \$72 million for conservation work in Utah (see Appendix 2).

Table 2. Conservation permits authorized for FY 2022

Permit type	Number
Antlerless elk	20
Bear	41
Bison	8
Buck deer	38
Bull elk	80
Bull moose	6
Cougar	1
Desert bighorn sheep	8
Mountain goat	7
Pronghorn	60
Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep	8
Wild turkey	41
Total permits	318

The true value of conservation permit dollars often exceeds the balance listed on paper. The DWR frequently uses this money to serve as matching funds for grants and other funding mechanisms that result in much larger amounts being awarded and spent in Utah. For example, in projects permitted by the Pittman-Robertson Act, every dollar generated by the Conservation Permit Program can be matched by three dollars in federal aid.

In FY 2022, conservation permit funds covered the costs of numerous habitat, research and monitoring projects. The amount of revenue spent on approved projects or transferred to the DWR for each of the three previous fiscal years can be found in Appendix 1. The conservation-related project lists found in Appendix 1 are also included in the conservation permit audit for FY 2022.

Program oversight

The DWR understands the value of Utah's wildlife resources and takes many steps to ensure the Conservation Permit Program is transparent, complies with administrative rule and uses funds effectively for wildlife conservation purposes. In addition to an annual report, the DWR conducts an audit of the Conservation Permit Program each year. Both the annual report and the results of the audit are presented in a public meeting to the Utah Wildlife Board. Additionally, specific information about all funded conservation projects — including project details, budgets, wildlife benefits and summary reports — is available online at wri.utah.gov/wri/.

Successful wildlife conservation

In FY 2022, Utah's Conservation Permit Program raised millions of dollars that were directed back into productive and meaningful wildlife conservation projects. These projects help the DWR better fulfill its mission of serving as trustees and guardians of the state's wildlife. The program has a track record of success and creates unique opportunities for hunters to work with the DWR in expanding wildlife populations and conserving wildlife habitat. As a result of this program, Utahns have more wildlife species to enjoy, and hunters have a greater diversity of hunting opportunities. Translocations and population growth have also ensured the availability of more hunting permits. The DWR believes that wildlife is valuable to everyone, and the Conservation Permit Program protects and improves wildlife and wildlife habitats for all to enjoy.



Appendix 1: Projects funded by conservation permit sales

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$1,096,320.00
5618 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY-22	2022	\$1,887.44
5447 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 6	2022	\$20,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$25,000.00
5639 Lower Fish Creek Forest Health Restoration	2022	\$25,000.00
5637 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase II	2022	\$26,000.00
5533 Government Creek Improvement Phase II	2022	\$30,000.00
5624 Rabbit Gulch Lop and Scatter	2022	\$30,000.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2022	\$33,500.00
5545 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 2	2022	\$37,000.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2023	\$33,500.00
5548 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2023	\$15,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2023	\$20,000.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2023	\$15,000.00
5587 Raft River Mountains Restoration FY22	2023	\$15,000.00
5618 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY-22	2023	\$18,850.00
5625 Stansbury Mountains Winter Range Improvement and Solar Farm Mitigation	2023	\$10,000.00
5626 Tintic Mountains Guzzlers	2023	\$2,250.00
5634 Mount Pleasant Twin Creek Habitat Improvement Project	2023	\$8,000.00
5637 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$26,000.00
5639 Lower Fish Creek Forest Health Restoration	2023	\$25,000.00
5658 South Manti Big Game Summer Range Restoration	2023	\$50,000.00
5685 Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 2	2023	\$10,000.00
5734 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-22	2023	\$10,000.00
5735 Timpanogos WMA Fire Shrub Planting - FY22	2023	\$5,000.00
5751 Beaver WMA's Cheatgrass Control Project	2023	\$15,000.00
5756 East Bear Lake Range Improvements - Phase I	2023	\$10,000.00
5762 Boobe Hole Habitat Enhancement Project Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
5772 Fountain Green WMA Cheatgrass Control	2023	\$4,550.00
5777 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY22	2023	\$6,500.00
5794 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$5,411.50
5799 FY22 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2023	\$15,589.50
5219 South Beaver and Little Dog Valley Watershed Imp, Phase I	2023	\$15,000.00
5624 Rabbit Gulch Lop and Scatter	2023	\$30,000.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2023	\$40,000.00
5761 Central Utah Chaining Maintenance Project Phase II	2023	\$30,000.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$350,000.00
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$4,000.00
6175 FY23 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile Managem	2023	\$17,152.00
6013 MDF Stewardship Position FY23	2023	\$16,129.56
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$1,096,320.00

	2022 Revenue	\$1,241,190.00
6013 MDF Stewardship Position FY23	2023	\$63,870.44
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$15,000.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$7,214.50
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$200,000.00
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$625.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$23,184.29

