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December 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 22, 2024 12:38 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the black bear proposals?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals?

I like the metal container proposal. A few questions I would have if that should pass. Would hunters only be able to use one 55 gallon drum per site? Or could you use multiple as long as none of them are bigger than 55 gallon?

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December 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 22, 2024 1:25 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the proposed West Desert
Complex deer and elk unit plans?

Do you have any comments about the proposed unit plans? (Please specify each plan you are commenting on.)

Dear Wildlife Board Member:

This note is in response to your request for public comment on the existing hunt guidelines. Over the last 50 years, technology has significantly increased hunting effectiveness for both modern firearm and primitive weapons hunts. In a staff article in the November 2012 *Huntin' Fool* magazine, Garth Carter described today's trophy mule deer hunters as "using 1,000 yard rifles, 300 yard muzzleloaders, archery gear out to 100 yards." Later in an article in the same magazine, a trophy archery elk hunter stated that with only 18 days left until the hunt started, "now would be a good time to start shooting my bow!"

Contrast these statements with the classic book, *Hunting the Hard Way*, by Howard Hill written in the 1960s that states, "that the bow, although deadly at close range, is not a weapon for widespread destruction. In fact, I know of no better measure for game conservation than the use of the bow as a weapon in hunting. To become even a fairly successful big-game hunter with the bow, one must spend years in study and practice."

Prior to 1970 when recurves and longbows were the only available archery implements, harvest success in general archery seasons was between 3 and 5%. Contrast that with success rates for modern archers of between 15 and 50%.

State Game and Fish Departments have dealt with the increases in primitive weapon harvest success in a variety of ways. Some states have accepted the additional harvest in some geographic areas as part of offering these hunts. However, out of necessity, all states have made significant movement toward more restrictive archery seasons, either geographically, through permit limitations, or by shortening the length of the seasons. High quality hunts for all species in all states are in great demand with odds of drawing for a aspiring hunter very low.

Limiting archery equipment to longbows and recurves in any game management unit would temporarily reduce demand, but for high quality hunts it is extremely unlikely that supply would exceed demand. Of particular note for the Department is: a) permit numbers could be increased with no adverse effects to game populations because of the greatly reduced success rates, b) hunter opportunity and days in the field would actually increase, c) departmental revenue would increase as a result of additional permits commensurate with management goals, and d) indirect economic benefits to a wide variety of businesses, both locally and nationally, as a result of increased hunter opportunity.

I believe State Fish and Game Departments often feel somewhat helpless by the quickly advancing/expanding technology and are generally placed in a reactive mode. However, the Department has the capacity if it desires to encourage more primitive, less successful methods of hunting by playing off the basic economic premise of supply and demand - to everyone's

benefit.

I realize changing seasons can be very controversial and difficult for Fish and Game Departments to implement. However, game populations are always in flux. For a wide variety of reasons, hunting quality can vary both in the short and long-term in a given area. New hunts are occasionally added, and increased restrictions are placed on others. Rather than making a controversial change that stresses the Department and their staff, consider looking for opportunities for recurve/longbow seasons that naturally avail themselves in the course of normal population dynamics.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Game Management Program.

Sincerely,
Lyle Lewis

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting rules?

Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting?

Could the Utah DWR network partner with Ducks Unlimited or Delta Waterfowl to raise funds and construct a permanent ADA-accessible waterfowl hunting blind on Utah Lake's shores? The Utah Lake hunting blind entrance should be at least 48 inches wide to allow off-road wheelchairs and power chairs to enter. Near Provo Airport or Mud Lake, perhaps? I want this Utah Lake ADA handicapped waterfowl hunting blind to have a concrete base so the mud and weather don't ruin it. A gravel road to the ADA waterfowl hunting blind with a flat unloading area for handicapped accessible vehicles would be great at Utah Lake. I'm paralyzed from the chest down and permanently use a wheelchair. I want these ADA hunting topics discussed at every RAC meeting throughout Utah in the next few months. Furthermore, I suggest the Utah DWR paves the road leading to Fish Springs Wildlife Refuge. Several disabled hunters I know have been stranded on that road leading out to Fish Springs with flat tires and no cell phone service.

