

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

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

I think you guys manage the Deer population very well honestly.
I think the only think that could be improved upon is maybe taking some of the bucks off of antelope Island into other units. The reason for this is antelope Island has a 2.5:1 ratio of bucks to does. Bringing some of those bucks off antelope Island would help the herd locally and also bring some of the superior "Genetics" people think are on antelope island. You could move some of these bucks to lower buck to doe ratio that may need it. It also helps because the antelope Island herd is practically a "closed" herd with little migration in and out of the unit.
Otherwise I think you guys are doing fantastic. I have seen many deer doing very well in Northern Utah this spring after last year had the massive winter kill off.
I have also seen 180-200 inch bucks on general units more than limited entry units. The deer management for the state is doing fantastic.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

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

I think you guys are doing a great job managing trophy quality and opportunity for such a high demand for once in a lifetime.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

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

I agree for the increase in tag allotments across several units that are above objective.

I wanted to propose protecting the breeding window to maximize the number of healthy calves and cows the next season so more tags can be allotted and managed.

50% of elk are bred by October 1st-2nd I would propose no hunting during the breeding window of Sept. 28th- Oct. 5th. That would ensure at least 70% of cows being bred. There are some outliers in either direction and if not bred successfully the cow elk ranges cycling 18-24 days with the average around 21 days. The average gestation is 255 days so if a Cow elk is bred Oct. 3rd she will give birth around June 13-14. If she is separated from the bull the cow elk is usually only receptive to breed for 16-18 hours. If not bred at the end of September or the start of October. The cow elk will cycle 3 weeks later thus pushing the birth of the calf to the end of June or start of July. This puts excessive strain on the cow to gain weight and maintain a good fitness to breed the coming fall since she will likely be lactating and not receptive to a bull's advances. By protecting the breeding window we can ensure the majority of cow elk have undisturbed breeding windows to be bred and have healthy calves larger later in the season so they will cycle again. This will increase herd sizes and give more tag opportunities to hunters.

I believe putting the muzzleloader restrictions during the "rut" will give more opportunity for tag allotments and disturb the breeding window less.

I would advocate it is in the best interest to have no firearm hunting in this window from Sept 28-Oct 5th. You could do additional primitive weapons during the breeding window as they do not hear a gunshot so they would disturb the herds even less than a firearm. I say this as a rifle hunter who prefers to hunt the mid rifle hunt. You are managing it well but I believe we could manage it even better for increased tag allotments and herd sizes by protecting the breeding window which would maximize monetary gain for conservation and research at the state level.

I appreciate your time in reading this.

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April 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback
March 29, 2024 2:25 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024?

Somewhat disagree

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

I disagree with the permit recommendations for the entire state on the general season units. Why are some of the units your recommending a tag increase by like 300 permits or more? Its going to take longer for some of these units to recover from the winter of 2022-2023 than just 1 year. I get the dwr needs to make money but cant we keep cutting tags and just increase the permit fees? I look at it for our future generations. If we don't keep cutting tags we will not have any deer left to hunt.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? Increase youth elk permits

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? I saw much less elk a field last year. I disagree with an increase in antlerless elk permits thanks

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule. Residents should also have a shed antler season.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule.

I believe that all shed hunting should be closed until may 1st just like wyoming Colorado and Nevada. Too many roads are being torn up by early shed hunters trying to be the first on the mountain when roads are soft. Another point of view i've seen personally is people pushing deer and elk, not on purpose but i see it every time im out shed hunting and there are so many more people shed hunting than there was 10 years ago that the deer and elk just don't get pushed to the next ridge they are moving multiple ridges to try to get away and sometimes thier only option is the deep snow. Thank you for your time.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule.

Regulating shed antlers in my opinion is unnecessary and wrong. The dwr is tasked with managing our wildlife once those antlers fall off there is no need for any regulations on what happens to those antlers they are no longer part of the wildlife being managed. I do agree in emergency closures for specific areas during harsh winters but that should be an access issue not a antler gathering issue.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024?