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded	
2022 Funds Expended	\$309,894.23
Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$931,295.77
Remaining Balance	\$931,295.77

National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2019 Revenue	\$115,860.00
5038 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY20	2020	\$573.62
4072 Raspberry Canyon Habitat Restoration Project	2020	\$10,000.00
4334 Watts Mountain Pipeline Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4625 Red Canyon Habitat Restoration Project Phase I	2020	\$2,000.00
4840 Cold Springs WMA Conifer Removal Aspen Regeneration Phase VI	2020	\$3,000.00
4860 Shingle Mill Phase 1	2020	\$2,000.00
4881 Cedar Mtn (Mormon Peak Phase I) Habitat Protection	2020	\$2,000.00
4882 La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY20	2020	\$4,000.00
4888 Dolores River Restoration 3.0 - Utah	2020	\$3,000.00
4917 Willow Creek WMA Aquatic and Terrestrial Improvement Project 2020	2020	\$3,000.00
4932 Lower Diamond Fork Post Fire Riparian Rehabilitation Phase I	2020	\$15,000.00
4952 Colorado River Restoration 3.0	2020	\$3,000.00
4959 Center Creek Chaining Project Phase II	2020	\$3,000.00
5018 East Pockets Stewardship	2020	\$19,298.90
4781 Hogs Heaven Watershed Enhancement Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5122 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5161 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5175 Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5177 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration and Fire Rehab Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5199 Salina Creek/Gooseberry Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 2	2021	\$3,000.00
5202 Swasey/Dry Wash/Grimes Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Rec	2021	\$4,000.00
5206 Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$2,500.00
5218 La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$3,000.00
5220 Miller Creek 3.0	2021	\$5,000.00
5223 Government Creek P/J Reduction - Phase I	2021	\$3,000.00
5224 Pinto Watershed and Defensible Fire Space Restoration Project Phase II and Share	2021	\$2,000.00
5229 Ranch Creek Watershed Improvement Project - Phase II	2021	\$2,000.00
5232 Burrville Collaboration Ecosystem Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5241 Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$1,487.48
	All 2019 Funds Expended	\$115,860.00

	2020 Revenue	\$129,988.80
5241 Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$512.52
5248 Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$3,000.00
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021	\$2,500.00
5257 Uinta Mountain Meadow Restoration	2021	\$2,500.00
5258 Rolley Canyon Water Development	2021	\$4,000.00
5260 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership	2021	\$2,000.00
5262 East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$3,500.00
5274 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 5	2021	\$13,000.00
5286 Colorado River Restoration Collaborative 4.0	2021	\$3,000.00
5304 Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$3,000.00
5322 Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$3,000.00
5324 Northern Region Browse and Water Enhancements	2021	\$3,000.00
5335 Mendon Turkey Plantings Phase VI	2021	\$3,250.00
5376 Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$2,000.00
5400 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY21	2021	\$2,000.00
Valley Mountain (Lone Cedar Chaining Phase II)	2022	\$10,000.00
5761 Central Utah Chaining Maintenance Project Phase II	2022	\$2,000.00
5748 Church Hills Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project	2022	\$2,000.00
5581 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 6	2022	\$10,000.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2022	\$4,000.00
5637 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase II	2022	\$3,000.00
5446 Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project Phase 3	2022	\$4,000.00

National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

5551 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$4,000.00
5558 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$5,000.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2022	\$4,000.00
5449 Gooseberry East Phase 2	2022	\$4,000.00
5525 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership II	2022	\$4,000.00
5635 Miller Creek Restoration 4.0	2022	\$5,000.00
5533 Government Creek Improvement Phase II	2022	\$3,000.00
5621 Mill Hollow Aspen Restoration Phase II	2022	\$5,000.00
5561 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$5,000.00
5580 Sanpete Face NEPA Analysis (Formerly Skyline West)	2022	\$4,000.00
5616 Colorado River Restoration 5.0	2022	\$1,726.28
All 2020 Funds Expended		\$129,988.80

		2021 Revenue	\$120,006.00
5616 Colorado River Restoration 5.0	2022	\$2,273.72	
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$3,000.00	
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$3,000.00	
5762 Boobe Hole Habitat Enhancement Project Phase II	2022	\$3,000.00	
5552 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2022	\$4,000.00	
5204 Deer Springs wildlife habitat and fuels reduction	2022	\$4,000.00	
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2022	\$3,000.00	
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2022	\$2,000.00	
5626 Tintic Mountains Guzzlers	2022	\$5,000.00	
5734 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-22	2022	\$2,000.00	
5736 Northern Region Browse Scalping	2022	\$5,000.00	
5777 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY22	2022	\$3,000.00	
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$5,000.00	
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$6,000.00	
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$15,000.00	
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$25,500.00	
5910 Weber River Watershed Restoration and Forest Resilience - FY23	2023	\$1,710.53	
2021 Funds Expended		\$92,484.25	

