Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

September 18, 2025, Eccles Wildlife Education Center
1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington, Utah
The meeting can be viewed live at https://youtube.com/live/PB0dsu8FmIo

Thursday, September 18, 2025 – 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda **ACTION**
   – Gary Nielson, Chairman

2. Approval of Minutes **ACTION**
   – Gary Nielson, Chairman

3. Old Business/Action Log **CONTINGENT**
   – Paula Richmond, Vice-Chairman

4. DWR Update **INFORMATIONAL**
   – Riley Peck, DWR Director

5. Statewide Angler Survey Results **INFORMATIONAL**
   – Craig Walker, Asst. Chief of Fisheries

6. Blue Ribbon Economic Survey Results **INFORMATIONAL**
   – Trina Hedrick, Coldwater Sportfish Coordinator

7. SER Big Game Management Plans **ACTION**
   – Dustin Mitchell, Southeastern Wildlife Manager

8. Mid-plan Review – Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep **ACTION**
   – Rusty Robinson, Once-in-a-lifetime Species Coordinator

9. Conservation Permit Audit **ACTION**
   – Sarah Scott, Financial Manager

10. Conservation Permit Annual Report **ACTION**
    – Dax Mangus, Asst. Wildlife Section Chief

11. Expo Permit Audit **ACTION**
    – Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief

12. Expo Permit Allocation **ACTION**
    – Dax Mangus, Asst. Wildlife Section Chief

13. 2026 RAC/Board Meeting Dates **ACTION**
    – Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator

14. Other Business **CONTINGENT**
    – Gary Nielson, Chairman

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Wildlife Board Action Log

Following is a summary of Wildlife Board motions directing the Division to take action and the response to date:

Fall 2025 – Target Date – "Destination Water bodies" List

MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to create a list of "Destination water bodies" throughout the state. This list will determine which fishery management plans are presented statewide and which may be presented to only the local RAC. This is to be placed on the action log.

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Assigned to: Randy Oplinger
Action: Under study
Placed on Action Log: September 21, 2023

Fall 2025 – Target Date – Spearfishing

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Motion made by: Kent Johnson
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Placed on Action Log: September 19, 2024

Fall 2025 – Target Date – Use of Aerial Equipment

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Motion made by: Bryce Thurgood
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Placed on Action Log: May 1, 2025

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Motion made by: Gary Nielson
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Placed on Action Log: May 1, 2025

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2. Approval of Agenda – Gary Nielson, Chairman	**ACTION**
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4. Old Business/Action Log – Paula Richmond, Vice-Chair	**CONTINGENT**
5. DWR Update – Riley Peck, DWR Director	**INFORMATIONAL**
6. Recommended Changes R657-42 & R657-57 Surrenders and Variances – Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator	**ACTION**
7. Recommended changes R657-41 & R657-62 Sportsman Draw – Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator	**ACTION**
8. Recommended changes R657-73 Tagging Requirements – Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator	**ACTION**
9. CWMU Additional Cow Permits – Darren DeBloois, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Program Coordinator	**ACTION**
10. Additional Drought Permits – Bison – Henry Mountains – Rusty Robinson, Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Coordinator	**ACTION**
11. CWMY Advisory Committee Membership – Gary Webb – Darren DeBloois, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Program Coordinator	**ACTION**
9. Other Business – Gary Nielson, Chairman	**CONTINGENT**

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Summary of Motions

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

The following motion was made by Kent Johnson, seconded by Paula Richmond and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

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

The following motion was made by Bob Christensen, seconded by Justin Oliver and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 12, 2025 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) R657-42 & R657-57 Surrenders and Variances **(Action)**

The following motion was made by Justin Oliver, seconded by Kent Johnson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the recommended changes to Rules R657-42 & R657-62 as presented by the Division.

4) R657-41 & R657-62 Sportsman Draw and Group Applications **(Action)**

The following motion was made by Bob Christensen, seconded by Chris Robinson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the recommended changes to Rules R657-41 & R657-62 as presented by the Division.

5) R657-73 Tagging Requirement Recommendations **(Action)**

The following motion was made by Paula Richmond, seconded by Bob Christensen and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the tagging requirement recommendations as presented by the Division, with the addition of a fourth photo for evidence of sex.

6) CWMU – Additional Cow Permits **(Action)**

The following motion was made by Kent Johnson, seconded by Paula Richmond and passed, with 4 in favor and 2 recusals (Ryan Foutz and Chris Robinson).

MOTION: I move that we approve the additional CWMU cow permits as presented by the Division, and allow the Division to work within the rule to make adjustments/additions as necessary.

7) Additional Drought Permits – Bison – Henry Mountains **(Action)**

The following motion was made by Chris Robinson, seconded by Justin Oliver and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the additional 19 bison permits on the Henry Mountains as presented by the Division.

8) CWMU Advisory Committee Membership – Gary Webb **(Action)**

The following motion was made by Kent Johnson, seconded by Chris Robinson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the membership of Gary Webb on the CWMU Advisory Committee as presented by the Division.

9) Other Business **(Contingent)**

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

Gary Nielson – Chair
Paula Richmond – Vice-Chair
Riley Peck – Exec Secretary
Bob Christensen
Ryan Foutz (online)
Chris Robinson
Kent Johnson
Justin Oliver

RAC Chairs

Central – Braden Sheppard
Southern – Austin Atkinson
Southeastern – Scoot Flannery
Northeastern – Eric Major
Northern – Brad Buchanan

Division Personnel

Justin Shannon
Mike Canning
Kenny Johnson
Lindy Varney
Covy Jones
Chris Wood
Mark Martinez
Phil Gray
Danny Summers
Paul Gedge
Mike Christensen
Staci Coons
Paige Wiren
Rusty Robinson
Jim Christensen
Chad Bettridge
Darren DeBloois

Public Present

Troy Justensen
Angie Wonnacott
Kevin Norman
Kent Strong
Tanner Carlson
Chris Carling

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00:00:01 Chairman Nielson called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, and reviewed the meeting procedures.

00:01:52 **1) Swearing in of New Board Members** (Action)

Director Riley Peck performed the swearing in, and then Board members and RAC chairs introduced themselves.

00:06:54 **2) Approval of Agenda** (Action)

The following motion was made by Kent Johnson, seconded by Paula Richmond and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

00:07:15 **3) Approval of Minutes** (Action)

The following motion was made by Bob Christensen, seconded by Justin Oliver and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 12, 2025 Wildlife Board Meeting.

00:08:34 **4) Old Business/Action Log** (Contingent)

Vice-Chair Richmond noted the Action Log items that are due in the fall of 2025.

00:10:09 **5) DWR Update** (Informational)

Director Peck shared visual information on current Monroe Canyon Fire impacts, data from deer collared in that area, and shared how habitat projects on the mountains proved beneficial to fire containment.

Chairman Nielson pointed out the opportunity to make a public comment during the meeting.

00:16:00 **6) Recommended Changes R657-42 & R657-57 Surrenders and Variances** (Action)

Licensing Coordinator Lindy Varney summarized the recommended changes.

00:19:41 **Board/RAC Questions**

The Board asked what the process is to apply for a medical variance, and asked if what the division was recommending applies to cow elk tags.

The Board voiced support for the recommended changes.

00:22:32 **Public Electronic Comments**

Director Peck summarized the public comments received online.

00:22:51 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the rule changes with one change from the Northern RAC.

00:23:46 Public Comments/Division Clarification

There were no public comments submitted on this agenda item**.**

00:23:53 RAC Summaries

Chairman Nielson summarized the RAC recommendations, and the Board asked the Northern RAC Chair to explain his region's vote.

The RAC then asked if there might be extenuating circumstances regarding the proposed variance submission time frame that the division would take into consideration.

00:26:17 Board Discussion

The Board noted that, having attended the Northern Region RAC where they discussed the variance applications submission time frame, that their 60 day suggested made logical sense.

The following motion was made by Justin Oliver, seconded by Kent Johnson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the recommended changes to Rules R657-42 & R657-57 as presented by the Division.

00:28:34 7) Recommended Changes R657-41 & R657-62 (Action)

Licensing Coordinator Lindy Varney summarized the recommended changes.

00:32:04 Board/RAC Questions

There were no questions from the Board or RACs.

00:32:18 Public Electronic Comments

Director Peck summarized the public comments received online.

00:32:57 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the motion to accept the changes as presented, with one recusal on Southern RAC.

00:34:51 Public Comments/Division Clarification

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

00:35:55 Board Discussion

The Board asked for clarification on the RAC member's need to recuse himself from voting on this agenda item, and commended the division for recommending these rule changes.

The following motion was made by Bob Christensen, seconded by Chris Robinson and passed unanimously**.**

MOTION: I move that we approve the recommended changes to Rules R657-41 & R657-62 as presented by the Division.

00:39:23 8) Recommended Changes R657-73 Tagging Requirements (Action)

Licensing Coordinator Lindy Varney summarized the recommended changes.

00:42:49 Board/RAC Questions

The Board verified that the division was proposing that hunters could tag their animal either electronically or physically, and that a photo of the harvested animal could be used to verify the animal's sex.

The Board brought up the public's concern that submitted photos may be requested under GRAMA law, and asked how privileged information submitted to the division is. The Board also asked where the tag does need to remain if it would no longer be required for it to remain with the largest portion of the meat.

The Board asked if, at some point in the future, the division was planning on requiring hunters to specify whether they would e-tag or physically tag their harvested animal, and if language could be added to rule to state that e-tag data could not be used to locate, track, take or retrieve game.

Chairman Nielson voiced support for allowing hunters to choose either electronically or physically tagging their harvested animal.

The RAC asked for clarification on the content of the three required photo submissions, and asked if submitted photos of an animal's head could be proof of sex by showing whether the animal was antlered or not. The RAC also asked if entered e-tag data could be added to at a later date, and about the physical capability of a lone hunter to photograph sex verification on large game animals.

00:58:55 Public Electronic Comments

Director Peck summarized the public comments received online.

00:59:37 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the recommended changes with one stipulation from the Southeastern RAC. The Southeastern RAC Chair added that the motion voted on in their region passed unanimously.

Chairman Nielson then summarized the RAC motions.

01:02:52 Public Comments/Division Clarification

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

01:02:57 Board Discussion

The Board asked if the division anticipates investigating the harvest of an animal if the submitted e-tag location data indicated that the harvest was illegal given the location, and/or reviewing e-tag location data to verify that the animal was harvested

in the proper location, and voiced support for the obligatory internal reporting to law enforcement submitted protected data outlier noticed by a division employee.

The Board asked if not using collected and protected e-tag location data could be added to Rule R657-5-7, which prohibits the use of using protected radio collar data to tract, take or retrieve—or attempt to track, take or retrieve—big game animals or their parts.

The Board recognized that public feedback on this agenda item indicated the public's concern for privacy, and that outreach efforts that explain the protection of that data may help hunters more quickly adopt e-tagging.

The Board asked how many states use e-tagging, and if any of the western states that require e-tag photo submissions have reported any unintended consequences that have arisen regarding photo location data.

The Board voiced support for the proof of sex process in the recommended changes.

The following motion was made by Paula Richmond, seconded by Bob Christensen and passed unanimously**.**

MOTION: I move that we approve the tagging requirement recommendations as presented by the Division, with the addition of a fourth photo for evidence of sex.

01:14:20 9) CWMU – Additional Cow Permits (Action)

Private Lands/Public Wildlife Program Coordinator Darren DeBloois gave a presentation titled "Requesting Additional CWMU Permits for 2025." This agenda item did not go through the RAC process.

01:20:07 Board Questions/Discussion

The Board asked who would be first to be given the opportunity to purchase a second permit, how many hunters last year took advantage of purchasing an additional tag, and of those who purchased, how many hunters harvested. The Board asked if and how hunters would be notified of the opportunity, and who would be responsible for notifying them?

The Board noted that the price of a permit doubles on September 1. Chris Robinson disclosed that he owns a CWMU and thinks that there is not an overabundance of elk on his ranch property, questioned why an individual would want to harvest two cow elk, and asked if increasing cow permit numbers on public hunting land could be used as a strategy for reducing the overabundance of elk. Mr. Robinson then stated that he would recuse himself from voting.

The Board asked if the first cow permit holder could buy the second permit for her husband.

Ryan Foutz disclosed that he also is a CWMU operator, advocated for the division offering flexibility regarding whom a second permit could go to, and stated that he would recuse himself from voting.