Utah's state and federal wildlife refuges suffer from seriously inadequate ADA-accessible waterfowl hunting blinds and opportunities, which is an insult to disabled hunters. The lack of waterfowl hunting opportunities for disabled hunters in Utah is shameful, and DWR director Shirley and his staff should be held accountable. I've repeatedly called Utah DWR director Shirley and his staff about ADA issues, but they never return my calls. The lack of accessible hunting areas makes me feel discriminated against as a wheelchair user. Unless the Utah DWR takes action to build more ADA-accessible waterfowl hunting facilities within the next two years, I'll be pursuing a class-action ADA lawsuit. etc. Please fix these ADA issues and build an ADA accessible waterfowl hunting blind on Utah Lake.

Thank you, Tom Vinson

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December 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 25, 2024 12:26 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting rules? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the falconry rules? Strongly disagree

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

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended cougar rule amendments? Strongly agree

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

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the Shed Antler Gathering Committee's recommendations? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed West Desert Complex deer and elk unit plans? Strongly disagree

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December 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 26, 2024 7:11 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed West Desert Complex deer and elk unit plans?

Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the proposed unit plans? (Please specify each plan you are commenting on.)

I agree with weapon restrictions and the use of traditional archery equipment

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting rules?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting?

I agree with the recommendations presented with one MAJOR exception. The proposed change to the scaup season is only being proposed for the southern duck zone. We have been requesting this change for the entire state for some time and are disappointed that it is only being proposed for the Southern duck zone.

I have been an avid duck hunter for 43+ years, hunting 30+ days per season, I can count on one hand the number of scaup I have seen in the Northern duck zone in the early part of the season. Yet in the last months of the season see hundreds a day. Rather than having more confusing regulations about which zone hunts early or late lets change the entire state to hunt scaup in the latter part of the season. We are not requesting more days just make the allowable days at the end of the season for both duck zones

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December 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback
December 12, 2024 2:56 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64?

Could cougars be added to this program in areas where cougars are limiting factor for the deer herds? It is my understanding that Coyotes and Bears put pressure on the Fawn side. But cougars put pressure on the mature animals. I would love to see a \$100 bounty on cougars. If cougars can't be added to this could the state put together regional / state wide coyote competitions to create targeted pressure on coyotes where needed/wanted.

Which best describes your position regarding the black bear proposals?	Strongly disagree
Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals?	Need to hunt bears like coyotes and cougars, to help the deer population grow. There should not be any Trophy bears on the landscape. Place bounty on bears as well.
Which best describes your position regarding the recommended cougar rule amendments?	Strongly agree
Do you have any comments about the cougar rule amendments?	Place a bounty on cougars like the coyotes to help get more cougar harvest to help the deer population grow.
Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64?	Somewhat agree
Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64?	Need bounty program on cougars and bears to get more harvest to help the deer population grow.
Which best describes your position regarding the Shed Antler Gathering Committee's recommendations?	Strongly disagree
Do you have any comments about the committee's recommendations?	If you guys would ban the sale of shed antlers of any kind in Utah, the problem of crowding, animal harassment, shed hunting issues would probably stop. Please find a way to ban or devalue shed antlers of any kind in Utah for sale. If people want to sell shed antlers in Utah, they need to buy a permit from the DWR and pay the DWR a Tax.
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed West Desert Complex deer and elk unit plans?	Strongly agree
Do you have any comments about the proposed unit plans? (Please specify each plan you are commenting on.)	Great recommendation. Let's hope those elk will thrive out there.

Which best describes your position regarding the black bear proposals?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals?

I am concerned about the high % of female and low % of adult male recorded in the harvest. This indicates that the age of available male bears is low indicating too much pressure on the population. Also, high % of female harvest seems to be adding additional restrictive pressure on the populations of bears. Trophy quality mature male bears are much older than trophy quality deer or elk. The excessive population pressure will take a significant amount of time to recover the trophy potential of our bear population.

I am very supportive of the proposed rule change to allow multi-season permit holders to hunt the Harvest Objective seasons on their hunt units.

Thank you,

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended cougar rule amendments?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the cougar rule amendments?

Cougar hunt management needs to be returned to the DWR and managed on a by unit basis with population objectives. The current rules were legislatively implemented without biologist input. Allowing the sale of green pelts will give additional incentive to trappers to target mountain lion, not incidentally capture as described in the video. Without guardrails on the harvest through objective or draw management, the impact is harmful to a age diverse and healthy population. Please do not add additional pressure from green pelt sales.