Neither agree nor disagree

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

Please bring back the ability to fill antlerless elk tags during our other hunts. I hunt bulls/bucks for fun but cow elk are a huge blessing financially to us when it comes to feeding my family. By taking that opportunity away you have caused it to be more of a financial burden to fill those tags. When I'm able to hunt 2 tags at the same time it saves me a lot of money. The other consequence to removing that ability was you are concentrating more hunt pressure during the actual hunt dates making it even harder to fill the freezer. Antlerless tags should be a management tool not an opportunity tool. I'd rather draw a tag less often but know when I do I'll have a better opportunity to be successful on that hunt. It does me no good to draw a cow elk tag if I can't fill the tag. Thank you for considering my comments.

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April 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback
March 29, 2024 7:38 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly disagree

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

Utah looks more at money vs animal population. Our deer and elk populations vs habitat could increase so much more and be sustainable if money wasn't the driving force! Look at colorados deer and elk population vs habitat compared to utah and do your own math!

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April 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback
March 29, 2024 10:36 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? Let the deer recover. Charge two times the current tag cost if that's your biggest need. Deer hunting has gotten poor at best for most areas in Utah. Incentivize private land owners to allow access more. Charge the hunter more if needed to cover that cost.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? If habitat is a contributing factor for winter survival rates, I would like to recommend that for some dedicated hunters hours service to be focused on improving habitat. The easiest and most cost-effective solution would to start clearing cedar trees that have acidic releases which doesn't allow vegetation to grow around them.
Most sportsmen would be pleased with this type of project knowing better winter grounds with better habitat to support wintering animals has better fawn survival rates.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? No real feedback can be given at this time.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? I think you are giving to many permits for not enough numbers of elk. As well if you would stop with the lottery tags and focus more on age objectives and heard numbers our elk may be able to bounce back. Plus way to many over the counter tags and way to many antlerless tags.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? Change the dates so our antlerless animals get a fair chance. Cut the number of antlerless tags by 70% for 4 years. Fix wintering ground habitat by getting rid of cedars and do a chain ripper. Stop allowing so many cattle in proposed areas. And let our numbers bounce upwards.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule.

I think you should look at the language and legislation of Wyoming for legislation passing. As well I think if you did a shed closure for residents till April 1st for residents and may 1st for nonresident would actually be better for our animals and not be so pressured on wintering grounds. Also I would support a 30 dollar shed gathering permit and the funds allocated to more officers to actually enforce and be on the ground to enforce new laws would be very beneficial. I also would support if such legislation took place the penalties be just as strong as poaching.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2024?

Neither agree nor disagree

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

Again manage our wintering grounds and improve habitat and change dates of hunts would benefit our public lands. The cwmu owners have got it figured out where there lands have more elk than our public lands per acre.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024?

Somewhat disagree

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

The hunt dates need to longer!! We wait a year to hunt and get a week??? BS! Some people cant take off work and are only given the weekend to hunt. And we get screwed! Give us the old elk hunt dates back and get rid of the two ridiculous seasons we have now. Why do we cater to the archery hunters with a month or almost a month? Its not easier with and weapon. and requires work for all hunts. Then you screw us with no scopes on muzzleloaders after almost all the hunts have been played out and we are supposed to take an elk that has been chased for over 3 months with open sights muzzleloader. Give us atleast 15 days to hunt elk with a rifle and two weekends for muzzleloader and max of a 4 power scope.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? You guys talk out of both sides of your mouths. You never listen to the public and what they want anymore. And you very rarely listen to the real facts. This is ALL about money!

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? More greed and money

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule. These are shed antlers, once they are shed they no longer belong to the state. You should be ashamed of yourselves for trying to control the public and what they can and can't pick up off the ground. And another money grab! Police state!

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? Sence muzzleloader optics have been strictly regulated because so many deer and elk have been harvested. I suggest that all rifle optics be limited to 3x9 power. This would prevent many unethical attempts to harvest wildlife and help bring fair chase back to hunting in Utah.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule. If winter conditions warrant a closure of shed hunting then it should be closed to ALL hunting.
Dogs disturb wildlife as much or more than people who have completed and abide by the shed gathering ethics corse.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule.