Remaining 2021 Revenue \$27,521.75

2022 Revenue \$189,525.00

Remaining Balance \$217,046.75

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$380,040.00
5631 Hamlin Valley Wash Sage Steppe Habitat Improvement	2022	\$5,656.65
5455 Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2022	\$10,000.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$20,000.00
5560 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2022	2022	\$7,500.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$15,000.00
5552 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2022	\$10,000.00
5412 FY21 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2021	\$10,000.00
5417 FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2021	\$5,254.00
5224 Pinto Watershed and Defensible Fire Space Restoration Project Phase II and Shared Ste	2022	\$6,809.28
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2022	\$10,000.00
5260 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership	2022	\$5,000.00
5279 Central Region Shrub Restoration Project FY 2021	2022	\$5,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$10,000.00
5692 USFS Guzzlers	2022	\$5,000.00
5736 Northern Region Browse Scalping	2022	\$5,000.00
5798 FY22 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2022	\$10,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$10,000.00
5722 Sevier plateau guzzlers	2022	\$7,500.00
5781 Kiln and Smith Springs Development project	2022	\$5,000.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$217,320.07
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$380,040.00

	2022 Revenue	\$409,200.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$292,721.05
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$1,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$10,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$5,000.00
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$13,339.00
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$10,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$16,439.90
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$15,000.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$2,500.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$3,998.93
2022 Funds Expended		\$379,998.88

Remaining 2022 Revenue \$29,201.12

Remaining Balance \$29,201.12

Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2020 Revenue	\$166,207.20
5045 Lake Fork Allotment Water System Repair - Helicopter Lift Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5122 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5161 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5162 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2021	2021	\$5,000.00
5173 Paunsaugunt-Petrified Wash Wildlife Drinkers	2021	\$5,000.00
5175 Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$22,000.00
5177 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration and Fire Rehab Project	2021	\$10,000.00
5191 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements FY21	2021	\$10,000.00
5196 New Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$5,000.00
5197 Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$2,500.00
5198 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 5	2021	\$5,000.00
5202 Swasey/Dry Wash/Grimes Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction	2021	\$3,500.00
5206 Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$2,500.00
5208 Shiner Basin-McKee Bench Seeding	2021	\$5,000.00
5218 La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$5,000.00
5220 Miller Creek 3.0	2021	\$3,500.00
5223 Government Creek P/J Reduction - Phase I	2021	\$5,000.00
5224 Pinto Watershed and Defensible Fire Space Restoration Project Phase II and Shared Stewa	2021	\$5,000.00
5229 Ranch Creek Watershed Improvement Project - Phase II	2021	\$5,000.00
5231 Crab Creek Guzzlers	2021	\$5,000.00
5232 Burrville Collaboration Ecosystem Restoration Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5233 Sowers Canyon Watershed Improvement	2021	\$5,000.00
5237 Whiterocks Watershed Improvement Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5241 Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$22,000.00
5248 Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$10,000.00
5251 Boulder Unit, Dark Valley Pond Maintenance Project	2021	\$207.20
	All 2020 Funds Expended	\$166,207.20

	2021 Revenue	\$213,960.00
5251 Boulder Unit, Dark Valley Pond Maintenance Project	2021	\$3,792.80
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021	\$10,000.00
5257 Uinta Mountain Meadow Restoration	2021	\$10,000.00
5260 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership	2021	\$5,000.00
5262 East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$10,000.00
5270 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 1	2021	\$10,000.00
5278 Boobe Hole Water Enhancement Project Phase 1	2021	\$1,500.00
5279 Central Region Shrub Restoration Project FY 2021	2021	\$3,000.00
5304 Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$16,000.00
5322 Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$5,000.00
5324 Northern Region Browse and Water Enhancements	2021	\$5,000.00
5325 Ashley NF Aspen Restoration Project	2021	\$10,000.00
5363 Bookcliffs East Water Developments	2021	\$3,000.00
5367 South Monroe Mtn Kingston/Forshea Pond Enhancement Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5376 Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$10,000.00
5379 Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2021	\$5,000.00
5386 Mineral Mountains Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2021	\$5,000.00
5400 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY21	2021	\$3,000.00
5406 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2021	\$13,000.00
5413 FY21 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2021	\$5,000.00
5417 FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2021	\$5,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2021	\$4,000.00
5146 West Desert Aspen Regeneration	2021	\$2,500.00
5300 Lower San Rafael & Price River Riparian Corridor Habitat Improvement, Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00

Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

5446 Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project Phase 3	2021	\$5,000.00
5447 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 6	2021	\$4,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2021	\$2,500.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2021	\$3,000.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2021	\$330.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2021	\$2,170.00
5545 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 2	2021	\$3,000.00
5548 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2021	\$5,000.00
5551 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5555 Montes Creek WMA Improvements Phase II	2021	\$13,121.00
5558 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5560 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2022	2021	\$2,500.00
5561 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2021	\$4,000.00
5580 Sanpete Face NEPA Analysis (Formerly Skyline West)	2021	\$2,500.00
5581 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 6	2021	\$5,000.00
5587 Raft River Mountains Restoration FY22	2021	\$2,500.00
5613 Richard Mountain Fire Seeding	2021	\$1,541.01
	2021 Funds Expended	<u>\$213,954.81</u>

	Remaining 2021 Revenue	\$5.19
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	2022 Revenue	\$210,450.00
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	Remaining Balance	\$210,455.19
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Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2020 Revenue	\$1,113,450.00
5471 Aurora BLM Allotment FY21	2021	\$39,701.66
5597 Bookcliffs Stray Livestock Management	2021	\$180,000.00
4808 Bison Fencing on Book Cliffs	2021	\$7,000.00
5312 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development	2021	\$9,000.00
5413 FY21 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2021	\$62,265.50
5219 South Beaver and Little Dog Valley Watershed Imp, Phase I	2022	\$10,000.00
5624 Rabbit Gulch Lop and Scatter	2022	\$30,320.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2022	\$40,000.00
5761 Central Utah Chaining Maintenance Project Phase II	2022	\$30,000.00
5748 Church Hills Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project	2022	\$5,000.00
5558 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$8,170.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2022	\$25,000.00
5525 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership II	2022	\$5,000.00
5187 Mud Springs Phase III - Powell Ranger District	2022	\$10,000.00
5727 East Fork Fire Seeding FY2022	2022	\$5,000.00
5533 Government Creek Improvement Phase II	2022	\$25,000.00
5548 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2022	\$25,000.00
5587 Raft River Mountains Restoration FY22	2022	\$10,000.00
5756 East Bear Lake Range Improvements - Phase I	2022	\$10,001.00
5561 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$10,000.00
5580 Sanpete Face NEPA Analysis (Formerly Skyline West)	2022	\$15,000.00
5613 Richard Mountain Fire Seeding	2022	\$10,000.00
5448 Glenwood Collaborative Project Phase 1	2022	\$10,000.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$20,000.00
5560 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2022	2022	\$2,500.00
5647 Strawberry Ridge Vegetation Project - Stand Exams	2022	\$5,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$15,000.00
5552 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2022	\$10,000.00
5658 South Manti Big Game Summer Range Restoration	2022	\$125,000.00
5639 Lower Fish Creek Forest Health Restoration	2022	\$25,000.00
5751 Beaver WMA's Cheatgrass Control Project	2022	\$22,268.00
5146 West Desert Aspen Regeneration	2022	\$10,000.00
5772 Fountain Green WMA Cheatgrass Control	2022	\$4,550.00
5625 Stansbury Mountains Winter Range Improvement and Solar Farm Mitigation	2022	\$10,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2022	\$15,000.00
5626 Tintic Mountains Guzzlers	2022	\$2,250.00
5734 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-22	2022	\$5,000.00
5735 Timpanogos WMA Fire Shrub Planting - FY22	2022	\$5,000.00
5757 Lake Fork Allotment Water System Repair - Helicopter Lift Project Phase 2	2022	\$2,648.00
5687 Bookcliffs East Water Developments Phase 2	2022	\$8,412.50
5690 Bookcliffs West Water Developments Phase 2	2022	\$2,671.88
5692 USFS Guzzlers	2022	\$15,000.00
5695 Red Leaf Mine Reclamation	2022	\$6,000.00
5699 Bull Pen water development	2022	\$5,000.00
5461 Gregory Basin wildlife friendly fence Phase II	2022	\$1,500.00
5653 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY22	2022	\$13,450.00
5736 Northern Region Browse Scalping	2022	\$25,000.00
5798 FY22 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2022	\$25,000.00
5799 FY22 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2022	\$15,589.50
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$25,000.00
5722 Sevier plateau guzzlers	2022	\$5,000.00
5779 Fremont River Ranger District Ponds	2022	\$5,000.00
5794 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2022	\$75,000.00
5800 FY22 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2022	\$25,151.96

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

All 2020 Funds Expended \$1,113,450.00

	2021 Revenue	\$1,359,635.40
5800 FY22 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2022	\$19,301.04
5806 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator	2022	\$18,400.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$1,000,000.00
6185 Book Cliffs Stray Livestock Management Phase II	2022	\$170,200.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$73,570.24
6199 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY23	2023	\$18,400.00
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$15,000.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$7,214.50
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$30,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$7,549.62
	All 2021 Funds Expended	\$1,359,635.40