The Board suggested that a second permit could go to a mentee, shared that the CWMU Advisory Committee worked hard at coming up with a compromise, and reiterated that the point of offering a second opportunity was to meet the population

objective.

The RAC asked how many cow elk were harvested on two particular units, and floated the idea of allowing other members of a permit holder's party to be given the second tag opportunity.

The Board asked how accurate harvest data from harvest reporting is, and if permit fees could increase on a date later than September 1.

The Board thanked the division for addressing the over-objective situation, and asked if this strategy would fix the issue.

The Board commented that CWMU operators support the hunter mentorship program, and voiced the need to make sure both permit holders and CWMU operators are aware of this opportunity.

The Board voiced support for the request.

The following motion was made by Kent Johnson, seconded by Paula Richmond, and passed 4 in favor and 2 recusals. Ryan Foutz and Chris Robinson recused themselves from voting.

MOTION: I move that we accept approve the additional CWMU cow permits as presented by the Division, and allow the Division to work within the rule to make adjustments as necessary.

01:53:51 10) Additional Drought Permits (Action)

Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Coordinator Rusty Robinson gave a presentation titled "Henry Mountains Bison Drought Permit Recommendations."

01:58:31 Board Questions/Discussion

Chairman Nielson commented that increasing tags is a good demonstrative gesture towards ranchers whose livestock graze the same territory.

The Board asked what a hunter's choice hunt is, if there is anything that can be done to increase success rates, and if the bison are using the habitat differently in relation to the drought conditions.

Division biologist Wade Paskett shared observations from the bison survey that was conducted at the beginning of August.

The Board asked for clarification on what a hunter's choice hunt is.

02:05:25 Public Comments/Division Clarification

Public comments were accepted at this time.

02:05:58 Board Questions & Discussion

The Board sked how the division would contact people with offers of purchasing one of the additional permits.

The following motion was made by Chris Robinson, seconded by Justin Oliver and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the additional 19 bison permits on the Henry Mountains as presented by the Division.

02:08:45 **11) CWMU Advisory Committee Membership** – Gary Webb (Action)

Private Lands/Public Wildlife Program Coordinator Darren DeBloois requested that Gary Webb be added to the CWMU Advisory Committee.

The Board voice support for the candidate.

The following motion was made by Kent Johnson seconded by Chris Robinson, and

MOTION: I move that we approve the membership of Gary Webb on the CWMU Advisory Committee as presented by the Division.

02:11:14 **12) Other Business** (Contingent)

Chairman Nielson commented on the seeming prevalence of antlerless buck deer in the Juab County area, asked if the division would consider addressing this biological phenomenon, and if that should be put on the Action Log.

The Board asked if that biological phenomenon could be skewing buck-to-doe counts.

02:17:19 Meeting adjourned.

Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Motions

1) Mid-Plan Review-Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep **(Action)**

CR, NR, SER, NER:

MOTION: I move we approve Mid-Plan Review- Mountain Goat and Bighorn sheep as presented.
VOTE: Passed Unanimously

SR: **MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's plan as presented but remove the Boulder Mountains as a potential reintroduction site.**
VOTE: Passed 5-3

2) SER Big Game Management Plans **(Action)**

All Regions:

MOTION: I move we approve SER Big Game Management Plans as presented.

VOTE: Passed Unanimously

RAC AGENDA August 2025

1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
   - RAC Chair

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes **ACTION**
   - RAC Chair

3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update **INFORMATIONAL**
   - RAC Chair

4. Regional Update **INFORMATIONAL**
   - DWR Regional Supervisor

5. Statewide Angler Survey Results **INFORMATIONAL**
   - Craig Walker, Asst. Chief of Fisheries **ABSENT**

6. Blue Ribbon Economic Survey Results **INFORMATIONAL**
   - Trina Hedrick, Coldwater Sportfish Coordinator

7. Mid-plan Review – Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep **ACTION**
   - Rusty Robinson, Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Coordinator

8. SER Big Game Management Plans **ACTION**
   - Dustin Mitchell, Southeastern Wildlife Manager

Central Region RAC Meeting
Summary of Motions
August 26, 2025
Springville, Utah

1) Approval of minutes from July 29, 2025 CR RAC meeting

The following motion was made by Kellen Hyer, seconded by Braden Sheppard. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the past minutes as presented.

2) Approval of August 26, 2025 CR RAC Meeting Agenda.

The following motion was made by Kellen Hyer, seconded by Braden Sheppard. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the agenda of the August 26, 2025 Central Region RAC meeting as transcribed.

3) Mid-plan Review – Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep

The following motion was made by Scott Jensen, seconded by Bryce Castagnetto. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept the plan as presented.

4) SER Big Game Management Plans

The following motion was made by Tyson Skeen and seconded by Bryce Castagnetto. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept the plan as presented.

5) SER Big Game Management Plans

The following motion was made by Tyson Skeen and seconded by Scott Jensen. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: To request the Wildlife Board make an action log item on educating the RAC/Public on how the Mule Deer model operates.

Central Region RAC Meeting

Attendance
August 26, 2025
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RAC Members

Attending

Kellen Hyer
Eric Reid
Scott Jensen
Jared Peterson
Brock McMillan
Braden Sheppard
Bryce Castagnetto
Drew Eline
Tyson Skeen
Joshua Kays
John Ziegler (online)
Jim Shuler (online)

Wildlife Board

Gary Nielson
Paula Richmond (online)
Kent Johnson (online)
Christopher Robinson (online)

DWR Personnel

Michael Packer
Matt Briggs
Wes Alexander
Chris Crockett
Rusty Robinson
Tristan Doyle
Bailee Prestwich
Chris Rhea
Dustin Mitchell
Trina Hedrick (online)

Total members of the public in attendance: 2

Central Region RAC Meeting

August 26, 2025

Springville, Utah

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quAMrparfew

06:03:11	RAC Chair Brock McMillan called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members and indicated which UDWR personnel were present on the broadcast. He explained the process that there will be no live presentations and public comments will be taken during the meeting.
06:04:56	**1) Approval of Agenda & Past Minutes (Action)** The following motion was made by Kellen Hyer, seconded by Braden Sheppard and passed unanimously **MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.**

06:06:10	**2) DWR Regional Update** (Informational)
	Danny Summers updated the RAC on all regional activities.
	Wildlife Section
	- Archery hunts opened on Aug 16th.
	- Completed pronghorn and elk preseason classification.
	- Completed chukar population monitoring.
	- Wildlife Conservation is working on species status assessment for the 2025 Utah Wildlife Action Plan and revamping the field guide.
	Aquatics Section
	- Fall Stream Monitoring(ongoing):
	  - Sportfish and sensitive species.
	  - Electrofishing 2 pass population estimates.
	  - Diamond Fork, Nebo Creek, Battle Creek, Grove Creek, etc.
	- Access/Habitat Planning
	  - Coordination with ULA on Utah Lake Access Plan.
	  - Recent meetings with Sanpete County, Forest Service, to improve Lake Hill Reservoir (Community Lake).
	  - Lower Diamond Fork Restoration Planning with URMSS (implementation planned for fall 2026)
	- Misc
	  - Low water and emergency regulations at Nine Mile and Vernon Reservoirs (optimistic they will have adequate habitat to oversummer fish but giving anglers harvest opportunity).
	  - Motor Boat Access funding delays-some projects may be moved to next year.
	Habitat Section
	- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership national board of directors field tour through Wasatch County and Strawberry Reservoir.
	- Finished 2 guzzlers on Dry Mountain with Utah Wild Sheep Foundation and Dallas Safari Club.
	- Working with USFS to finalize the Manti-La Sal Forest Management Plan.
	- Wrapping up noxious weed treatments on WMAS.
	Outreach Section

	- Upland Game Hunting Seminar with wildlife biologist Jason Robinson at the DWR Central Region Office, Aug 28 @ 6:30 PM. - State Fair DWR building fishing pond shifts 9/5-9/7 and 9/12-9/14 - need volunteers to help kids fish. Dedicated hunter projects posted online. - Underwater kokanee salmon livestream on DWR YouTube - 9/14-9/20. - Kokanee Salmon Viewing event at Strawberry Reservoir Visitor Center. Saturday, Sep 20 from 9am - 3pm. - New Kokanee salmon Utah Wildlife Walls mural at the Strawberry Reservoir Visitors Center for the event. (Chris Peterson) Law Enforcement - Several offices were able to attend the NAWEOA conference that was held in Pennsylvania. - Officer Anderson responded to a call about an individual that got bit by a coyote. Turns out family members were driving towards Wendover and picked up the coyote, brought it home, gave it a bath and put a collar on it. Should have just left it alone. - It has been a very busy fire season with all the officers working shifts assisting the Sheriffs office and Forest Service with road closures around the fire locations. - Hunting season is here! Archery hunts have started off slow. A few violations and cases are being found.
06:12:13	**3) Update on the past board meeting (Informational)** Brock McMillan provided a brief update on the past board meeting held on August 21, 2025.
06:15:48	**4) Mid-plan Review – Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep** Rusty Robinson presented to the board.
06:17:36	**RAC Questions** RAC members asked why the WAFWA plan was mentioned in this review and if there was something in particular they were adjusting there.
06:18:50	**Public Comments** Danny Summers summarized public comments received from the online presentation. **Public Comments** - None.
06:19:24	**RAC Discussion** The RAC asked for Rusty to address the public online comments surrounding the dissatisfaction with the Mountain Goat population on the Ogden unit. The RAC discussed whether the Fremont Island unit could potentially become a hunting unit or if it would simply be utilized as a nursery unit. RAC members also brought up concerns surrounding the connectivity of surrounding unit herds with the Boulder. How the plan will work through issues where populations are mixing.

06:22:04	**Public Questions** - Wade Garrett - Utah Farm Bureau - Grateful for working with the DWR on this plan. Neighboring states do not have the same types of relationships between the DWR and Department of AG. We would like to express support for this plan and also urge the public to involve themselves in the DWR's event at the Utah state Fair.
06:23:43	**Mid-plan Review – Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep** **MOTION** The following motion was made by Scott Jensen and seconded by Bryce Castagnetto. Motion passes unanimously. **MOTION: To accept the plan as presented.**
06:24:17	**5) SER Big Game Management Plans** Dustin Mitchell presented to the board.
06:24:54	**RAC Questions** The RAC asked why the DWR would propose raising the populations on the La Sal units where CWD is so prevalent. The RAC also questions the historic trend data of populations on this same unit and what kind of high/lows the DWR's data was finding. The RAC asked for Devin to clarify how this data is collected - helicopter counts or simply just model numbers. The RAC asked logistically how the harvest objectives would be influenced if the state does not harvest any does on the unit. The RAC asked if this new model would be utilized state wide and how some of the changes in trends will show up in other regions. The RAC asked for the modeling to be explained in as simple terms as possible for the public and members to understand. The RAC clarified that this new model will help adjust where the DWR believes populations are sitting at, however the plan will not affect the management portion of this plan. The RAC also brought up the opportunity for the DWR to use E-Tagging data as an addition to the model for population trends.
06:38:53	**Public Questions** - None.
06:39:08	**Public Comments** Danny Summers summarized public comments received from the online presentation. **Public Comments** - None.