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

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals? Your giving to many kill tags the bear numbers have dropped since the bait hunt was put in place you need to give the houndsmen back the end of may and even into June seeing how most bear especially in the northeastern region are just getting out of dens around the 15th to 20th of may and push your bait hunt back a bit so the bear breeding season is starting and the big males will follow females into bait sites Running hounds is a tradition that many of us enjoy and do with our families and friends. So please give us longer and more opportunities to get out and run hounds and please stop taking days away and upping tags

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended cougar rule amendments? Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the cougar rule amendments? Need to go back to having to have a tag to harvest like bobcat limit the number someone can harvest instead of anyone being able to kill any and all they catch

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64? Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64? The coyotes are the main problem for mule deer along with sheep and calves

Which best describes your position regarding the black bear proposals?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals?

The proposed plan is not based on sound biology, but politics. The increases of tags on the Bookcliffs units and the Manti units are something that I do not believe are justified. I have hunted with hounds on both units since the late 80's and been active in the hound community and attended meetings since then. The harvest data on the Bookcliffs shows a 62 to 82 percent harvest of female or subadult bears the last three years. The Manti shows a 83 to 95 percent harvest of female or subadult bears. These numbers should show a need to tag decreases on not tag increases. The bear study on the Bookcliffs for deer survival was misrepresented in the Northeastern RAC and the DWR attempted to deny there was a third year in the study, that showed no fawn mortality from bears the third year. This proposal is not in the best interest of bears or overall wildlife management. The cat is out of the bag and it is well known that certain legislative people have threatened the DWR to make unreasonable recommendations. This needs to be stood up to and fought. The DWR is required to manage wildlife and use biological data to make recommendations based on science. Please look at the data and reject the tag increases proposed.

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January 2, 2025 11:03 am

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

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals? I am against wildlife being managed without the Data or Science but by Legislators and politicians! Please read the Bear plan and Harvest numbers!

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended cougar rule amendments? Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the cougar rule amendments? Utah Mountain lion Hunting is a good example of how to not manage wildlife!

Which best describes your position regarding the Shed Antler Gathering Committee's recommendations? Somewhat disagree

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January 2, 2025 2:56 pm

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

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals?

2 January 2025

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
C/O 2025-27 Black Bear Permit/Quota Recommendations and Rule Amendments
Main Office
Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

Re: 2025-27 Black Bear Permit/Quota Recommendations and Rule Amendments

Dear Wildlife Board Members and Director Shirley:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025-27 Black Bear Permit/Quota Recommendations and Rule Amendments.

The proposed 2025-27 Black Bear Permit/Quota Recommendations and Rule Amendments generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of black bears while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. SCI also supports allowing the flexibility to use of metal bait containers when baiting for black bears as well as allowing multi-season bear permit holders the flexibility to hunt any open harvest objective seasons on the unit they draw, in addition to the limited entry seasons.

Further, SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including carnivores such as bears, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025-27 Black Bear Permit/Quota Recommendations and Rule Amendments. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Division and the Wildlife Board. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

W. Laird Hamberlin
Chief Executive Officer
Safari Club International



Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the recommended cougar rule
amendments?

Do you have any comments about the cougar rule amendments?

2 January 2025

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
C/O Cougar Rule Amendments 2025, R657-10
Main Office
Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

Re: Cougar Rule Amendments 2025, R657-10

Dear Wildlife Board Members and Director Shirley:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Cougar Rule Amendments, contained in R657-10.

The proposed 2025 amendments to the Cougar Rule, contained in R657-10, generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of cougars while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. SCI supports the flexibility of allowing green pelts to be sold by hunters and trappers and allowing the limited use of rimfire cartridges and ammunition to take cougars caught in traps.

Further, SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including carnivores such as cougars, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Cougar Rule Amendments, contained in R657-10. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Division and the Wildlife Board. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,
W. Laird Hamberlin
Chief Executive Officer
Safari Club International

Which best describes your position regarding the furbearer recommendations?

Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the furbearer recommendations?

2 January 2025

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
C/O Furbearer Recommendations for 2025-2026
Main Office
Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

Re: Furbearer Recommendations for 2025-2026

Dear Wildlife Board Members and Director Shirley:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Furbearer Recommendations for 2025-2026.