	2022 Revenue	\$1,648,306.80
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$12,450.38
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$46,036.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$20,000.00
6042 I-15 Wildlife Exclusion Fence	2023	\$15,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$37,073.11
	2022 Funds Expended	\$130,559.49

Remaining 2022 Revenue \$1,517,747.31

Remaining Balance \$1,517,747.31

Utah Archery Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2022 Revenue	\$91,320.00
	\$0.00
2022 Funds Expended	<u>\$0.00</u>
Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$91,320.00
 Remaining Balance	 \$91,320.00

Utah Houndsmen Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2022 Revenue	\$22,203.40
	<u>\$0.00</u>
2022 Funds Expended	\$0.00
Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$22,203.40
Remaining Balance	\$22,203.40

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2020 Revenue	\$445,560.00
5471 Aurora BLM Allotment FY21	2021	\$136,103.43
5835 Wild Sheep Guzzler Maintenance	2021	\$25,000.00
5836 Blakes Lambing Grounds Water Project	2021	\$7,000.00
5312 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development	2021	\$11,536.60
5748 Church Hills Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project	2021	\$2,000.00
5748 Church Hills Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project	2022	\$2,000.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2022	\$7,500.00
5613 Richard Mountain Fire Seeding	2022	\$7,500.00
5300 Lower San Rafael & Price River Riparian Corridor Habitat Improvement, Phase 2	2022	\$7,500.00
5616 Colorado River Restoration 5.0	2022	\$7,500.00
5647 Strawberry Ridge Vegetation Project - Stand Exams	2022	\$2,500.00
5690 Bookcliffs West Water Developments Phase 2	2022	\$2,500.00
5653 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY22	2022	\$13,450.00
5777 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY22	2022	\$1,500.00
5798 FY22 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2022	\$65,482.00
5806 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator	2022	\$18,400.00
6172 FY23 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2023	\$38,500.00
6171 FY23 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2023	\$10,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$20,000.00
6199 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY23	2023	\$18,400.00
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$3,114.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$2,500.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$35,573.97
All 2020 Funds Expended		\$445,560.00

	2021 Revenue	\$512,040.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$39,426.03
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$18,584.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$15,000.00
5936 West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 1	2023	\$75,000.00
5940 Right Fork Lake Canyon/Gray Head Restoration Project	2023	\$20,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$10,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$100,000.00
5956 Timpanogos WMA Fire Rehabilitation and Access Management Project - FY-23	2023	\$5,000.00
5967 Sheepcreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$3,046.21
2021 Funds Expended		\$296,056.24

Remaining 2021 Revenue \$215,983.76

2022 Revenue \$594,000.00

Remaining Balance \$809,983.76

Utah Wildlife Conservation Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2022 Revenue	\$34,695.00
	\$0.00
2022 Funds Expended	<u>\$0.00</u>
Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$34,695.00
Remaining Balance	\$34,695.00

Appendix 2.