06:39:46	**RAC Discussion** - The RAC discussed their support of the management plan and the potential to have more deer on the landscape. The RAC encouraged its fellows members as well as the public to educate themselves as much as possible on the new model and how it will collect mule deer data moving forward.
06:42:16	**SER Big Game Management Plans** **MOTION** The following motion was made by Tyson Skeen and seconded by Bryce Castagnetto. This motion passes unanimously. **MOTION: To accept the plan as presented.**
06:55:30	**SER Big Game Management Plans** **MOTION** The following motion was made by Tyson Skeen and seconded by Scott Jensen. This motion passes unanimously. **MOTION: To request the Wildlife Board make an action log item on educating the RAC/public on how the Mule Deer model operates.**
06:42:53	**6) Blue Ribbon Economic Survey Results** Trina Hedrick presented to the board.
06:43:20	**RAC Questions** The RAC asked questions on the economical effect that fishing has on the state of Utah as well as what other kinds of angler data this survey collected. The RAC asked how the Division will use this data to make decisions for anglers in the future. The RAC asked what kinds of biological data influences decisions as well.
06:51:07	**RAC Discussion** The RAC expressed their gratitude to the Division for working hard to collect this data so they may better serve anglers across Utah.
06:53:22	**Public Questions** - Kent Strong Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife - Some of the stuff Trina has said about people thinking certain species should be in waterbodies where they do not belong. Our organization is offering a $5K reward to anyone with information about the illegal introduction of Walleye in Strawberry Reservoir. This type of backyard biologist behavior needs to stop.
06:54:36	**Public Comments**

	Danny Summers summarized public comments received from the online presentation. **Public Comments** - None.
07:02:47	**The meeting adjourned.**

RAC AGENDA
August 27, 2025
The meeting will stream live at https://youtube.com/live/AFP16kQm4i8

1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
   - RAC Chair

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes **ACTION**
   - RAC Chair

3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update **INFORMATIONAL**
   - RAC Chair

4. Regional Update **INFORMATIONAL**
   - DWR Regional Supervisor

5. Statewide Angler Surveys **INFORMATIONAL**
   - Craig Walker, Asst. Chief of Fisheries

6. Blue Ribbon Economic Survey Results **INFORMATIONAL**
   -Trina Hedrick, Coldwater Sportfish Coordinator

7. Mid Plan Review- Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep **ACTION**
   - Rusty Robinson, Once-In-A-Lifetime Coordinator

8. SER Big Game Management Plans **ACTION**
   - Dustin Mitchell, Southeastern Wildlife Manager

CR RAC – August 26, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville
https://youtube.com/live/quAMrparfew

NR RAC – August 27th, 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd.#240, Ogden
https://youtube.com/live/AFP16kQm4i8

SR RAC – September 2nd, 6:00 PM
DNR Richfield City Complex
646 N. Main St, Cedar City
https://youtube.com/live/REyVR7mavuE

SER RAC – September 3rd, 6:00 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River
https://youtube.com/live/WjQ4Rx7M0N4

NER RAC- September 4th, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
318 N. Vernal Ave, Vernal
https://youtube.com/live/ 2m6WXSelFBk

Board Meeting- Septemeber 18th, 9:00 AM
Eccles Wildlife Education Center
1157 S. Waterfowl Way, Farmington
https://youtube.com/live/PB0dsu8FmlO

Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Motions

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

The following motion was made by Ross Worthington, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed unanimous.

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

2) Mid-Plan Review-Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep **(Action)**

The following motion was made Wyatt Selman, seconded by Hunter Stallings and passed unanimous.

MOTION: I move we approve Mid-Plan Review-Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep as presented.

3) SER Big Game Management Plans **(Action)**

The following motion was made by Robert Dale, seconded by Wyatt Selman and passed unanimous.

MOTION: I move we approve SER Big Game Management Plans as presented.

Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
August 27, 2025
Attendance

RAC Members

Brad Buchanan - Chair
Blair Stringham - Exec Sec
Ryan Brown-Vice Chair
James Carlson
Avery Cook
Robert Dale
Garrett Larsen
Wyatt Selman
Hunter Stallings
Jessica Wade- Online
Ross Worthington
Brandon Zundel- Online

Board Member

Kent Johnson
Gary Nielsen
Justin Oliver
Paul Richman

RAC Excused

Jaimi Butler
Darren Parry
Casey Snider
Steve Sorensen

Division Personnel

Jodie Anderson
Rusty Robinson
Dustin Mitchell
Trina Hedrick
Chris Penne
Kent Hersey
Jim Christensen
David Beveridge

Regional Advisory Council Meeting
August 27, 2025

00:04:45 **1)** Chairman Brad Buchanan called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience and reviewed the meeting procedures.

00:09:04 **2) Approval of Agenda and Minutes** (Action)

The following motion was made by Ross Worthington, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed unanimous.

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

00:10:02 **3) Update from past Wildlife Board Meeting by Brad Buchanan**

Link on website to view.

00:12:04 **4) Regional Update - Blair Stringham** (Informational)

Blair Stringham updated the RAC on regional activities.

00:17:24 **5) Statewide Angler Survey Results** (Informational)

Presentations could be viewed at https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html

Trina Hedrick summarized the presentation for the RAC.

00:18:11 **Questions from RAC Members/Public**

None

Public Questions

None

00:18:21 **Electronic/Public Comment Report by Blair Stringham, Regional Supervisor**

No Comments.

00:18:27 **6) Blue Ribbon Economic Survey Results** (Informational)

Presentations could be viewed at https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html

00:18:36 **Questions from RAC Members/Public**

Want to make the public aware, but not too aware of some of the Blue Ribbon fisheries so they're not overrun by anglers. Total number of Blue Ribbon fisheries in the state. Financial impact in correlation with the bump in license sales in 2020. Changes in management strategies and how soon the RACs will start seeing those proposals come through.

Public Questions

None

00:24:57 **Electronic/Public Comment Report by Blair Stringham, Regional Supervisor**

None

00:25:29 **7) Mid-Plan Review- Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep** (Action)

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Rusty Robinson summarized the presentation for the RAC.

00:26:25 Questions from RAC Members/Public

None

Public Questions

None

00:26:50 Electronic/Public Comment Report by Blair Stringham, Regional Supervisor

Blair Stringham summarized the public comments received from the online presentation.

Public Comment

Sierra Nelson- Utah Wool Growers Association- Grateful to be part of the process. It's been amazing to see such an important shift over the last seven years. The plan is written well. We appreciate the division standing behind agriculture. Allowing us to have the COR and saying they're not going to grow bighorns at the expense of domestic sheep. We support it and ask the RAC to support it.

00:28:42 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Wool growers are very appreciative of the division. Utah leads the way especially with bighorns and the relationship it has with ag and taking a stance. The division realizes there is room for both bighorns and livestock on the landscape. It feels good knowing the division has the backs of the sheep producers from the standpoint of the producers. Good progress made across the state with introductions of bighorns to certain areas and working with producers to find a balance between bighorns and livestock.

The following motion was made by Wyatt Selman, seconded by Hunter Stallings and passed unanimous.

MOTION: I move we approve Mid-Plan Review- Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep as presented.

00:31:12 8) SER Big Game Management Plans (Action)

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Dustin Mitchell had nothing more to add to the presentation.

00:31:30 Questions from RAC Members

Increase in the objective numbers. Disease concerns on the La Sals, and raising the objective, seems a little counterintuitive. How are we managing this? How are we managing the first year of the hunts? Changes in the modeling data. Input data is getting better. Using unit specific data, instead of statewide generic data for model input.

Public Questions

None

00:36:56 Electronic/Public Comment Report by Blair Stringham, Regional Supervisor

None

Public Comment

None

00:37:07 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Biologically, the division can raise the objective. Public misperception with increasing deer permits objective. CWD hunt and how it is managed. Mandatory testing. If an animal tests positive for CWD, the hunter is not issued a new tag. Increase in population estimate and if tags are being adjusted. Age class CWD is showing up in deer. Appreciate the work the division is doing. Appreciate how proactive the division is being with CWD. Population objectives and strategies being used.

The following motion was made by Robert Dale, seconded by Wyatt Selman and passed unanimous.

MOTION: I move we accept SER Big Game Management Plans as presented.

00:47:18 **MOTION to Adjourn,** Ross Worthington

Southern Regional RAC Meeting

September 02, 2025 6:00 PM

DNR Richfield City Complex

2031 Industrial Park Rd, Richfield, UT

RAC Members

Attending	Absent
Bryant Johnson	Austin Atkinson
Gary Barney	Chris Cannon
Trevor Barnson	Chuck Chamberlain
Rachel Bolus	Travis Duran
Russell Gardner	
Mike Grant (Online)	
Brooklyn Cox (Online)	
Bart Battista (Online)	
Chad Utley (Online)	

Wildlife Board

Paula Richmond

Gary Nielson

DWR Personnel

Kevin Bunnell	Adam Kavalunas
Mike Wardle	Morgan Hinton
Denise Gilgen (Online)	Craig Walker (Online)
Trina Hedrick (Online)	Paul Washburn
Dustin Mitchell	Mike Christensen

Public invited to join online: https://youtube.com/live/REyVR7mavuE

Southern Region RAC Meeting

September 02, 2025

Richfield, Utah

06:00:04	**1**) **Acting Chairman Bryant Johnson** called the meeting to order. Called roll of RAC members. Outlined the agenda for tonight's meeting: • Explained the RAC process and noted there will be no live presentations during the meeting. • The Wildlife Board, not the RAC, is charged with setting wildlife policy for the State. • Encouraged those who want to express their opinions at tonight's meeting to submit a comment card. • Reminded everyone to be respectful of others, especially of those who have ideas and opinions that may differ from their own. • Recognized Wildlife Board members in attendance and online. • Welcomed public in attendance and those watching and listening online. • Asked that cell phones be placed on silent. • Microphones and cameras are in the room and pick up sound. Side conversations will most likely be heard on YouTube.
06:04:51	**2) Approval Of Agenda and Minutes (Action)** The following motion was made by Trevor Barnson, seconded by Russell Gardner**.** **MOTION:** I move that we approved the Agenda and Minutes as presented. **Passed unanimously.**
06:05:44	**3) Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational)** **Acting Chairman Bryant Johnson:** Reviewed Wildlife Board Meeting action items. • Surrenders and Variances rule changes passed unanimously. • Sportsman draw and group applications changes motion passed unanimously. • Electronic tagging proposal passed unanimously. • Additional Cow Elk permits on CWMU's passed four (4) in favor, two (2) recusals (Ryan Foutz and Chris Robinson) • Additional 19 Bison permits approved for the Henry Mountains, due to the current drought, passed unanimously. • CWMU advisory committee membership of Gary Webb, passed unanimously.
06:08:29	**4) DWR Update (Informational)**

	- Kevin Bunnell, DWR Regional Supervisor updated the RAC on all regional activities. • **Wildlife Section**: Held three Mule Deer meetings: Cedar City, Richfield and Ruby's Inn. Gathered input from interested parties. Notes and survey results emailed to the group. Meetings will continue throughout the year. Next summer, larger groups will be invited to convene and talk about actions taken to help our deer in each of these places. • Finishing Elk and Pronghorn classification. Some animals succumbed to thirst due to the lack of water. • Monitoring fire impacts to wildlife. Director and Wildlife Board worked hard to be fair to hunters and gave them options to surrender their permits if they wanted. • CWD lymph node collection from the Fillmore, Beaver, Southwest Desert and Pine Valley units. Call the Southern Region office if you harvest and are willing to submit lymph nodes. The more samples, the better. • Sage Grouse Brood Counts on the Parker Mountains; Mourning Dove banding, and continued Beaver relocation. • Prairie Dogs: Large colony at the airport in Wayne County, which has created some conflict. Trying to negotiate a resolution with the FFA, Fish and Wildlife Services, and local airport operators. • Busy with Bat surveys. • **Aquatics**: Busy time, tried to get ahead of fires. Salvaged nearly 100 Bonneville Cutthroat from the Blubber Creek due to the France Canyon Fire and transferred to Fountain Green. Attempted salvage of Bonneville Cutthroat in Water Canyon on the Pine Valley unit due to the Forsyth Fire. Very few fish were found. Drought had already impacted the population. Water quality in Manning Meadow reservoir could be impacted by sediment in the future. Most of Western Toad habitat has burned – will continue coordinating with the USFS. **Washington County Field Office:** Tough work in extreme heat. • Desert Tortoise: Fire in Confluence Park. Fire retardant impacted the middle of the enclosure. Tortoises were washed off and moved to clean areas. Some were transferred to Great Basin Serpentarium due to space limitations.

	• Western Toads: On August 6, 2025, metamorph toads from the Hogle Zoo were released. Reproducing in the wild. • Least Chub: Monitoring going on all over the West Desert. • Woundfin**:** Endangered species in the Virgin River. Some issues happened in the hatchery with some of our conservation populations that we are trying to overcome. • Smallmouth Bass: Conducted fall monitoring at Quail, Gunlock and Ivins Reservoirs. • Santa Clara River: Surveys conducted, observed ash from Forsyth Fire in Baker and Gunlock; good number of native fish in Gunlock. • Southwestern Willow Flycatcher: Season totals are 9 breeding pairs and 16 fledglings; monitoring and cowbird removal are finished. • **Habitat Section:** South Beaver Drone application of Rejuvra completed last week – best tool to date to control cheat grass. • Lots of Lop and Scatter, cut and pile, and mastication. • Repaired guzzles and hauled water. • **Outreach Section:** 60 people attended Tushar Mountain Goat View Event on August 09, 2025. • **Upcoming Events:** • Utah State Fair – September 04-14, 2025. • Wild game cooking clinic at Southern Regional Office on September 20, 2025. • Kokanee Salmon viewing event at Fish Lake on October 04, 2025. • Shotgun Clinic at Purgatory in Hurricane on October 11, 2025. • Youth and beginner Pheasant hunts: Cedar City on November 01, 2025 and Annabella and Pahvant on November 08 2025. • New Mule Deer dashboard on DWR website: https://wildlife.utah.gov/deer. Public is strongly encouraged to check to this website out, lots of information. • **Law Enforcement:** • Very busy this time of year. • Trail cameras and baiting cases. • Quite a few reports of hunters using thermal-imaging and infrared devices to locate Big Game this year.