I think we should close shed hunting for residents until April 1st as well. I have been out a lot this year so far. Six trips for 3-4 days each. Seems like you are almost forced to go earlier then you should because if you don't all you will find is boot tracks. Shed hunting has become such a huge thing for social media and for profit... It ruins it for people like me that just like antlers for my own personal collection and memory keep sake. Guys have been chasing elk all over the mountain. Guys seem to be after the elk more than the deer and its just more than out of hand I would say. I also have not seen one officer in the field in all my trips. I have been on 7 units this shed season and not a soul is out there making sure guys are not running animals all over the mountain.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? So I'm proposing to bring back the GS Elk Multi season permit as a restricted weapons hunt only. Compound bow/rifle with no scopes and we already have Muzzleloaders restricted. I know this was a popular hunt and I feel like we could do this as a restricted hunt.

I strongly disagree on adding any more tags to the LE early rifle Elk. I feel like every 1 tag you add to that hunt you could add 4 to early archery or 2 to mid season.

The late season archery elk. We should double the tags on every unit in my opinion look how many units had 0 % success.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

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

I think the biologists have done a great job setting recommendations for deer tags this upcoming year. Looking at all the data and science, our buck to doe ratios show opportunity to harvest more deer and increase herd productivity. As Dax mentions in the video, evidence is pointing towards deer herds being more productive on the lower end of the B/D ratios. Some evidence even points to B/D ratios more towards about 10 being optimal to grow the herd.

Last year, I was disappointed in the wildlife board rejecting sound biological increases in central and southern Utah due to the bad optics of a harsh winter along the Wasatch front and in Northern Utah. The point of managing by units is to have flexibility because each unit is unique. The central and southern units are growing deer like crazy, I would like to see permits increase to take advantage of that. Mostly, my plea is to follow the science of the biologists and not be swayed by the roar of public outcry at tag increases. I would like to see our RACs and wildlife board follow the research and accept the recommendations as listed. Thanks for all your time and effort on behalf of Utah wildlife.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

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

Pretty disappointing to see some of the once in a lifetime species struggling a little bit. I support the biologists decision to decrease some goat tags, bison and moose tags. It'll make my preferred hunt harder to draw but biologically it makes sense. Good recommendations.

Instead of rounding up the bison and selling them every year, it would be awesome to see some of those bison being rounded up and moved to areas throughout the state that are struggling. I didn't like the approval of the re-do tags on the OIAL bison tags, it's an opportunity to hunt not a guarantee to harvest. If someone doesn't harvest a OIAL now they can apply for a do-over? Feels like a dangerous precedent to set.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

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

Good job by the biologists to manage towards the age classes. I like the recommendations to continue to increase tags where it makes sense and to cut where the age has hit objective.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2024?

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024?

Strongly agree

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

Great recs coming from the elk side of things. Feel like the numbers and management really add up. I think it's a delicate balance to give private land opportunity at the expense of public land tags, the division is managing it well by making the purchase of those tags take points and target elk that seek refuge on private land. By doing this it seems to move the elk back to public and give the average joe hunter with no access good opportunity.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule.

I like the shed antler rules and regulations. This is a complicated matter, I hope the board and legislators can work together to make some more changes and definitions. I think this one may take a couple years. I hate going to war with non-resident states around us, as tags continue to get cut and prices go up for out of state things every year. That being said, if every other state is going to regulate us, I am ok with regulating out of staters before may 1. Good rules, hopefully this can continue to move forward and improve.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? It's really disappointing that it feels like you have to be a land owner or be able to pay for guide to even have a decent chance at mature bull or any bull in the state for that matter.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? I don't understand why we wouldn't want an elk population on pine valley and Zion units to get bigger. Almost seems like we're limiting opportunity to hunt a decent elk to units that are manly private property because the people that make the rules are getting money from outfitters...