2001 - 2022 Conservation Permit Revenue and Number of Permits by Organization

Updated: September 13, 2022

YEAR	Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife		Mule Deer Foundation		Utah Wild Sheep Foundation		Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation		Safari Club International		National Wild Turkey Federation	
	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits
2001	\$188,539	55	\$158,400	29	\$283,880	17	\$168,665	43	\$15,770	4	\$101,398	68
2002	\$429,038	97	\$90,964	63	\$252,950	8	\$119,915	61	\$28,700	8	\$120,112	57
2003	\$656,521	197	\$51,853	43	\$226,500	5	\$270,205	54	\$1,250	5	\$51,835	26
2004	\$848,790	135	\$252,310	41	\$291,320	9	\$300,770	97	\$0	0	\$46,312	14
2005	\$522,647	178	\$622,040	82	\$310,600	10	\$175,975	27	\$28,500	11	\$19,901	26
2006	\$710,875	109	\$932,400	113	\$258,650	14	\$306,445	47	\$710,875	22	\$91,035	56
2007	\$1,039,552	102	\$913,220	151	\$405,870	24	\$336,775	30	\$81,515	8	\$82,670	37
2008	\$1,079,055	102	\$976,510	152	\$382,650	24	\$288,390	30	\$83,760	8	\$89,425	37
2009	\$860,000	102	\$822,802	152	\$390,075	24	\$250,675	30	\$72,055	8	\$66,365	37
2010	\$948,400	116	\$900,020	95	\$502,090	43	\$262,095	39	\$148,850	7	\$68,085	32
2011	\$799,290	116	\$754,695	97	\$486,785	43	\$235,000	39	\$102,500	7	\$65,470	32
2012	\$876,600	104	\$968,715	92	\$494,400	41	\$247,740	38	\$93,500	6	\$70,210	31
2013	\$1,083,725	124	\$971,285	84	\$519,500	23	\$275,135	26	\$128,747	21	\$104,535	21
2014	\$1,273,679	124	\$975,530	84	\$516,200	23	\$334,995	26	\$172,950	21	\$99,335	21
2015	\$1,508,650	124	\$1,259,765	84	\$564,510	23	\$366,865	26	\$158,970	21	\$112,145	21
2016	\$1,429,825	145	\$1,186,400	63	\$550,800	14	\$354,190	31	\$205,200	24	\$141,675	26
2017	\$1,449,675	145	\$1,258,550	63	\$578,325	14	\$382,845	31	\$216,420	24	\$165,375	26
2018	\$1,592,895	145	\$1,390,270	63	\$654,675	14	\$456,425	31	\$212,750	24	\$179,350	26
2019	\$1,630,440	122	\$1,370,050	72	\$629,200	16	\$454,620	40	\$197,125	40	\$193,100	35
2020	\$1,853,550	121	\$1,592,850	68	\$742,600	16	\$525,996	40	\$265,012	38	\$208,648	35
2021	\$2,266,059	107	\$1,816,200	64	\$853,400	16	\$633,400	40	\$356,600	35	\$200,010	31
2022	\$2,679,525	97	\$2,068,650	79	\$990,000	20	\$682,000	33	\$350,750	27	\$315,875	32
	\$25,727,330	2,667	\$21,333,479	1,834	\$10,884,980	441	\$7,429,121	859	\$3,631,799	369	\$2,592,866	727

YEAR	Utah Archery Association		California Deer Association		Boone & Crockett		Ducks Unlimited		Utah Houndsmen Association		Wildlife Conservation Foundation		Total	
	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits
2001	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$916,652	216
2002	\$0	0	\$14,010	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,055,689	299
2003	\$0	0	\$27,565	10	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,285,729	340
2004	\$0	0	\$3,270	8	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,742,772	304
2005	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,679,663	334
2006	\$0	0	\$10,500	20	\$11,500	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,032,280	382
2007	\$6,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$19,000	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,884,602	358
2008	\$10,250	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$14,625	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,924,665	359
2009	\$6,750	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$26,200	6	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,494,922	361
2010	\$15,400	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$18,300	6	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,863,240	342
2011	\$28,700	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,472,440	341
2012	\$37,500	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$9,215	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,797,880	322
2013	\$53,525	13	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$12,430	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,148,882	316
2014	\$64,875	14	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$23,075	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,460,639	317
2015	\$90,050	18	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,060,955	317
2016	\$77,500	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,945,590	314
2017	\$99,250	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,150,440	314
2018	\$103,250	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,589,615	314
2019	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,474,535	325
2020	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$5,188,656	318
2021	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$6,125,669	293
2022	\$152,200	9	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$37,000	4	\$57,825	17	\$7,333,825	318
	\$745,250	111	\$55,345	43	\$11,500	1	\$122,845	31	\$37,000	4	\$57,825	17	\$72,629,340	7,104



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 13, 2022

TO: Utah Wildlife Board

FROM: Staci Coons, Chair
Certification Review Committee

RE: Variance Request from Dillan Gardner (Great Basin Shrimp) for the commercial growing of Pacific Whiteleg Shrimp (*litopenaeus vannamei*).

The Certification Review Committee met to discuss the above-mentioned variance request to Rule R657-3, for the commercial growing of Pacific Whiteleg Shrimp at Great Basin Shrimp in Bear River City, UT.

ANALYSIS

The committee evaluated the merits of the request based on the criteria established by the Wildlife Board in R657-3. Based upon the criteria established by the Wildlife Board, the analyses and recommendations of the committee are as follows:

1. **The health, welfare, and safety of the public** - The committee expressed no concerns over health, welfare, and safety of the public.
2. **The health, welfare, safety and genetic integrity of wildlife, domestic livestock, poultry and other animals** - The committee expressed no concerns with possible impacts on wildlife or domestic animals.
3. **The ecological and environmental impacts** - The committee expressed concerns with any release of water, as the facility would sit near brackish ponds surrounding the Great Salt Lake that could potentially provide suitable habitat for escaped shrimp. The committee would like to see the water drainage system design prior to the building of the facilities and to inspect the facility when completed.
4. **The suitability of the facilities** - The committee had no concerns with the suitability of the proposed facilities. However, since the facilities have not yet been fully constructed the committee is asking that inspections be done by the division as the facilities become operational.
5. **Experience of the applicant for the proposed activity** - The committee expressed no concerns with the level of experience or education of the applicant for this proposed project.