	• Using a new law enforcement database. Shares information with all other agencies in the state. Should increase officer safety.
06:19:46	**RAC Questions: None.**
06:20:08	**Public Questions: None.**
06:20:10	**RAC Discussion:** • **Bryant Johnson:** Attended Mule Deer Public meeting in Richfield. • Encouraged to see many members of the public attended this meeting, hopes to see more of the public attend RAC meetings. • Great to have people that care attend. • Believes good things will come from these meetings.
06:21:30	**5) Statewide Angler Survey Results (Informational)** **- Craig Walker, Assistant Wildlife Program Chief** Presented the Division's recommendations, information and answered questions.
06:25:32	**RAC Questions: None.** • **Bryant Johnson:** Appreciated Craig Walker taking the time to review his presentation for the RAC members and public.
06:26:01	**Public Questions: None.**
06:26:44	**RAC Discussion/Comments:** • **Russell Gardner:** Amazed at the revenue fishing brings to the state, important to the state's economy. • **Rachel Bolus:** Bird Watchers also bring in a lot of revenue. In Alabama they found fishermen, bird watchers, and then hunters (in that order) that brought in revenue for the state.
06:27:51	**Public Comments:** **Kevin Bunnell: Online Comments:** • Received two comments, only one left a written comment. • Written comment was not to advertise too broadly.

06:28:30	**6) Blue Ribbon Economic Survey Results (Informational)** **- Trina Hedrick, Coldwater Sportsfish Coordination** Presented the survey results and answered questions. Reiterated the importance of maintaining our participation rate.
06:29:25	**RAC Questions:** • **Chad Utley**: There was some discussion about the increased pressure and the preference for cold water species versus warm water species. • Getting anglers to be more interested in warm water species because they self-populate. • Didn't hear anything about developing more artificial flies and lures waters, catch and release. That would solve some of the problems with the limitations on the hatcheries that were discussed. • Has there been any discussion on this? • **Craig Walker**: Yes, this has been looked at. Especially at community waters. • Looking at reducing harvesting fish at those bodies of water. • If we have naturally reproducing population of panfish or other sportsfish, like largemouth, is not able to sustain the harvest we have there. Then definitely reducing the harvest is the way to go. • Next year, we are looking at putting a bow on our implantation plan. • **Bryant Johnson:** In 2011, it was in the millions, now it is over two billion dollars in revenues now? • Doesn't include fishing gear, guided trips, gas, groceries, etc. in our communities. • **Trina Hedrick:** Direct expenditure is just over two billion now. • **Bryant Johnson**: Assumes this has something to do with the way you fish for the species versus being able to just throw a worm
06:35:37	**Public Comments:** **Kevin Bunnell: Online Comments:** • The Boulder Mountain is a Blue Ribbon Fishery. • People are seeking solitude when fishing and are a bit nervous about us sending more people there.

06:35:55	**Additional RAC Questions:** • **Craig Walker:** All of our survey results indicate that people want an escape. • Focused on dispersing pressure across the state. • Figuring out how far people are willing to go, how much they're willing to pay, ect. • **Trina Hedrick:** The idea is not to direct anglers to the hottest spot in Utah and flood that area with fishermen. • We can send people to the High Uintah's, the Boulder Mountains or other Blue Ribbon fishery. • You can search for Blue Ribbon Fisheries and a person can create their own opportunities. • **Chad Utley:** Really enjoyed Cutthroat Slam, great idea. • One of the things that came up was trying to get cold water anglers interested in warm water fish. Have you thought of doing something like the Cutthroat Slam for warm water fish? • **Trina Hedrick:** No immediate plans for this; however, it has been discussed. • **Craig Walker:** Yes, it is a tool in our toolbox. • More effective recruitment tool as far as getting people exposed to a different species is to give them the opportunity for that experience. If they're in a body of water fishing for Trout and happen to catch a Wiper, and feel the tug of a Wiper, they may pivot to prefer fishing for Wiper. • **Bryant Johnson:** Assumes this has something to do with the way you fish for the species too, versus just being able to throw in a worm or work a jig back and forth. • **Chad Utley:** Agreed, that's how he was introduced to Smallmouth Bass, rather catch them than Trout.
06:42:41	**Public Questions: None.**

06:42:51	**RAC Discussion/Comments:** • **Bryant Johnson read a statement submitted by Chris Cannon**: • Appreciates the Angler Survey and the Blue Ribbon studies. • May benefit the State to have the Non-resident one-day fishing licenses have a decreased fee for additional days – if they stay a day longer? • Idaho offers a $22.00 one-day fishing license, then $7.00 for each additional day to run consecutive. • Last RAC meeting someone stated the one-day license fee had increased significantly. • **Chad Utley**: His perspective was interesting. We did away with one-day licenses and went to three-day fishing licenses for Non-residents. He compared our three-day license to other states one-day license fees. • If you compare Utah's three-day license to other states three-days licenses, Utah's fees are less. • But, for Non-resident minors, the fee should maybe be reduced. • **Craig Walker**: Realizes we are about the Division of Resources revenue and that's why we focus on changing our license fees, etc. • We recognize the value of fishing economically isn't just to the Division. • The Blue Ribbon Fisheries were established to increase rural economies. • **Bryant Johnson:** Utah's is doing a great job at promoting fishing, seems a lot of people want to come here to fish.
06:46:59	**7) Mid-plan Review – Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep (Action)** **- Rusty Robinson, Once-In-A Lifetime Species Coordinator** Presented the Division's recommendations and answered questions.
06:48:00	**RAC Questions** • **Trevor Barnson:** Read through the plan a few times the last couple of years. Can you give a snapshot view of what the code is? • (Comments inaudible, microphone not on). • Appears to be proactive in trying to mitigate concerns with domestic Sheep. Appreciates that. • With the issues we've had in the past, why would we want to put Bighorn Sheep on the Boulder? Adjacent to domestic Sheep? • What is the current procedure for lethal removal of Sheep?

	• **Rusty Robinson:** Code was put into place in 2023. If you are going to reintroduce a species that hasn't been there in recent history, you need to have a unit plan. We form a local committee with local stakeholders to write that unit plan. We also create a mitigation plan, consider any potential conflicts that might arise for the reintroduction, and create a mitigation plan. • Updating legislation since the code has changed. • Where we aren't thinking of putting them on the Boulder top, more in the Calf Creek area. The closest risk would be backyard Sheep in the town of Boulder or Escalante. Or other Bighorn Sheep that may wander over from Escalante. • Unaware of any general Sheep allotments in that general vicinity. • This gives us the option to start the process at some point in the future. • This plan expires in 2028 at which point we'll write a new plan. Looking at areas in the next three years that might have potential for a transplant. The Fremont Island and the Boulder both came up as potential sites. • Whenever there's a Bighorn Sheep that needs to be removed, the DWR tries to have a hunter take the sheep; however, if the Sheep is so sick it can't stand up, we won't wait for a hunter. Prioritize herd health. • We want to prioritize the standards of ethics and fair chase. • **Bryant Johnson**: That came up at one of the RAC meetings. People want to see hunters move through the point process faster, social issue. • **Trevor Barnson:** Understood the DWR already had a process in place to have hunters take the Bighorn Sheep. Wondered if we needed to restate the obvious. Is it going to become more complicated – is someone going to micromanage the Biologist on how they remove Bighorn Sheep? • **Rusty Robinson:** We already had the language in the plan to address the removal of Bighorn Sheep. • In 2012, WAWFA wrote a document with guidelines for agencies that deal with Bighorn Sheep. This was re-written in 2025. They are only guidelines, we do not have to follow them. • **Bryant Johnson:** One of the areas you mentioned was Calf Creek. In past, Bighorn Sheep off the Escalante and Henry Mountains have moved through the park and ended up in Bicknell. Do we have Sheep already in Calf Creek that have come across the highway?

	• **Rusty Robinson:** Occasionally, we'll see some Sheep that have wandered into that vicinity. • **Morgan Hinton:** We get reports of Bighorn Sheep from Kiva Coffeehouse on Highway 12 or by Phipps Arch. Down by Escalante. Assuming those Sheep come from Wolverine Bench. To be fair, we aren't looking right in Calf Creek, but a little further up into Death's Hollow. The wild Sheep are probably a bigger disease concern from the Escalante than the Domestic. • **Bryant Johnson:** Those Sheep have not become a problem like the ones that move through the park and into Bicknell that we are aware of, correct? • **Morgan Hinton:** Not aware of problems, they seem to come up and go back where they came from. • **Kevin Bunnell:** The issue on the north side of the Boulder are very different from the south side of the Boulder around Bicknell. We aren't going to encourage Sheep there when they come into Sunglow. There might be some opportunities near Calf Creek. • Calf Creek is pretty close to where there are already established Sheep. • **Bryant Johnson:** Chris Cannon, who is not here, asked for clarification – what is the goal of putting Sheep on Fremont Island? Is it to establish a huntable population? Use it as a nursery? • **Rusty Robinson:** It would be another nursery, a non-huntable area. • It's six (6) miles north of Antelope Island. • **Russell Gardner:** From the Ag side, it seems when there's a reintroducation of a species, everyone is concerned about their interests, whether it's raising hay or grazing the land. What kind of impact will this have on the locals? Such as watering holes, etc. • Do you talk to individuals who live in the area? • **Rusty Robinson**: Generally, there is a predator management component, the DWR typically adds water, etc. • Looking for a win-win situation. • We are always open to improving habitat. • We would invite local stakeholders to be part of the unit plan process.

	• **Kevin Bunnell**: The reason this Sheep plan has worked is that the DWR has accepted the risk and not put the risk on the domestic populations. If we need to kill a Bighorn Sheep, we will do it. • One reason this plan has made a difference. • **Rusty Robinson:** One component of the plan is to issue a COR to harvest a Bighorn Sheep if it is found co-mingling with domestic Sheep. • We aren't going to try to grow Bighorn Sheep to the detriment of domestic Sheep. • **Bryant Johnson**: Doesn't remember seeing any changes to the Mountain Goats. • What is the population objective on the Beaver unit? • Is there any discussion of increasing this population? How would we go about looking at this? • Hasn't seen as many Mountain Goats. • Are we there now? • Do Mountain Goats have an ill effect to domestic animals in any way? • Maybe the DWR can look at increasing the herd on that unit. • **Rusty Robinson:** The state code was updated for the Mountain Goat, no changes. • 200 is the objective for Mountain Goats on the Beaver • **Mike Wardle:** This is something we can look at. When we were above the 200 number in 2014, we were having Nanny hunts to try to bring that number down. We had Goats leaving the unit - going to the Dutton and the Monroe Peak. We took it as a sign that we had too many. • We aren't there now. There is one on the Boulder, but we don't know if it came from the Dutton or the Beaver. • They can be sources of pneumonia, but it's not as big of a problem like it is with Bighorn Sheep. • **Rusty Robinson:** For the most part, we haven't seen any ill-effects; however, they can transfer pneumonia to Bighorn Sheep. We want to keep them separated.
07:08:25	**Public Comments:** • **Kevin Bunnell: Online comments:** Only one person expressed an opinion and they strongly agreed on this. No written comment was left.