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Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule.

I just want to say thank you for providing these videos and numbers with explanations. The transparency is appreciated. Thanks for being willing to put yourselves in the line of fire for criticism. I appreciate all you are doing.
Ryan

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024?

Strongly disagree

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

This completely undermines the previous actions. The DWR has been completely silent about the crooked actions of the government making wanton destruction of wildlife legal with cougars. For years the DWR has blamed cougars for destroying deer and elk herds and continue to do as such by not opposing the lawmakers who allowed cougars to basically be shot on sight without severe penalty. Last year's winter had a detrimental affect on deer so between those two actions, why are permits being increased?

If mule deer are so beloved in the state, why are the permits being increased to bring in more venue and risking the future success of mule deer populations? One year of fawn recruitment isn't nearly enough to say the herds in Utah will overcome cougars and the winter of 23.

Tag increases only helps me draw a permit this year, so don't increase them. Between cougars being falsely villianized and the winter of 23, there is no reason to increase tags. Put deer before funds and don't increase tags. I'd rather hunt once a decade and see hundreds of deer than hunt every year and see 4 deer. Like the last time I had a tag in Utah before 23.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024?

Somewhat agree

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

We put a lot of time, money, and resources into studying mule deer in this state. It is absolutely awesome! I tip my hat to the Division and all those working with them to gather all this data.

The sad part is we spend all this time, effort, and money and then don't do what the data suggests that we do. We need to spend less time listening to special interest groups or small segments trying to turn our hunts into something they want, and start listening to these really smart capable people pulling enormous amounts of data and research on these topics.

This body has cut 30% of the deer tags available in Utah in just the last 5 years. I do not expect a 30% increase this year, but we need to get back to adding permits and giving opportunities back to the public. The data is showing that our inflated buck to doe ratios are reducing productivity in our deer herds. We should probably start listening to the experts on this.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024?

Somewhat agree

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

Seeing the cut in bison tags is tragic. Allowing another "Twice in a lifetime" opportunity on the Book Cliffs in conjunction with this sets point creep on that point pool back so much. Nothing to be done at this point, but I would greatly caution this body from giving hunters "twice in a lifetime" hunts anymore. We draw tags to go hunt legally, not guarantee a kill. I realize that issue is done and over with, but this is for future purposes. I wonder how far back the two times we've done this on the Book Cliffs alone has set the bison pool back?

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024?

Strongly disagree

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

The biggest concern I have is with the proposed cut on Wasatch elk tags. I know that 2023 resulted in an age classification slightly below the age objective, but the three-year average is still within the age objective. I had a Manti elk tag last year and know how hard it was to find "big" bulls. It was very tough, and I know the Wasatch was the same way. That said, no management decisions should be made off one year that was such an outlier like 2023 was. This is why we do three-year averages to avoid giant swings one way or the other as outlier years are out there. I would ask you all to vote to reject that portion of the Division's recommendation and keep the Wasatch elk tags where they were last year at a minimum. That unit is not hurting for elk or for bulls. 2023 was rough, but I think it would be tragic to continually take opportunities from hunters when there is not a biological need for that.

I think other units (IE- Beaver) have shown us the danger of putting excess bulls on the landscape and what that means for herds going forward. Please vote to keep Wasatch elk tags at their 2023 number and not cut all those tags that are being proposed. We need to quit pretending like a 350 inch bull should be expected on these units and not be the exception.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2024?

Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024?

Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule?

Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2024?

Somewhat agree

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April 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 7, 2024 6:37 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? The WB has been very conservative when adding back tags to units and very pro active when reducing tags.
The biologists are providing some very good information. Why not trust them?