6. **The ecological and environmental impacts on other states** - The committee had no significant concerns with impacts of this request on other states.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee, after careful evaluation, recommends that the request be approved with the following stipulations:

1. The water flow system must be approved by the Division prior to building the facility.
2. All brood stock must be purchased from a health approved facility.
3. An aquaculture license must be obtained from the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.
4. The committee recommends that all crustaceans must be sold as dead.

cc: Certification Review Committee Members
Dillan Gardner



Application for a Variance for Possession of a Prohibited Species R657-3 Collection, Importation, and Possession

A \$200 nonrefundable fee is required and if approved there may also be a \$100 inspection fee and Certificate of Registration fees. An email will be sent with instructions to pay over the phone. Email application to: anitacandelaria@utah.gov. If you have, any questions email or call Anita Candelaria 385-332-6154.

As an applicant, you are responsible for complying with City/County ordinances you live in for the possession and numbers requesting. You must include a statement from the City/County that they will allow the possession of the species you are applying for. In addition, if a Federal permit is required, submit with this application either a copy of the permit or a copy of the application.

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Species: _____ **Total Number:** _____

Variance Request: Explain why you are requesting a variance (personal, moving to Utah from another state that currently allows possession, commercial purposes or other).

Description of Holding Facilities: Total number allowed will be based on the enclosure size and will be determined by the Division based on the submitted facility description and dimensions. Housing must meet minimum AZA or USDA Animal Welfare standards. Photos of enclosure can be emailed with this application. (If additional space is needed include with the application).

Animal Care: Must meet minimum AZA or USDA Animal Welfare Standards. (If additional space is needed include with the application).

Education/Conservation Message (if applicable): (If additional space is needed include with the application).

Supplier Information or if currently in possession where did you get the animal from:

I hereby certify that I have read and am familiar with R657-3. I further certify the information submitted in this application for for a variance is complete and accurate.

Applicant Signature:  Date: _____

Shrimp farm condensed business plan

To Whom it may Concern:

This is a basic business plan for the shrimp farm we would like to build. It is not all inclusive, but gives a good idea of the general outline of the business we intend to run.

1. Build 5000 square foot insulated pole barn.
2. Pools heated to 28 degrees Celsius using an instant hot water heater and pex pipe coils inside of the pool acting as a radiant heat source. A thermostat in each loop triggers when to turn the heat on.
3. Water is aerated using a series of strategically placed air stones powered by a 2hp continuous flow air pump. It is extremely important that no area of the pool become anaerobic at any time.
4. Building will be equipped with a back up generator, any amount of time without oxygen will result in massive mortality.
5. Set up 18 round 14 feet wide by 3 feet tall swimming pools.
6. Pools will be set up in stages. As this system is a biofloc system it is necessary to give the bacteria adequate time to grow to levels in which it can naturally filter the waste in the water. We will receive a couple shipments of 60 day post larvae shrimp from Indiana, which will also give us "seasoned" water to help inoculate our pools. We intend to start with 2 pools, then start a new pool every 1-2 months depending on the biofloc concentration. When a new pool is started a 50 percent water exchange will be performed, taking 50 percent of water from a seasoned pool, and adding it to a new pool. Both pools will be topped off with fresh tap water which has been allowed to rest for 2 weeks to allow any chlorine in the water to dissipate. Water will be treated to make it the right pH, alkalinity, salinity and temperature prior to adding to any pool with live shrimp.
7. Shortly after 60 day PL shrimp deliveries, we will begin our own nursery tanks. Nursery tanks are rectangle 4 foot x 8 foot x 2 foot tall tanks. They will be stocked with a density of 30,000, 14 day PL shrimp per tank. Which is enough to stock about 3 grow out tanks. They also utilize the biofloc system to manage water quality, however, the tanks don't contain enough water to manage all the waste produced from the shrimp, thus daily water exchanges are performed with the larger grow out tanks which have enough volume to adequately manage the waste. When the shrimp are 60 days old they get transferred to the grow out tanks.
8. Shrimp require about 3 months in the grow out tank to reach Jumbo size. Which means we can have 4 harvests per year per tank. We will have 6 nursery tanks to keep the 18 grow out tanks stocked.
9. An additional empty tank is always available to pump water from tanks into, as tanks are cleaned after every harvest and thus need to be temporarily emptied. Water is always reused as it contains all the necessary bacteria to manage water quality. It is only ever replaced if there is an issue that can't be resolved. Settling solids when over grown can suffocate shrimp, thus a system is employed using an air stone and pipe can push water with solids into a separate tank. In the separated tank solids sink to the bottom and water flows out the top back into the

shrimp tank. Water in separated tank is oxygenated and typically given enough time can break down the solids.