	• **Troy Henrie, Utah Farm Bureau:** Plan was written well, appreciates any chance to avoid conflict with domestic Sheep. • What makes the Boulder Mountain such a great candidate for the reintroduction of Sheep? Seems there is more than a moderate risk for conflict with domestic Sheep. • **Rusty Robinson:** Looked at other areas, especially desert areas. Al easy spots are taken. • Looking at areas where we are willing to accept some risk, placing the liability on DWR. • Habitat is there, most likely will mix with the other Bighorn someday. • **Kevin Bunnell:** Troy, in being a bit more specific, it will be a small area on the Boulder unit, near Calf Creek. Not the whole unit. Does that alleviate some of your concern? • **Troy Henrie:** There is a higher standard, just wanted to go on record with his concerns. • **Richard:** DWR states they are willing to take the risk; however, as a producer he is not willing to take the risk. • Stated the Mountain Goats could give it to the Bighorn Sheep, then Bighorn Sheep can give it to domestic Sheep. • Gets paid on lamb weight. • **Rusty Robinson:** From your perspective, in what way are we putting you at risk? • The pathogen doesn't affect domestic Sheep like it does Bighorn Sheep. It can affect lamb weight. • If we test your sheep and they are all test clean, then we want to stay away. There's a highly likelihood that they already have the pathogen. • We issue COR's. If a Bighorn Sheep wanders into your herd, we would appreciate and expect you to shoot it.
07:13:26	**Public Comments:** • **Troy Henrie, Utah Farm Bureau**: As we move forward with some of these plans, reiterates need to include producers in establishing the plan. • Appreciates the need and want to increase population in different areas. • Makes sense to increase populations were they are already established.

	• **Scott Stubbs, Utah Public Lands Council:** The Bighorn Sheep is a good plan, addresses concerns. • The Boulder Mountain is a concern. The Calf Creek area is not a sufficient distance away. Already having trouble with them coming out of Capitol Reef. • Appreciates Utah taking the risk, but you cannot control federal agencies. A dozen or so years ago, he was involved in an incident where they tried to deny transfer of a permit because of Bighorn Sheep that were well on the other side of domestic Sheep. The DWR was instrumental in telling them that they were not interested in that area. • Would like to see the DWR strike the Boulder Mountains. • **Bryant Johnson:** The Boulder Mountains is just being looked at as a consideration right now, correct? • If the DWR plans to move ahead, we would meet again and possibly ask to strike the Boulder Mountain area. • Scott, it's good you voiced your concern tonight. We won't be voting on this tonight. • **Rusty Robinson:** There is no immediate plan, probably two years out from transplanting Desert Bighorn Sheep. • Correct, we would meet locally, write the unit plan, etc. Take it back through the RAC process, etc.
07:17:05	**RAC Discussion/Comments:** • **Bryant Johnson:** Commends the producers for attending tonight's meeting. Great for the Division to hear their input. • Input from local constituents will be very important and appreciated. • Getting local input is very important. • **Russell Gardner:** Believes the Division is terrific and has done a great job in mitigating situations. • When the Elk plan came out a year ago, it went through the committee and it appeared that everyone was okay with it. However, some producers in those areas were not onboard with it. • We need to do a better job at addressing people in those areas whose livelihoods are dependent on these areas – make sure their concerns are addressed. • **Trevor Barnson:** Made the motion the way he did because he believes there is language in place to address concerns. • Looked at the list of existing and augmented herds, confident the majority of them are not healthy – they could do better.

	• Why are we adding new species to our list when our existing herds are not up to a healthy standard? We are potentially adding more problems. • Focus on what we are doing correctly.
07:18:00	**MOTIONS:** The following motion was made by Trevor Barnson, seconded by Russell Gardner: **MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's proposal as presented, but remove the Boulder Mountains as a potential reintroduction site.** **Passed 5-3. Three opposed: Rachel Bolus, Mike Grant, Chad Utley.** • **Rachel Bolus:** Not opposed to the reintroduction of Bighorn Sheep on the Boulder Mountain in the future, concerned that if we approve at this time, there won't be any further discussion on this matter at a later date. • **Chad Utley:** Convinced there are adequate precautions in place, no reason to remove it at this point. • **Mike Grant:** Agreed with Chad, adequate safeguards are in place, no reason to remove the Boulder.
07:23:10	**8) SER Big Game Management Plans (Action)** **- Dustin Mitchell, Southeastern Wildlife Manager** Presented the Division's recommendations/plan and answered questions. Looking to increase the objectives on three (3) Deer units in that region.
07:23:28	**RAC Questions:** • **Bryant Johnson:** Are those units already at objective? • Fortunate to be able to increase your herd, usually favorable. • **Dustin Mitchell:** Switched some inputs in their models, created numbers to go over objective. • Didn't necessarily grow more Deer.
07:24:20	**Public Comments:** **Kevin Bunnell: Online Comments:** Only had one comment, which was strongly in favor.

07:24:30	**RAC Questions/Comments:** • **Russell Gardner:** Will there be more permits for those areas? • **Dustin Mitchell:** Probably not. Number of permits still based on Buck to Doe ratios on counts done after the hunts. • **Kevin Bunnell:** Russ, not immediately, but it does mean there's room to grow in the future. • If they reach the new objective, there will be more permits. • **Bryant Johnson:** With the numbers you are showing now, how soon do you think you could reach these objectives? • The Manti has seen as significant increase with the removal of predators, specifically on the South Manti. Is that due to the removal of predators or due to habitat? • **Dustin Mitchell:** That is still to be determined based on having favorable weather conditions (rain), etc. • Range trend over the last year, habitat has done better on those three units. • We could grow more Deer, just not sure. • Definitely saw better survival on the South Manti due to the removal of predators, but biggest driving factor is weather.
07:26:46	**Public Questions: None.**
07:27:21	**MOTIONS:** The following motion was made by Mike Grant, seconded by Trevor Barnson: **MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's plan as presented.** **Passed unanimously.**
07:28:40	**Next Board Meeting: September 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Farmington Bay, Utah.** **Next Meeting: November 18, 2025 6:00 p.m. Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah.** **Meeting adjourned.**

RAC AGENDA
September 3rd, 2025
The meeting will stream live at https://youtube.com/live/cHH0ysQ4BZY

1.	Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure - RAC Chair	
2.	Approval of Agenda and Minutes - RAC Chair	ACTION
3.	Wildlife Board Meeting Update - RAC Chair	INFORMATIONAL
4.	Regional Update - DWR Regional Supervisor	INFORMATIONAL
5.	Statewide Angler Survey Results – Craig Walker, Asst. Chief of Fisheries	INFORMATIONAL
6.	Blue Ribbon Economic Survey Results - Trina Hendrick, Coldwater Sportfish Coordinator	INFORMATIONAL
7.	Mid-plan Review – Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep - Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator	ACTION
8.	SER Big Game Management Plans - Dustin Mitchell, Southeastern Wildlife Manager	ACTION

CR RAC – August 26th, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville
https://youtube.com/live/quAMrparfew

NR RAC – August 27th, 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden
https://youtube.com/live/AFP16kQm4i8

SR RAC – September 2nd, 6:00 PM
DNR Cedar City Complex
646 N Main St., Cedar City
https://youtube.com/live/REyVR7mavuE

SER RAC – September 3rd, 6:00 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E Main St., Green River
https://youtube.com/live/OrDz5I81Mzk

NER RAC – September 4th, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Rm
318 North Vernal Ave., Vernal
https://youtube.com/live/2m6WXSeIFBk

Board Meeting – September 18th, 9:00 AM
Eccles Wildlife Education Center
1157 S. Waterfowl Way, Farmington
https://youtube.com/live/PB0dsu8FmIo

Southeastern Regional Advisory Council Meeting

September 3rd, 2025

Summary of Motions

Action Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- The following motion was made by Brad Richman, seconded by Charles Fischer and passed unanimously.
  Motion: To accept the agenda and minutes as written.

Action Item 2: Mid-plan Review – Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep

- The following motion was made by Mat Farnsworth, seconded by Cash Stallings and passed unanimously.
  Motion: To approve the division's proposal as presented.

Action Item 3: SER Big Game Management Plans

- The following motion was made by Mat Farnsworth, seconded by Charles Fischer and passed unanimously.
  Motion: To approve the division's proposal as presented.

Southeastern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
September 3rd, 2025
Attendance

RAC Members

Scoot Flannery – Chair	Trish Hedin	Matt Farnsworth
Cash Stallings – Vice Chair	Charles Fischer	Daniel Luke
Chris Wood –Exec. Secretary	Jake Palma	Brad Richman

Board Members

Kent Johnson	Gary Nielson	Justin Oliver
Bob Christensen		

RAC Excused

Jack Cantsee Jr.	Tyler Gilson	Steve Duke
Justin Ivins	Joe Sacco	

Division Personnel

Rusty Robinson	Chris Wood	JD Abbott
Brandon Behling	Kyler Stilson	Dustin Mitchell
Ian Montgomery	Joseph Christensen	Wade Paskett
Brad Crompton	William Fick	

Southeastern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
September 3rd, 2025
Minutes

00:00:04 **1)** Chairman Scoot Flannery called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and read a statement. All RAC members introduced themselves.

00:04:20 **2) Approval of Agenda and Minutes** (Action)

The following motion was made by Charles Fischer, seconded by Brad Richman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the agenda and minutes.

00:05:28 **3) Regional Update – (**Informational)

Chris Wood Updated the RAC on all regional activities.

00:12:10 **4) Wildlife Board Meeting Update given by Scoot Flannery** (Informational)

Link on website to view.

00:18:05 **5) Statewide Angler Survey Results – (**Informational)

Craig Walker summarized the survey results

00:18:08 **RAC Comments/Questions**

Plans for survey results and future RAC recommendations.

00:19:16 **6) Blue Ribbon Economic Survey Results – (**Informational)

Trina Hendrick summarized the survey results

00:20:35 **RAC Comments/Questions**

Enjoyment of family fishing time and teaching skills is worth the cost.

00:22:00 **7) Mid-plan Review – Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep** (Action)

View presentations at https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html

Rusty Robinson summarized the presentation.

00:23:12 **Questions from RAC Members/Public**

None.

00:23:15 **Public Comments/Questions**

None

00:23:21 **Electronic/Public Comment Report by Chris Wood**

None

00:23:36 **RAC Discussion/Division Clarification and Motions**

Appreciation for previous comment about having some sheep is better than none. Elaboration on relationship with woolgrowers.

00:26:35 The following motion was made by Mat Farnsworth, seconded by Cash Stallings and passed unanimously

MOTION: Accept the division's proposal as presented.

00:27:32 **8) SER Big Game Management Plans** (Action)

View presentations at https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html

Dustin Mitchell summarized the presentation.

00:28:22 **Questions from RAC Members/Public**

Plans for managing CWD. Statewide objectives are rarely hit, and changes made in this plan to reach new objectives. How numbers for objective are prompted. Studies proposed that did not pass previously due to upcoming studies and incorporation of those studies in new plans. Clarification of new parameters. Habitat project goals and objectives and support from federal agencies. Effects of drought. Reaching objectives and initiation of antlerless harvest increase.

00:39:40 **Electronic/Public Comment Report by Chris Wood**

Chris Wood summarized the public comments/votes received.

00:40:06 **Public Comments/Questions**

None

00:40:10 **RAC Discussion/Division Clarification and Motions**

Diverse group on committee and discussions about CWD and habitat health. Appreciation for attendance of Wildlife Board members. Success rates for goals and possibility for objectives numbers being too high. Elk and livestock on the landscape. Realistic goals. Habitat project implantation and repercussions of not increasing objectives along with clarification of CWD plans discussed in committee. Factors contributing to CWD. Population increase over 5 years. Population objectives based on buck to doe ratios.

00:51:36 The following motion was made by Mat Farnsworth, seconded by Charles Fischer and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the division's proposal as presented.

00:52:34 The following motion was made by Charles Fischer, seconded by Brad Richman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To adjourn.