The proposed changes to the Furbearer Recommendations for 2025-2026 generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of furbearers while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. Further, SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including furbearers such as bobcats, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Furbearer Recommendations for 2025-2026.

SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Division and the Wildlife Board. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,
W. Laird Hamberlin
Chief Executive Officer
Safari Club International

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64?

Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64?

2 January 2025

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
C/O Predator Control Incentives, R657-64
Main Office
Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

Re: Predator Control Incentives, R657-64

Dear Wildlife Board Members and Director Shirley:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to Predator Control Incentives, contained in R657-64.

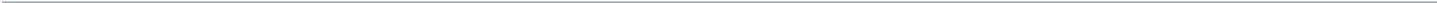
The proposed amendments to Predator Control Incentives, contained in R657-64, generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of wildlife while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. SCI supports increased payments for coyote removal in crucial mule deer habitat while maintaining \$50 compensation elsewhere and removing the ear and pelt check-in requirement and providing alternative ways to prevent duplicate submissions such as removing both premolar teeth or keeping the jaw.

Further, SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including predators such as coyotes, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to Predator Control Incentives, contained in R657-64. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Division and the Wildlife Board. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,
W. Laird Hamberlin

Chief Executive Officer
Safari Club International



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

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals? It is much needed to take more bears in many areas that I frequent.

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December 2024 RAC Proposals Feedback
January 2, 2025 5:50 pm

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

Do you have any comments about the furbearer recommendations? I strongly agree with no cap on bobcat permits. In my opinion they are a larger issue for deer populations than most people believe.

Which best describes your position regarding the black bear proposals?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals?

Overall bear populations are trending downward, and as stated, it partially has to do with drought. Utah's drought situation has not improved enough in recent years to validate the increase in tag numbers. Additionally, we are already not meeting the quotas, so there is no need to increase tag numbers. I can not get behind an increase in tags when the harvest data only exists through 2021. Two years ago was an extremely hard year on all wildlife, and I believe we need to wait for that to play out, take another look at population and harvest numbers in three years, and go from there.

In summary, I stand behind NO increase in tags due to continued drought, a downward population trend, and the lack of population data for the years 2022-2024.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended cougar rule amendments?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the cougar rule amendments?

I first want to point out the lack of any sort of population data in the presentation. This missing information and lack of perspective makes it impossible to support a change that increases hunter motivation to harvest mountain lions. This is, however, a great example of how mountain lions have been "managed" in recent years, which is encouraging hunters to remove them from the landscape and disregard population numbers entirely.

Without any actual data, I am left with what I myself have found over the last 8 years of mountain lion pursuit, as well as the data other hunters have shared. Their population is trending downward, and not in a small way. I am against the allowance of green pelt sales, as we do NOT need to increase harvest motivation, and especially not in the name of money.

Additionally, we need to reinstate quotas statewide, particularly on female lions. We have better management with quotas. We shouldn't be leaving it up to hunters to make "management decisions" with a roll of the dice. This is leaving areas with good snow, good roads, and easier access overcrowded and overhunted. A simple regulation would effectively disperse hunters and harvests statewide, just as we do with any other big game animal. Ideally, we would have an equal opportunity draw system for one tag per hunter- no point system, everybody has a fair chance to their one tag. This would also encourage hunters to take a mature male without having to make another regulation for that. It's a win, win.

Lastly, for those that are concerned with deer and elk populations and want to decrease lion numbers for that reason alone, I want to summarize a study done by Pueblo of Santa Ana Department of Natural Resources. In a 15 month period, their collared lion ate 11 different species. 24 badgers, 1 mouflon sheep, 1 feral dog, 2 porcupines, 8 beavers, 9 coyotes, 2 antelope, 17 elk (nine of those were calves, six were cows, and two were bulls) and 2 deer. Yes, that's right. TWO deer. TWO. That's it. I understand that this wasn't a Utah study, but the point remains. There are so many factors that affect deer and elk populations, and depleting mountain lions isn't the answer. That's just poor management.

In summary, I am against green pelt sales and asking for an equal draw (no point system) on statewide quotas with the continuous pursuit season.

Which best describes your position regarding the furbearer recommendations?

Strongly agree

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Which best describes your position regarding the black bear proposals?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals?

Raising the bear hunting permits are going to have negative impacts on current and everlasting bear population. With units that are already not full filling allotted tags. The added tags just don't seem to be justified for any foreseen reason.