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Giving do overs on bison tags should haunt the the WB

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? I think the reduction in Wasatch permits recommended is a knee jerk reaction to the winter of 22/23. The 3 year average is still 5.5.
Plus there is some indication that there is an upcoming number of available bulls for the next few years due to reducing the cow harvest.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I think this proposal is great and I'm 1000% behind it. Not increasing permits last year in the areas of the state where we could have was a mistake. I think the division has done a good job of increasing permits where we need to and cutting or maintaining permits in the units that we need to. Lets do the right thing and pass this proposal.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? I support the DWR's proposal for once in a life time species.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? I support this proposal and think it keeps the state on track with the new elk management plan passed a couple years ago. Please continue to allow us to OTC elk hunt in this state.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck pronghorn permit recommendations? I support the dwr proposal for buck pronghorn.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? I support this proposal and think we should always continue to do antlerless hunts where the herds or conflict allow for it.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

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

I think CWMU's need to do more to get the public on the units to harvest their antlerless elk. If the CWMU's have chosen the 90/10 split then 100% of the cows harvested on the unit should be by the public. They shouldn't be able to have the DWR or others come harvest elk because they can't hit their objectives.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule.

I grew up loving to shed hunt. Back then there wasn't money in it, at least that I was aware of. It has now gotten out of hand. I have seen numerous incidents of vandalism, and habitat destruction. ATV's go wherever they want, tearing down fences, trespassing, chasing deer and elk herds all over the place. I know this is a generalization, but it is happening all over the state. My inlaws have private land near Portage Utah. There gates have been broken down, cabins broken into, fences pulled down, trail cameras stolen each of the past 3 years. The sherriff has been great, but unless someone is there 24/7 trespassing shed hunters are all over the place. Many of which come from Idaho, according to the Sherriff. I agree out of state shed hunters from Idaho and Wyoming need to wait until spring. I would be in total support of waiting for all shed hunters to wait until all the snows recede. I would also be in complete support of manditory shed hunting tag which costs \$35 or so, as well as the manditory shed course. If the habitat destruction/wildlife harrassment continues, I would fully support ending shed hunting all together. It has just gotten too popular and the habitat/wildlife destruction is severe.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024?

Neither agree nor disagree

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

Dax touched on the disconnect between wildlife managers and hunters where he stated that they manage general units for opportunity. I think most hunters would like to see a higher Buck to do ratio and less hunters with better opportunities on hunts than the current status quo. Most would be willing to wait two or three years for a general tag if that was the case. I think Utah should move the needle on opportunism a little further towards quality. Same goes with its big game limited entry hunts. The seasons are too short. They should manage for longer seasons and look at managing the overlap with other general season to provide for better quality hunts.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? Why would you reduce late muzzle loader tags on the Ogden unit by 40% and leave the Cache the same? They are both in the same valley suffered the same issues last winter. I would rather see more general deer tags added over providing the late season rut hunt.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule. I'm disappointed to see Utah stoop to Wyoming's level. At a minimum reciprocity should have been taken against Wyoming. In the video it indicated that reciprocity was discussed but could not be done. Seems like Utah currently does reciprocity when it comes to trapping so I'm not sure why it could not be carried through with shed gathering. I would rather see the state not limit at all, but retaliation should be against Wyoming. It's disappointing to see stated limiting the public. Thank goodness Utah did not get control of federal lands. I would also like to know how the \$30 dollars was established on pricing. I've never heard of anyone getting close to that mark when selling antlers. Could I sale some to the state for that price?

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I can't even care any more. Hard to give a [REDACTED] when it's been made very clear over the last couple years that money is the #1 priority in all of this and you'll do whatever you [REDACTED] well please regardless of public opinion or comment.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? When I draw my OIL tag and I don't kill on the first year attempt, I expect my tag to be valid the following year until I get the chance to shoot at something. You've set the bar on that for the bookcliffs bison hunt. So thanks for that. What happened to "put the hunt back in hunting"? That only applies to muzzleloader scopes and trail cams?

Also, the bison on antelope island should be offered to the public to harvest and give hunting opportunities to before they are rounded up and sold off to private parties. You've forgotten who those bison belong to and who has funded their existence. They belong to the public of utah.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? You've done an excellent job driving our elk herds into the ground. Two thumbs up.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2024? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck pronghorn permit recommendations? Might as well blast the [REDACTED] out of these too while we're at it.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? Kill them all. Every doe and cow tag offered is more money in the bank!