Northeastern Region Advisory Council Meeting

September 4th, 2025

RAC Present	RAC Excused	RAC Not Present
Nathan Crapo		Mark Chynoweth
Adam Nielson(Online)		Dwayne Davies
Grizz Oleen		Jake Huber
Eric Major (Online)		Collin Crozier
Richard Buehler		
Natasha Hadden		
Jordon McHahon		
Willis Lefevre		

Wildlife Board

-Bob Christensen

-Kent Johnson(Online)

DWR Staff Present

Miles Hanberg	Rusty Robinson	
Tonya Kieffer-Selby	Trina Hendrick	
Anthony Christianson	Craig Walker	
Dallon Christensen		
Torrey Christopherson		
Pat Rainbolt		

Dustin Mitchell		

00:00:00	**1) Welcome and introductions by RAC Chairman, Nathan Crapo, filling in for Eric Major.**
00:03:18	**2) Wildlife Board Meeting Update** ● Nathan Crapo read the motions summary from the June 12th, 2025 Wildlife Board meeting.
00:06:37	**3) Approval of Agenda and Minutes** ● The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Grizz Oleen, and passed unanimously. **MOTION: To approve the agenda and minutes as presented.**
00:07:17	**4) Regional Update** ● Miles Hanberg gave a brief summary of regional updates.
00:19:30	**5) <u>Statewide Angler Survey Results</u>** ● Craig Walker gave a brief summary of the survey.
00:21:58	*Questions from the RAC* ● No questions from the RAC.
00:22:00	*Questions from the public* ● No questions from the public.
00:22:02	*Online comment summary* ● The public wants to see more trout.
00:22:20	*Public comment* ● No Public comments.
00:23:09	*RAC discussion* ● No RAC discussion.
00:23:17	**6) <u>Blue Ribbon Economic Survey Results</u>**

	● Trina Hendrick gave a brief summary of the survey.
00:27:59	*Questions from the RAC* ● Grizz Oleen was surprised there was more brook trout than cutthroat trout. ● Does the division have a plan to advertise these warm water fish? ● Natasha made a comment that involving the youth would increase the amount of fish for the youngsters to catch.
00:32:10	*Questions from the public* ● No questions from the public.
00:31:50	*Online comment summary* ● The public wants to see more trout, specifically brown trout, brook trout, and cutthroat trout.
00:32:12	*Public comment* ● No public comments.
00:32:20	*RAC discussion* ● No RAC discussion.
00:32:30	**7) <u>Mid-plan Review- Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep</u>** ● Presented by Rusty Robinson , Once-in-a-lifetime Species Coordinator ● Rusty did a brief summary of the Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep plan.
00:33:39	*Questions from the RAC* ● What were the changes made? ● Do you have the inventory to reintroduce sheep and goats? ● Will Fremont be another nursery or huntable? ● When does the division decide that they have enough to reintroduce the species in certain units?
00:39:10	*Questions from the public* ● No questions from the public.
00:39:19	*Online comment summary*

	● Neutral- The plan needed to be reviewed every two years and would like the once in a lifetime hunts to have longer season dates, and no population surveys during the hunts.
00:39:44	*Public comment* ● No public comments.
00:39:50	*RAC discussion* ● No RAC discussion.
00:40:02	*Motion:* ● The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden , seconded by Jordon McMahon, and passed Unanimously ● **MOTION: To accept the plan as presented.**
00:40:50	**8) SER Big Game Management Plans** ● Presented by Dustin Mitchell, Southeastern Wildlife Manager ● Dustin did a brief summary of the SER big game management plans.
00:41:25	*Questions from the RAC* ● How is the cwd going to affect the population? ● Could the test results change the future as far as population control goes?
00:43:29	*Questions from the public* ● No questions from the public.
00:43:40	*Online comment summary* ● Somewhat disagree. They want to see more deer and less doe permits, and see tags cut overall.
00:44:44	*Public comment* ● No public comments.
00:44:46	*RAC discussion* ● Grizz Oleen likes the opportunity increase and more hunting in the state. ● It is good to have these meetings to talk about objectives.
00:46:19	*Motion:*

	• The following motion was made by Grizz Oleen , seconded by Willis LeFevre, and passed unanimously.
00:47:00	A motion to Adjourn made by Grizz Oleen , seconded by Natasha Hadden , and passed unanimously.
00:47:14	**Adjourn**

2025 Conservation Permit Audit - Executive Summary

Organization	Carry Over Project Revenue	New Project Revenue 2025	Interest & Donations	Total Project Revenue Available	Project Expenditures	Remaining Project Funds/ Adjusted Bank Balance
DSC	$ -	$ 33,720.00	$ -	$ 33,720.00	$ 14,000.00	$ 19,720.00
MDF	$ 1,406,839.71	$ 1,340,790.00	$ 30,514.91	$ 2,778,144.62	$ 1,439,109.47	$ 1,339,035.15
NWTF	$ 390,468.66	$ 251,343.00	$ -	$ 641,811.66	$ 248,927.92	$ 392,883.74
RMEF	$ 92,429.82	$ 406,530.60	$ -	$ 498,960.42	$ 387,584.44	$ 111,375.98
SCI	$ 303.86	$ 225,060.00	$ 37,207.80	$ 262,571.66	$ 228,405.10	$ 34,166.56
SFW	$ 585,451.18	$ 1,951,110.00	$ 4,821.14	$ 2,541,382.32	$ 2,209,500.19	$ 331,882.13
UAA	$ 154,725.08	$ 187,740.00	$ -	$ 342,465.08	$ 134,751.00	$ 207,714.08
UCW	$ -	$ 40,200.00	$ 522.49	$ 40,722.49	$ 32,540.00	$ 8,182.49
UHA	$ 66,223.93	$ 33,600.00	$ 28.17	$ 99,852.10	$ 66,203.40	$ 33,648.70
UWSF	$ 1,057,993.15	$ 713,700.00	$ 106.11	$ 1,771,799.26	$ 997,343.32	$ 774,455.94
WCF	$ 36,615.00	$ 94,080.00	$ -	$ 130,695.00	$ 78,567.50	$ 52,127.50
Total	*$ 3,791,050.39*	*$ 5,277,873.60*	*$ 73,200.62*	*$ 9,142,124.61*	*$ 5,836,932.34*	*$ 3,305,192.27*

Dallas Safari Club Conservation Permit Projects Funded

		2025 Revenue	$33,720.00
7548	Oak Creek Mule Deer Restoration Project Phase II	2025	$1,500.00
7486	GBRC Boom Truck	2025	$2,500.00
7603	Snowville area Wildlife-Highway Mitigation Study along Interstate I-84: A	2025	$2,500.00
7546	NER Butyl Guzzler Replacements	2025	$2,500.00
7475	Book Cliffs Wildlife Habitat Improvements	2025	$5,000.00
		2025 Funds Expended	$14,000.00
		Remaining 2025 Revenue	**$19,720.00**
		Remaining Balance	$19,720.00

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

		2023 Revenue	$	1,257,390.00
		2023 Interest	$	4,425.11
6058	Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	$	12,073.23
6491	US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	$	47,500.00
6497	Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	$	20,000.00
6511	Yellowjacket Monument Knoll	2024	$	13,019.21
6536	Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	$	10,000.00
6514	Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024	$	80,000.00
6679	Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 18	2024	$	15,000.00
6761	FY24 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile Management Unit	2024	$	25,000.00
6508	Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	$	5,000.00
6536	Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	$	10,000.00
6496	Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	$	10,000.00
6986	BLM Color Country Wildlife Guzzlers FY25	2024	$	9,640.00
6851	Salina Creek Phase 6	2024	$	20,000.00
7228	Phil Pico Acquisition	2024	$	250,000.00
6853	Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2024	$	80,000.00
6913	Markagunt Aspen Regeneration Phase 2	2025	$	40,000.00
6876	Levan WMA Mule Deer Winter Range Restoration Project - FY25	2025	$	5,000.00
6932	Eastern LaSals Phase IV	2025	$	25,000.00
7060	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase V	2025	$	45,000.00
6869	Henefer-Echo WMA Summer Range Enhancement	2025	$	20,000.00
7134	FY25 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2025	$	57,500.00
6994	Nebo Big Game Guzzler Installation and Maintenance FY25	2025	$	2,500.00
7118	West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 3 (Continued)	2025	$	50,000.00
6871	Burnt Beaver 2025	2025	$	20,000.00
6862	Little Creek Watershed Restoration project - Phase 1	2025	$	75,000.00
7017	Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 25	2025	$	20,000.00
6828	Rocky Ford Watershed Restoration and Resilience Phase 1	2025	$	25,000.00
6852	Gooseberry Phase 4	2025	$	50,000.00
6882	Diamond Fork and Spanish Fork River Watershed Post Fire Restoration Phase V	2025	$	17,000.00
6909	Soldier Creek Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project FY 25	2025	$	50,000.00
7010	Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 4, FY-25	2025	$	32,000.00
7053	Willow Watershed Habitat Improvements FY25	2025	$	15,000.00
5902	White Sage Flat Habitat Restoration Project Phase 2	2025	$	30,000.00
6021	East Bear Lake Range And Stream Improvements - Phase II	2025	$	65,000.00
7015	Bitter Creek Habitat Restoration Project	2025	$	10,582.67
		All 2023 Funds Expended	**$**	**1,261,815.11**

		2024 Revenue	$	1,434,510.00
		2024 Interest	$	29,726.15
7015	Bitter Creek Habitat Restoration Project	2025	$	27,417.33
7491	Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: I-70 Mileposts 71-91	2026	$	2,000.00
7579	Southeastern Region Riparian Restoration FY26	2026	$	2,500.00
7548	Oak Creek Mule Deer Restoration Project Phase II	2026	$	4,849.50
7588	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY26	2026	$	5,000.00
7648	FY25 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile Management Unit	2026	$	5,038.00
7603	Snowville area Wildlife-Highway Mitigation Study along Interstate I-84: A Borderlands Collaborative	2026	$	5,500.00
7551	Upper Ebbs Canyon Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project Phase II	2026	$	6,375.00
7647	FY26 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2026	$	6,931.00

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

7480	Boulder Mountain Water Improvement Phase 1	2026	$	7,000.00
7646	FY26 La Sal and San Juan Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2026	$	7,954.00
7469	NRO WMA Big Game Winter Range Enhancement FY26	2026	$	8,425.00
7058	Montes Creek WMA Irrigation Pivot Phase I	2026	$	10,000.00
7338	Improving Big Game Health: A Fence Retrofitting Program	2026	$	14,000.00
7345	Lower Provo River Watershed Restoration Project FY26	2026	$	15,000.00
7517	Lake Canyon Watershed Project Phase IV	2026	$	15,000.00
7557	Horse Valley Guzzlers	2026	$	17,000.00
7546	NER Butyl Guzzler Replacements	2026	$	20,000.00
7357	San Pitch Mountains Mule Deer Guzzlers Phase 2 FY 26	2026	$	24,970.00
7398	North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 26	2026	$	25,000.00
7401	Wasatch Front Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026	$	25,000.00
7461	Marshall Draw and Crouse Bench	2026	$	25,000.00
7472	Rocky Ford Watershed Restoration and Resilience Phase 2	2026	$	30,000.00
7448	Mail Draw Guzzlers and Spring Improvement	2026	$	30,000.00
7595	Cook WMA Enhancements Phase 1	2026	$	33,334.00
6025	Trail Creek WMA Fencing	2026	$	40,000.00
7366	Fivemile Pasture Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Fuels Reduction Project	2026	$	40,000.00
7346	Highway 18 Corridor Phase 1	2026	$	40,000.00
7559	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase VI	2026	$	42,500.00
7376	Soldier Creek Mule Deer Habitat and Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026	$	42,500.00
7649	FY26 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2026	$	44,144.00
7419	Improving fences and habitat connectivity within Paunsaugunt mule deer migration corridor	2026	$	45,625.00
7637	FY 26 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2026	$	50,000.00
7360	Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration FY26 (3 year project)	2026	$	50,000.00
7297	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Phase 10-12	2026	$	50,000.00
7298	Gooseberry Phase 5	2026	$	60,000.00
7299	Salina Creek Phase 7-9	2026	$	60,000.00
7356	Raft River Habitat and Vegetation	2026	$	62,188.00
7540	Table Mountain Mule Deer Habitat Restoration	2026	$	66,000.00
7375	Twelve Mile Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026	$	70,000.00
7442	East Bear Lake Range and Stream Improvements Phase III	2026	$	79,500.00
7475	Book Cliffs Wildlife Habitat Improvements	2026	$	110,000.00
7553	Central Region Mule Deer & Upland Game Habitat Project FY 26	2026	$	120,000.00
5584	Watts Mountain Habitat Improvement Phase 2	2026	$	18,485.32
		All 2024 Funds Expended	**$**	**1,464,236.15**
		2025 Revenue	$	1,340,790.00
		2025 Interest	$	30,514.91
5584	Watts Mountain Habitat Improvement Phase 2	2026	$	32,269.76
		2025 Funds Expended	**$**	**32,269.76**
		Remaining 2025 Revenue	**$**	**1,339,035.15**