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

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals? I have hunted bears over bait with family and friends 6 times in the last 9 years on the Manti South San Rafael Unit. The number of bears and size of bears that we have seen and harvested has decreased significantly in the last several years. I think we are currently killing too many bears and increasing the number of permits as significantly as is proposed will make things worse than they already are. I ask that you vote against the significant increases proposed by the division.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended cougar rule amendments? Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the cougar rule amendments? I support these proposals.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64? Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64? If you really want to manage coyotes you must increase the 48 hour trap check law. Currently a trapper must check their traps every 48 hours, or sooner, which discourages trappers from setting for coyotes because of the time and money involved in checking traps. Even with a bounty it just isn't worth it to trap Coyotes. I believe that increasing the trap check interval to 72 hours it would make it more likely that trappers would actually target coyotes.

Which best describes your position regarding the Shed Antler Gathering Committee's recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments about the committee's recommendations? I am against any kind of season or fee to hunt shed antlers.

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

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals? I would like to see even more opportunities to harvest bears. I feel this is a great area for the state to take advantage of a healthy population of bears. I've personally seen more bears the past few years than ever before and just recently realized I could purchase a spot and stalk tag. I think this is great and will be doing so. This will also help increase deer and elk herds.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended cougar rule amendments? Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the cougar rule amendments? Keep harvesting more lions this is definitely working to help deer populations.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64? Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64? I would like to see more efforts to incentive to hunt coyotes. There are so many in the crucial habitat areas. I think increasing to \$100 maybe a better option as it takes more equipment and resources to hunt these areas effectively and a greater incentive would be helpful. Require your app to link GPS coordinates with kill sites or something.

I really like the push to harvest more coyotes.

Which best describes your position regarding the Shed Antler Gathering Committee's recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any comments about the committee's recommendations? I don't shed hunt often, but feel some oversight in certain areas needs to be done. Maybe road closures, walk in or horse travel only would help.

Which best describes your position regarding the black bear proposals?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals?

We all like/love to go out and see wildlife whatever it maybe big game bears etc. I don't understand why we are giving more and more tags on various units when the bookcliffs isn't even getting the number of boars harvested as what you guys would like to see that is due to already low bear numbers and if we up this number of bears to be harvested in the bookcliffs this will be devastating to the overall bear population in the bookcliffs. Please consider NOT upping kill permits!! Thank you!!!

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January 2, 2025 10:02 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the black bear proposals?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals?

I have been hunting the bookcliffs for years and i have already seen a decline in the number of bears in the bookcliffs area if we up the number of tags this will be devastating to the bears in the area. Please consider NOT upping the bear tags in the bookcliffs area. Thank you

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Which best describes your position regarding the black bear proposals?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals?

I have been hunting the bookcliffs area for over 20yrs and in the last couple years I have seen a substantial decline in over all bear numbers. If we up this harvest to 120 this will be deviating to our bear population in the area. Please do NOT up harvest number please!!!

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Which best describes your position regarding the recommended cougar rule amendments? Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the cougar rule amendments?

I realize we need to manage lion population in Utah but this open free for all season on them is not fair at all to the lion them selves! I don't understand how these cannot be properly managed through a harvest objective and female sub quota!! The lion numbers in NE Utah has dropped drastically in the last couple years. Please reconsider this open free for all on this majestic animal!!! Thanks

Which best describes your position regarding the black bear proposals?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals?

There is no room, nor excuse for the proposal to increase bear tags. This does not follow the data. Ignoring district biologists who wish to decrease tags, just because of pressure being put on by wool growers is asinine. If domestic sheep are going to be permit to graze on public lands, for next to nothing, they should be willing to deal with what is natural occurring on that landscape. With the feed, that the sheep decimate, also comes the native wildlife, including bears. We should not be managing native species to benefit domestic animals. Keep all bear unit management strategies as they have been previously, and set tag numbers according to the data. The Bookcliffs, Boulder, Cache, Fish Lake, Manti north and south, and nine mile all should have tag reductions. The combined harvest success % on these units was 29%, with some below 10%. These are limited entry tags. In comparison, limited entry deer tags in 2023 had a success rate of 69%. Bears are important animals to our ecosystem and valued by hunters. It's time our wildlife managers put more value on them as well.