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule.

Love this! More money, less return. What a joke.

The public deserves to hear the honest truth as to why Wade Heaton was removed from the board. Sweeping this [REDACTED] under the rug time and time again hoping it just goes away shows your true clown colors. We aren't as stupid as you assume.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2024?

Neither agree nor disagree

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April 9, 2024 10:53 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? Thank you to the biologists for their hard work. Let's follow their expert recommendation.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule? Somewhat agree

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April 11, 2024 4:47 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024?

Neither agree nor disagree

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

I am unable to attend in person. I would like to ask a question about how the general season elk are managed? Is it by age, population, or not measured?

Follow up - I would like to see the division divide the tags among general season units to proportionately distribute the hunters during he general season elk hunts.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I thnk we need to base tag numbers on the amount of deer on public land, we have alot of deer, but we base our tag numbers on deer that the public can never see or hunt.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? I dont understand why there is a straight walled rifle in the hamss hunt, just makes it a straight walled rifle hunt

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? I dont a gree with the private land only elk tags, just make a revenue stream for private land owners to profit off animals funded by public tax money

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule. After listening to the first video on fawn survival, it seems we really need to push shed hunting back later in the spring. I think we loose hundreds of deer every year do to the stress from shed hunting. I love shed hunting more than anything, but would be happy to hold off if it means higher deer survival rates

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

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

I like the amount of public permits for antlerless. however, I have seen several CWMUs sell cow tags to hunters that are running the 90/10 split for bulls. so i would like to see rules enforced on CWMUs. also think it would help disperse hunting pressure by requiring CWMUs to hunt the same dates and weapon type as the surrounding unit. never understood why the public LE rifle rut hunts are 5 days and the CWMUs are the entire rut. I think they are killing alot of rutting bulls during that time with rifles that normaly would not get killed.

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April 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 14, 2024 8:12 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I want to thank you for all that you do. After the winter of 2022-2023 I think we are jumping the gun just a little. We are definitely going in the right direction but I feel we should leave the tags quota where it is no tag increase till next year.
Thanks

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

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

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? Thanks again for all you do. I feel like diamond mountain could use a bigger tag increase for sure. I feel if there is any tag increases it should be more on Archery on any unit. We all know the early LE rifle elk hunt is very successful, and i understand that is the easiest way to bring our age objective down to where it needs to be. But I feel, we could add more tags on the Archery and also the midseason hunt. Then we can on the early rifle, I just feel with the success here is just to high and it limits us to lower point creep with this hunt. Also I feel we can double the tags for the late season Archery hunt The success was way low and this is a tough hunt.

I would also love to see the multi season anybull elk permits come back as a restricted weapon hunt with a 4,500 permit cap.
Well all know archery is a challenge anyways, this will make this a more challenging hunt with no scopes on rifles and of course there is no scopes on Muzzleloaders now. Thanks for your time

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck pronghorn permit recommendations? I totally agree with this

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? I agree with all of this. Thank you

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule.

Thank for your time. First thing I totally agree with making Non residents wait till may first. I kind of wish Utah would put a season date on April 1. After coming back from the book cliffs, I couldn't believe the Atv and side by side tracks that were all across the sage brush flats and the brush hog flats in multiple areas. This unit is struggling as it is, tearing up vegetation is not okay with me at all.

I know it makes it hard to ban Atv and side x sides, If we have a season date of April 1. There will be more shed hunters out in the field, this will keep a lot of the Atv rider and side x side riders in check, I strongly feel this will help a ton. Thanks for your time.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

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

I hunt for the meat. I support increasing permit numbers when the data suggests it can be done. Please do NOT introduce new standard restrictions such as "4-point or better" on general units. This has been discussed in recent RAC & Board meetings. I don't care about antler size. I care about getting food each year. For thousands of years since mankind has been on the earth hunting has been about obtaining food. Please don't move away from this standard. If a person draws a tag then he/she should have the option to harvest whatever buck they find. Nobody should be forced to pass up a chance at harvesting food so that someone else's odds of shooting a wall-hanger go up slightly. Thanks for producing these videos and for the transparency they provide.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule.