Remaining Balance $ 1,339,035.15

National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

		2023 Revenue	$	232,170.00
7010	Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 4, FY-25	2025	$	142.72
6870	Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration Project FY25	2025	$	7,500.00
6868	Little Bear-Logan Watershed Restoration	2025	$	5,000.00
7053	Willow Watershed Habitat Improvements FY25	2025	$	2,000.00
5902	White Sage Flat Habitat Restoration Project Phase 2	2025	$	10,000.00
6977	Antelope Bitterbrush Planting FY25	2025	$	5,000.00
7092	Cache Valley Upland Game Habitat Improvements FY25	2025	$	15,000.00
6914	CR Turkey Trapping Technician	2025	$	15,000.00
6915	NR Turkey Trapping Technician	2025	$	15,000.00
7055	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY25	2025	$	4,000.00
6998	Upper San Rafael WMA Upland Game Restoration	2026	$	10,000.00
7014	Powell District Guzzler repairs and maintenance	2026	$	2,500.00
7110	Sevier County Upland Game Guzzlers	2026	$	3,500.00
6853	Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2026	$	2,500.00
6851	Salina Creek Phase 6	2026	$	5,000.00
7480	Boulder Mountain Water Improvement Phase 1	2026	$	2,000.00
7357	San Pitch Mountains Mule Deer Guzzlers Phase 2 FY 26	2026	$	2,500.00
7588	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY26	2026	$	4,000.00
7550	Church Hills Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project Phase II	2026	$	5,000.00
7553	Central Region Mule Deer & Upland Game Habitat Project FY 26	2026	$	5,000.00
7583	Oak Creek Big Game Guzzler Enhancement Project	2026	$	5,000.00
7582	West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 4 and Phase 6	2026	$	5,000.00
7364	Fremont River Ranger District Ponds phase II	2026	$	5,000.00
7299	Salina Creek Phase 7-9	2026	$	10,000.00
7486	GBRC Boom Truck	2026	$	5,000.00
7398	North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 26	2026	$	5,000.00
7419	Improving fences and habitat connectivity within Paunsaugunt mule deer migratic	2026	$	5,000.00
7335	NR Habitat Specialist Position	2026	$	7,000.00
7405	North Zone Aspen and Stream Restoration Phase II	2026	$	7,500.00
7298	Gooseberry Phase 5	2026	$	7,500.00
7360	Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration FY26 (3 year project)	2026	$	7,500.00
7297	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Phase 10-12	2026	$	7,500.00
7538	North San Pitch Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project FY26	2026	$	8,000.00
7366	Fivemile Pasture Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Fuels Reduction Project	2026	$	15,000.00
7356	Raft River Habitat and Vegetation	2026	$	10,000.00
7376	Soldier Creek Mule Deer Habitat and Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026	$	1,527.28
		All 2023 Funds Expended	**$**	**232,170.00**

		2024 Revenue	$	236,775.00
7376	Soldier Creek Mule Deer Habitat and Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026	$	8,472.72
5584	Watts Mountain Habitat Improvement Phase 2	2026	$	10,000.00
7551	Upper Ebbs Canyon Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project Phase II	2026	$	10,000.00
7058	Montes Creek WMA Irrigation Pivot Phase I	2026	$	10,000.00
7515	Abajo Mountains Prescribed Fire FY2026-FY2028	2026	$	15,000.00
7661	CR Turkey Trapping Technician	2026	$	15,000.00
7662	NR Turkey Trapping Technician	2026	$	15,000.00
7396	Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Deuce + 1 (Phase 3)	2026	$	11,761.54
		2024 Fund Expended	**$**	**95,234.26**
		Remaining 2024 Revenue	**$**	**141,540.74**

National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2025 Revenue	$	251,343.00
Remaining 2025 Revenue	**$**	**251,343.00**
Remaining Balance	$	392,883.74

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2023 Revenue	$	399,750.00
6031 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	$	2,500.00
6037 Paradise Spring Mastication and Water Improvement Project	2023	$	10,000.00
5952 Valley Mountains (South Valley)	2023	$	4,000.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	$	2,700.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	$	5,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	$	10,000.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	$	15,000.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initative	2024	$	30,000.00
6762 FY24 Bison Captures	2024	$	10,750.00
6208 Northern Region Riparian Restoration FY 24	2024	$	2,500.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	$	15,000.00
6515 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 8	2024	$	5,000.00
6520 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 4	2024	$	2,500.00
6545 Weber River Watershed Restoration and Forest Resilience - FY24	2024	$	5,000.00
6558 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2024	2024	$	10,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	$	20,000.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	$	7,500.00
6535 Levan WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY24	2024	$	7,500.00
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	$	25,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	$	10,000.00
6539 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration - Phase 3	2024	$	25,000.00
6541 Wasatch (Sheepcreek) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	$	15,000.00
6557 Central Region Riparian Restoration FY24	2024	$	5,000.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	$	8,500.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	$	30,000.00
6568 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24	2024	$	5,000.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	$	10,000.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	$	10,000.00
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	$	5,000.00
6496 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	$	7,009.18
6497 Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	$	20,000.00
6514 Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024	$	15,000.00
6543 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase IV	2024	$	5,000.00
6563 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase III	2024	$	15,000.00
6679 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 18	2024	$	5,000.00
6709 North Hills BLM #1 Big Game Guzzler	2024	$	2,500.00
6737 Mineral Range Water Development Project	2024	$	16,790.82
	All 2023 Funds Expended	**$**	**399,750.00**

	2024 Revenue	$	397,890.00
6737 Mineral Range Water Development Project	2024	$	2,709.18
6508 Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	$	15,000.00
6617 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Project phase III	2024	$	15,000.00
6498 Salina Creek Phase 5	2024	$	15,000.00
6853 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2024	$	20,000.00
6986 BLM Color Country Wildlife Guzzlers FY25	2024	$	10,000.00
6851 Salina Creek Phase 6	2024	$	10,000.00
7131 FY25 Parker Mountain Pronghorn Capture and Transplant	2025	$	2,500.00
7061 Holden Spring Water Enhancement Project	2025	$	13,625.00
7060 Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase V	2025	$	5,000.00
7134 FY25 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2025	$	30,000.00
6871 Burnt Beaver 2025	2025	$	10,000.00
6862 Little Creek Watershed Restoration project - Phase 1	2025	$	10,000.00
6851 Salina Creek Phase 6	2025	$	46,000.00

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

6888	Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase II	2025	$	25,000.00
6870	Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration Project FY25	2025	$	30,000.00
5902	White Sage Flat Habitat Restoration Project Phase 2	2025	$	10,000.00
7019	Etna Sage Brush Habitat Restoration - Phase 2	2025	$	2,500.00
6554	Last Chance Habitat Improvement	2025	$	20,975.00
7099	Parowan Front Maple Hollow Lop and Scatter	2025	$	12,088.00
7579	Southeastern Region Riparian Restoration FY26	2026	$	2,500.00
7643	FY26 Bison Captures	2026	$	2,500.00
7453	Nebo Wildlife Management Unit Spring Enhancement - FY26	2026	$	2,500.00
7548	Oak Creek Mule Deer Restoration Project Phase II	2026	$	4,849.50
7647	FY26 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2026	$	5,000.00
7338	Improving Big Game Health: A Fence Retrofitting Program	2026	$	5,000.00
7557	Horse Valley Guzzlers	2026	$	5,000.00
7553	Central Region Mule Deer & Upland Game Habitat Project FY 26	2026	$	5,000.00
7645	FY26 Wasatch Moose Study	2026	$	5,000.00
7484	Lake Fork Allotment Water System Repair - Helicopter Lift Project FY26	2026	$	5,000.00
7583	Oak Creek Big Game Guzzler Enhancement Project	2026	$	5,000.00
7491	Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: I-70 Mileposts 71-91	2026	$	10,000.00
7480	Boulder Mountain Water Improvement Phase 1	2026	$	10,000.00
7345	Lower Provo River Watershed Restoration Project FY26	2026	$	10,000.00
7376	Soldier Creek Mule Deer Habitat and Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026	$	10,000.00
5584	Watts Mountain Habitat Improvement Phase 2	2026	$	5,143.32
		All 2024 Funds Expended	**$**	**397,890.00**

		2025 Revenue	$	406,530.60
5584	Watts Mountain Habitat Improvement Phase 2	2026	$	5,143.32
7582	West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 4 and Phase 6	2026	$	10,000.00
7426	Price River Tributaries and Wet Meadow Restoration	2026	$	10,000.00
7364	Fremont River Ranger District Ponds phase II	2026	$	15,000.00
7637	FY 26 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2026	$	20,000.00
7375	Twelve Mile Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026	$	20,000.00
7515	Abajo Mountains Prescribed Fire FY2026-FY2028	2026	$	25,000.00
7401	Wasatch Front Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026	$	25,000.00
7472	Rocky Ford Watershed Restoration and Resilience Phase 2	2026	$	25,000.00
7360	Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration FY26 (3 year project)	2026	$	25,000.00
7323	Kyune - Seeding and Thistle Control	2026	$	30,000.00
7299	Salina Creek Phase 7-9	2026	$	35,000.00
7297	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Phase 10-12	2026	$	40,000.00
7475	Book Cliffs Wildlife Habitat Improvements	2026	$	10,011.30
		2025 Funds Expended		**$295,154.62**
		Remaining 2025 Revenue	**$**	**111,375.98**

Remaining Balance $ 111,375.98

Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2023 Revenue	$	195,630.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	$	15,550.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	$	5,000.00
5920 Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Phase 4	2023	$	5,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	$	5,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	$	15,000.00
6762 FY24 Bison Captures	2024	$	1,000.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	$	55,000.00
6533 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration FY-24	2024	$	15,000.00
6534 Timpanogos WMA Shrub Restoration - FY24	2024	$	15,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	$	50,000.00
6541 Wasatch (Sheepcreek) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	$	14,080.00
	All 2023 Funds Expended	**$**	**195,630.00**
	2024 Revenue	$	232,260.00
	2024 Interest	$	3.86
6541 Wasatch (Sheepcreek) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	$	25,920.00
6598 Central Region Upland Game Project FY 24	2024	$	15,000.00
6497 Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	$	15,000.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initative	2024	$	43,000.00
7127 FY25 Bison Captures	2025	$	2,500.00
7061 Holden Spring Water Enhancement Project	2025	$	26,625.00
6902 Central Region Upland Game Project FY 25	2025	$	50,000.00
6842 Twelve Mile Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project - FY 25	2025	$	25,000.00
7029 Zion Migration Cooridor Habitat Improvement Phase 5	2025	$	14,712.00
6909 Soldier Creek Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project FY 25	2025	$	27,189.00
6949 Oak Creek Mule Deer Restoration Project Phase I	2025	$	11,151.00
7223 FY25 Hardware WMA Hay Purchase	2025	$	2,086.86
	All 2024 Funds Expended	**$**	**232,263.86**
	2025 Revenue	$	225,060.00
	2025 Donation	$	37,510.00
7486 GBRC Boom Truck	2026		$25,000.00
7299 Salina Creek Phase 7-9	2026		$50,000.00
7582 West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 4 and Phase 6	2026		$60,000.00
7475 Book Cliffs Wildlife Habitat Improvements	2026		$93,403.44
	2025 Funds Expended		**$228,403.44**
	Remaining 2025 Revenue	**$**	**34,166.56**
	Remaining Balance	$	34,166.56

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

		2023 Revenue	$	1,731,570.00
6537	Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	$	5,502.08
6539	Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration - Phase 3	2024	$	20,620.00
6564	Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	$	5,000.00
6565	Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	$	10,000.00
6566	Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY 24	2024	$	25,000.00
6568	North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24	2024	$	5,000.00
6584	Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	$	25,000.00
6598	Central Region Upland Game Project FY 24	2024	$	5,000.00
6695	Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 248	2024	$	10,000.00
6058	Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	$	15,000.00
6491	US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	$	42,500.00
6496	Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	$	1,987.74
6497	Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	$	15,000.00
6514	Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024	$	30,000.00
6543	Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase IV	2024	$	10,000.00
6563	Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase III	2024	$	15,000.00
6679	Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 18	2024	$	2,500.00
6709	North Hills BLM #1 Big Game Guzzler	2024	$	5,000.00
6498	Salina Creek Phase 5	2024	$	29,380.00
6508	Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	$	8,080.18
6818	Promontory Nursery Facility Land Acquisition	2024	$	1,446,000.00
		All 2023 Funds Expended	**$**	**1,731,570.00**