10. Daily water testing is performed on all tanks. Tests include: pH, alkalinity, salinity, dissolved oxygen, temperature, and settleable solids. Some tests such as oxygen and temperature will be constantly monitored, as any amount of time out of range will result in massive mortality rates. All the water quality indicators are important however, and based off the results of testing different things need to be done.
11. An important part of managing the biofloc is feeding the heterotrophic bacteria. They thrive off the nitrogen, but they also need a carbon source, which can be supplied using cane sugar, around 500g per day per tank depending on the amount of feed given to the shrimp.
12. Once shrimp reach jumbo size they will be sold to consumers. Our primary focus at first will be direct to consumer. We don't anticipate the need for massive advertising as this is such a novel concept, people tend to come in greater numbers than can be served. However, we will play this by ear and employ as much advertising as necessary to sell our product. Shrimp will be sold unprocessed, harvested per ordered and placed on ice. The UDAF will issue licensure and inspect periodically to ensure quality.
13. After farm is steadily producing shrimp, and depending on the market, we will explore sales to restaurants.
14. Once farm is established, we intend to expand our facility by building additional square footage on my property.

2023 WILDLIFE BOARD/RAC SCHEDULE

All information is subject to change and all agendas are tentative. Please check the DWR website often at wildlife.utah.gov or complete agendas and meeting locations posted prior to meetings. **Unless otherwise noted, all Wildlife Board meetings are on Thursdays at the Eccles Wildlife Education Center, 1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington** Board meetings begin at 9 a.m, unless otherwise indicated. Additional meetings may be scheduled if necessary. RACs meet at the locations and times listed below unless otherwise noted. Scheduling changes will be posted on the DWR website. Please check it often.

CR RAC – 6 PM

Wildlife Resources Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville

SER RAC – 6:30 PM

John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River

NR RAC – 6 PM

Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden

NER RAC – 6:30 PM

Wildlife Resources NER Office
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal

SR RAC – 6 PM

DNR Cedar City Complex
646 N. Main St., Cedar City or
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd., Richfield

Schedule & Tentative Agendas

January – Board Meeting, January 3, 2023 - Tuesday

- Dec. 2022 RAC agenda items.

February – No RAC or Board meetings scheduled.

March – No RAC or Board meetings

April – Wildlife Board Work Session – April 11 - Tuesday

RAC meetings:

- Big game permit numbers.
- Antlerless permit numbers
- CWMU rule amendments
- CWMU management plans
- LOA management plans

April 12 – NR

April 13 - CR – moved to Thursday to accommodate WB Work Session

April 18 – SR

April 19 - SER

April 20 - NER

Board meeting May 4

- April 12-20 RAC agenda items.

May –

RAC meetings:

- Upland game and turkey recommendations
- Fishing informational – online survey

May 16 - CR

May 17 - NR

May 23 – SR

May 24 - SER

May 25 - NER

June –

Board meeting June 8

- May 16-25 RAC agenda items
- Conservation Permit List

July –

RAC meetings:

- Fee proposals

July 25 – CR

July 26 – NR

August 1 – SR

August 2 – SER

August 3 – NER

August –

New RAC/Board Member Training August 16, Board meeting August 17

- July 25- Aug 3 RAC agenda items
- Expo Permit Allocation
- Expo Permit Audit

September –

RAC meetings:

- Fishing recommendations and guidebook (contingent)
- Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations

September 5 – CR

September 6 – NR

September 12 – SR

September 13 – SER

September 14 – NER

Board meeting September 28

- Sept. 5-14 RAC agenda items
- 2024 meeting dates approval
- Conservation permit Allocation 1 yr
- Conservation permit Allocation 3 yr (scheduled for 2024)
- Conservation permit annual report
- Conservation permit audit

November –

RAC meetings:

- Big Game 2024 Hunt Tables and Dates
- CWMU Management Plans
- CWMU Rule Amendments
- CWMU and Landowner Permit Recommendations

November 8 –NR

November 9 – CR – moved to Thursday to accommodate Election Day

November 14 – SR

November 15 – SER

November 16 – NER

Board meeting November 30:

- Nov. 8-16 RAC agenda items

December –

RAC meetings:

- Bear hunt tables and permit numbers
- Cougar hunt tables and permit numbers
- 2024 Waterfowl Recommendations
- Falconry recommendations

December 5 – CR

December 6 – NR

December 12 – SR

December 13 – SER

December 14 –NER

January –

Board Meeting January 2, 2024 - Tuesday

- Dec. 5-14 RAC agenda items

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-  Brown Bag
-  Board Meeting/Work Sessions
-  RAC Recording/posting
-  RAC Tour
-  WAFWA Meetings
-  Holidays