I appreciate the preference given to Utah residents on shed hunting dates. I also appreciate NOT having to purchase a license to gather shed antlers. Thank you for allowing some things to just be free and available. I do support the requirement to carry course-completion certificate to remind everyone of our impact on the animals during this vulnerable period.

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April 18, 2024 1:55 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the buck deer permit
recommendations for 2024?

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

I strongly disagree with adding Buck permits on the Beaver unit. The Statewide management plan for the Beaver unit has a targeted goal of 14,400 deer. We are currently sitting at 9,400 which is a dismal 65% of that goal.

The statewide plan for issuing Buck permits on the Beaver unit States "Beaver is a general season unit and WILL BE managed to maintain a 3 year average post season Buck/Doe ratio of 18-20 bucks per 100 doe". WILL BE managed means that this should be happening every year beginning with the year 2020. WILL BE does not mean maybe, or hope so, or try or could be. Will be means it should be happening every year as the plan states. The past 3 years on the Beaver has been managed at the following 3 year average buck/doe.

2019-2021= 14.3

2020-2022=15.1

2021-2023=17.5

Not one year did this meet the WILL BE managed for 18-20 three year average as the state plan outlines.

With this past year being at 17.5 Bucks per hundred doe, it is still below the 18-20 average and also the lowest unit 3 year average in the state according to the numbers.

The comment that stuck to me the most, was when Dax said that in these southern units along with most units WE ARE STARTING TO TURN THE CORNER. I would ask you as wildlife board members what that statement means to you, especially when you look at the Beaver unit. When I am driving down the road in my truck and I see a big yellow sign with a curved arrow and a significantly lower mph speed limit, I immediately begin to slow down and pump the breaks because I know I am close to TURNING A CORNER. We have a chance to TURN THE CORNER on the Beaver unit by doing that exact thing. By slowing down and pumping the breaks a little bit.

When you are at only 65% of the deer quantity you need and below the 3 year average on the Buck/doe average you have been told to manage, turning the corner does not mean to stomp on the gas pedal.

I am a 50 year hunter on that Beaver unit. The feed is available, the water is available and the cover is available, but the deer herd is not available in the numbers needed. Now is not the time to stomp on the gas if we are just TURNING THE CORNER.

These deer are chased from August through December by different hunts, they are chased in the spring-summer by Antler hunting and people just out recreating. All of these things are great and fun, but maybe pumping the brakes a bit and not sending out 600 more hunters on the Beaver unit just might help us TURN THE CORNER.

Thanks for reading this and your willingness to listen to someone who really wants to see the deer herd grow, both buck and doe.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024?

Strongly disagree

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

looks to me like since we have not fully rounded the corner, we should wait at least one more year before adding more tags to see if we finally round the corner. Last year at the Southern Utah RAC Meeting it was acknowledge by the Board that the deer was down and put out some suggestions on trying something different on some of the units, not sure just what happened but suddenly it was turned over to a "Deer Board" to study, so it just doesn't make sense to be adding tags this year until that board has done its study. I am a very "Old Retired Hunter", but I can assure you that the BEAVER MOUNTAIN is in a state of destruction if something isn't done and done quickly.

I worked for a District Judge who more than once told the young Lawyers, "Common sense will teach you more than all those Law books will ever teach you" advise we could all use. Thank You for your time and efforts.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? Please issue the maximum number of permits in the southern region that the data indicate we can (based on the plan in place)! Most people against increasing tags appear to either be citing concerns about the deer population (which buck hunting won't affect) or trophy quality (and we have limited entry units to cater to trophy hunters). I'm frustrated at the vocal minority trying to turn the general season into a limited entry hunt. There are perhaps a few hundred each year who complain about trophy quality and ask for tag cuts. There are more than 120,000 people who apply for general deer hunts or points each year. Please issue more tags so more of us can go hunting.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? I am excited to see more opportunity under the new plan. I hope we follow it for enough years to really see what it does for us.

I do wonder if there's room for even more opportunity on the late archery hunts.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

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

I attended the Central RAC. There was a question asked about why we are hunting cow moose on the Wasatch when they are under objective. The reason stated was to address problem moose in areas with conflict. I don't fully understand that reasoning when the boundary is absolutely huge and hunters have the opportunity to hunt cow moose in all sorts of places where there's no conflict at all. It seems to me that we ought to tighten up the boundaries on that hunt to focus pressure on areas where conflict occurs.

I've wondered similar things about the East Canyon, Davis-NSL doe deer hunt when I hear Dax say that we aren't issuing doe tags to address unit-wide populations. I'm pretty sure a lot of does are harvested up by Little Dell reservoir, and I don't know that the deer on that portion of the unit are causing a lot of conflicts (though I could be wrong about that). Maybe we should tighten that boundary up as well?

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2024?

Somewhat agree

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

I don't think the 90/10 split should be an option on CWMUs where no antlerless tags are given.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I want to see the overall deer numbers and population projections along side the permit recommendations. I would like to see that the deer numbers are on the increase and not just the buck permits.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Add 2 desert sheep tags to the san Juan river unit since the number used to select the tag numbers includes both 1 and 2 tags or alternate 1 and 2 tags everyother year. Giving another bonus point tag would be beneficial.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommended rule changes? Please specify which rule.

I don't agree with a shed antler season for non-residents. Many of the animals are shared and may winter in either Utah or surrounding states. Just because they winter in Utah this shouldn't exclude a non-resident that may have followed the animal through the summer and fall.

There is already a law in place prohibiting the use of night vision devices and their use during big game seasons. This will punish the honest individuals while those who are already breaking the law will continue to do so. An example brought up in the SouthEast Rac was someone hunting coyotes then traveling back home during daylight hours and spots a big deer and pulls over to view with binos or spotting scope but is in possession of a night vision device in the back seat from hunting coyotes during the night and now it is daytime.

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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2024? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2024? Somewhat agree

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

I ask that we change the antlerless moose regulations to disallow taking a cow moose with calf at her side. (young of the year)

Washington and Montana request that moose hunters not take a moose with a calf at side or in the immediate vicinity. Wyoming and Alaska have regulations that prohibit taking a cow with a calf at side or accompanied by a calf.

"The genesis of the regulation in Wyoming is based on research associated with subsequent survival of calves, less than 1 year old, that have been orphaned when the cow was removed by predation, hunting or some other action (i.e vehicle collision, fence entrapment, etc)"

Calf moose stay with their mother for 1- 1 ½ years.

Studies from Alaska and Sweden about orphaned calf moose show calves struggle to find the best nutrition and areas to winter. The calf moose in the studies were found to be more susceptible to winterkill, malnutrition, and predation (we do have mountain lions which prey on moose).

Cow and calf moose are generally not herd animals. A calf elk that loses its mother in the fall will stay with a herd, while a calf moose will not have a herd to stay with and learn from.

A Utah study found that moose living in southern latitudes, such as Utah, have lower reproductive rates and may be more vulnerable than northern moose populations. The study also found that moose younger than 3 and older than 9 had low pregnancy rates (35%+-). Prime age cow moose were pregnant at a rate over 90%. Twins were only born at a rate of under 5%. Even more reason to implement this rule to protect calf moose in the Fall- of the pregnant moose in the Fall, almost 40% did not have a calf when surveyed the following spring/summer.

I understand this may be difficult to enforce, but having a law in place is a deterrent and it works in other states. This Rule would protect the calf moose and help them be recruited into the moose population.

I am not against antlerless moose hunting. I apply for antlerless moose tags.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this request and please feel free to ask me any questions.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to shed antler gathering rules and the big game rule?

Somewhat agree

**Which best describes your position
regarding the CWMU antlerless permit
recommendations for 2024?**

Somewhat disagree