		2024 Revenue	$	1,855,005.00
6508	Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	$	21,919.82
6676	Moab Guzzler Maintenance FY24	2024	$	5,000.00
6761	FY24 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile Management Unit	2024	$	27,277.00
6028	North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2024	$	2,500.00
7246	Grader Replacement	2024	$	46,000.00
7128	Promontory Nursery Facility Land Acquisition - Final Payment	2024	$	1,007,640.00
7110	Sevier County Upland Game Guzzlers	2024	$	10,000.00
6853	Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2024	$	10,000.00
6986	BLM Color Country Wildlife Guzzlers FY25	2024	$	15,000.00
6851	Salina Creek Phase 6	2024	$	15,000.00
6913	Markagunt Aspen Regeneration Phase 2	2025	$	60,000.00
6876	Levan WMA Mule Deer Winter Range Restoration Project - FY25	2025	$	10,000.00
7061	Holden Spring Water Enhancement Project	2025	$	13,625.00
7134	FY25 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2025	$	20,000.00
7125	FY25 Mountain Goat Captures	2025	$	10,000.00
7625	Wildlife Silhouettes: To Slow Down Drivers in Wildlife Movement Corridors	2026	$	2,000.00
7643	FY26 Bison Captures	2026	$	2,500.00
7548	Oak Creek Mule Deer Restoration Project Phase II	2026	$	4,849.50
7484	Lake Fork Allotment Water System Repair - Helicopter Lift Project FY26	2026	$	5,000.00
7579	Southeastern Region Riparian Restoration FY26	2026	$	5,000.00
7588	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY26	2026	$	5,000.00
7648	FY25 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile Mana	2026	$	5,037.00
7647	FY26 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2026	$	6,931.00
7480	Boulder Mountain Water Improvement Phase 1	2026	$	7,000.00
7453	Nebo Wildlife Management Unit Spring Enhancement - FY26	2026	$	7,400.00
7646	FY26 La Sal and San Juan Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2026	$	7,954.00
7595	Cook WMA Enhancements Phase 1	2026	$	8,333.00
7469	NRO WMA Big Game Winter Range Enhancement FY26	2026	$	8,425.00
7058	Montes Creek WMA Irrigation Pivot Phase I	2026	$	10,000.00
7419	Improving fences and habitat connectivity within Paunsaugunt mule deer migr	2026	$	10,000.00
7491	Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: I-70 Mileposts 71-91	2026	$	10,000.00
7517	Lake Canyon Watershed Project Phase IV	2026	$	10,000.00

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

7538	North San Pitch Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project FY26	2026	$	10,000.00
7546	NER Butyl Guzzler Replacements	2026	$	10,000.00
7364	Fremont River Ranger District Ponds phase II	2026	$	15,000.00
7551	Upper Ebbs Canyon Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project Phase II	2026	$	15,000.00
7557	Horse Valley Guzzlers	2026	$	17,000.00
7366	Fivemile Pasture Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Fuels Reduction Project	2026	$	20,000.00
7455	Central Region Riparian Restoration FY26	2026	$	20,000.00
7472	Rocky Ford Watershed Restoration and Resilience Phase 2	2026	$	20,000.00
7357	San Pitch Mountains Mule Deer Guzzlers Phase 2 FY 26	2026	$	24,970.00
7401	Wasatch Front Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026	$	25,000.00
7405	North Zone Aspen and Stream Restoration Phase II	2026	$	25,000.00
7461	Marshall Draw and Crouse Bench	2026	$	25,000.00
7559	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase VI	2026	$	25,000.00
7644	FY26 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat captures	2026	$	25,000.00
7583	Oak Creek Big Game Guzzler Enhancement Project	2026	$	26,000.00
7645	FY26 Wasatch Moose Study	2026	$	27,500.00
7297	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Phase 10-12	2026	$	30,000.00
7299	Salina Creek Phase 7-9	2026	$	30,000.00
7369	Agency Draw Lop & Scatter 2025	2026	$	30,000.00
7398	North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 26	2026	$	30,000.00
7360	Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration FY26 (3 year project)	2026	$	15,143.68
		All 2024 Funds Expended	**$**	**1,855,005.00**

		2025 Revenue	$	1,951,110.00
		2025 Interest	$	4,821.14
7360	Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration FY26 (3 year project)	2026	$	19,856.32
6025	Trail Creek WMA Fencing	2026	$	40,000.00
7346	Highway 18 Corridor Phase 1	2026	$	40,000.00
7376	Soldier Creek Mule Deer Habitat and Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026	$	42,500.00
7649	FY26 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2026	$	42,500.00
7637	FY 26 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2026	$	45,625.00
7298	Gooseberry Phase 5	2026	$	50,000.00
7356	Raft River Habitat and Vegetation	2026	$	50,000.00
7547	Fillmore WMA Habitat and Private Land Habitat Improvement Project Phase III	2026	$	50,000.00
7486	GBRC Boom Truck	2026	$	52,800.00
7540	Table Mountain Mule Deer Habitat Restoration	2026	$	62,187.00
7515	Abajo Mountains Prescribed Fire FY2026-FY2028	2026	$	67,750.00
7408	South Hollow Habitat Improvement	2026	$	100,000.00
7475	Book Cliffs Wildlife Habitat Improvements	2026	$	100,000.00
7448	Mail Draw Guzzlers and Spring Improvement	2026	$	109,000.00
7582	West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 4 and Phase 6	2026	$	143,660.00
7375	Twelve Mile Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026	$	148,840.00
7444	Henry Mountain Habitat Maintenance Project Phase 1	2026	$	150,000.00
5584	Watts Mountain Habitat Improvement Phase 2	2026	$	200,000.00
7553	Central Region Mule Deer & Upland Game Habitat Project FY 26	2026	$	109,330.69
		2025 Funds Expended	**$**	**1,624,049.01**

	Remaining 2025 Revenue	**$**	**331,882.13**
	Remaining Balance	$	331,882.13

Utah Archery Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

		2023 Revenue $	106,605.00
6759	FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024 $	7,416.00
6474	Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024 $	5,000.00
6585	Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024 $	2,500.00
6694	Anthro/Avintaquin Lop and Scatter	2024 $	2,500.00
6530	Eagle Mountain Wildlife Migration Corridor Preservation FY24	2024 $	2,000.00
6536	Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024 $	7,500.00
6537	Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024 $	5,000.00
6539	Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration - Phase 3	2024 $	2,500.00
6564	Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024 $	5,000.00
6565	Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024 $	5,000.00
6566	Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY 24	2024 $	5,000.00
6568	North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24	2024 $	2,500.00
6584	Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024 $	2,500.00
6695	Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 248	2024 $	2,500.00
6491	US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024 $	5,000.00
6496	Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024 $	2,500.00
6514	Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024 $	5,000.00
6543	Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase IV	2024 $	2,500.00
6563	Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase III	2024 $	3,000.00
6679	Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 18	2024 $	5,000.00
6709	North Hills BLM #1 Big Game Guzzler	2024 $	2,500.00
6498	Salina Creek Phase 5	2024 $	2,500.00
6676	Moab Guzzler Maintenance FY24	2024 $	2,500.00
6761	FY24 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile Management Unit	2024 $	5,000.00
7486	GBRC Boom Truck	2025 $	10,000.00
7484	Lake Fork Allotment Water System Repair - Helicopter Lift Project FY26	2025 $	2,500.00
7647	FY26 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2026 $	1,689.00
		All 2023 Funds Expended $	**106,605.00**

		2024 Revenue $	137,130.00
7647	FY26 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2026 $	3,311.00
7595	Cook WMA Enhancements Phase 1	2026 $	5,000.00
7469	NRO WMA Big Game Winter Range Enhancement FY26	2026 $	5,000.00
7557	Horse Valley Guzzlers	2026 $	5,000.00
7461	Marshall Draw and Crouse Bench	2026 $	5,000.00
7297	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Phase 10-12	2026 $	5,000.00
7299	Salina Creek Phase 7-9	2026 $	5,000.00
7360	Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration FY26 (3 year project)	2026 $	5,000.00
7346	Highway 18 Corridor Phase 1	2026 $	5,000.00
7376	Soldier Creek Mule Deer Habitat and Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026 $	5,000.00
7298	Gooseberry Phase 5	2026 $	5,000.00
7356	Raft River Habitat and Vegetation	2026 $	5,000.00
7486	GBRC Boom Truck	2026 $	5,000.00
7448	Mail Draw Guzzlers and Spring Improvement	2026 $	5,000.00
7381	Bourbon Fuel Treatments 2026	2026 $	5,000.00
7350	Burnt Beaver 2026	2026 $	5,000.00
7648	FY25 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile Management Unit	2026 $	5,037.00
7405	North Zone Aspen and Stream Restoration Phase II	2026 $	7,500.00
7401	Wasatch Front Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026 $	7,500.00
7375	Twelve Mile Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project FY 26	2026 $	7,500.00
7646	FY26 La Sal and San Juan Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2026 $	7,954.00

Utah Archery Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

7644	FY26 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat captures	2026	$ 6,664.92
		2024 Funds Expended	**$ 117,155.92**
		Remaining 2024 Revenue	**$ 19,974.08**
		2025 Revenue	$ 187,740.00
		Remaining 2025 Revenue	**$ 187,740.00**
		Remaining Balance	$ 207,714.08

Utah Houndsmen Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

		2023 Revenue		$19,230.00
		2023 Interest		$15.04
7297	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Phase 10-12	2026	$	1,000.00
7486	GBRC Boom Truck	2026	$	2,000.00
7603	Snowville area Wildlife-Highway Mitigation Study along Interstate I-84: A Bor	2026	$	2,000.00
7480	Boulder Mountain Water Improvement Phase 1	2026	$	2,000.00
7557	Horse Valley Guzzlers	2026	$	2,000.00
7546	NER Butyl Guzzler Replacements	2026	$	2,000.00
7298	Gooseberry Phase 5	2026	$	2,000.00
7553	Central Region Mule Deer & Upland Game Habitat Project FY 26	2026	$	2,000.00
7484	Lake Fork Allotment Water System Repair - Helicopter Lift Project FY26	2026	$	2,000.00
7491	Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: I-70 Mileposts 71-91	2026	$	2,245.04
		All 2023 Funds Expended	**$**	**19,245.04**
		2024 Revenue	$	24,750.00
		2024 Interest	$	25.49
7491	Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: I-70 Mileposts 71-91	2026	$	1,754.96
7515	Abajo Mountains Prescribed Fire FY2026-FY2028	2026	$	5,500.00
7475	Book Cliffs Wildlife Habitat Improvements	2026	$	7,500.00
7649	FY26 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2026	$	10,000.00
		2024 Funds Expended	**$**	**24,754.96**
		Remaining 2024 Revenue	**$**	**20.53**
		2025 Revenue	$	33,600.00
		2025 Interest	$	28.17
		Remaining 2025 Revenue	**$**	**33,628.17**
		Remaining Balance	$	33,648.70

Utah Chukar and Wildlife Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

		2025 Revenue	$ 40,200.00
		2025 Interest	$ 522.49
7486	GBRC Boom Truck		$ 5,000.00
7553	Central Region Mule Deer & Upland Game Habitat Project FY 26		$ 25,000.00
7669	NR and CR Guzzler Maintenance Crews - Utah Chukar and Wildlife Foundation		$ 2,540.00
		2025 Funds Expended	**$ 32,540.00**
		Remaining 2025 Revenue	**$ 8,182.49**

Remaining Balance $8,182.49

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

		2023 Revenue	$	624,420.00
		2023 Interest	$	4.97
6932	Eastern LaSals Phase IV	2025	$	10,000.00
6901	Yellowjacket Harris Flat	2025	$	4,776.76
7118	West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat - Phase 3 (Continued)	2025	$	80,790.00
6871	Burnt Beaver 2025	2025	$	125,000.00
7228	Phil Pico Acquisition	2025	$	150,000.00
7250	Desert Bighorn Nevada Transplant FY24	2025	$	40,850.50
7307	Woodside Disease Management Fencing	2025	$	114,000.00
7062	Nash Wash Horse Pasture Fence Upgrade	2025	$	30,000.00
7462	Utah TWS Conference	2025	$	5,000.00
7486	GBRC Boom Truck	2025	$	64,007.71
		All 2023 Funds Expended	**$**	**624,424.97**

		2024 Revenue	$	619,590.00
		2024 Interest	$	24.16
7486	GBRC Boom Truck	2025	$	85,992.29
7643	FY26 Bison Captures	2026	$	2,500.00
7548	Oak Creek Mule Deer Restoration Project Phase II	2026	$	4,849.50
7645	FY26 Wasatch Moose Study	2026	$	5,000.00
7550	Church Hills Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project Phase II	2026	$	5,000.00
7595	Cook WMA Enhancements Phase 1	2026	$	8,333.00
7058	Montes Creek WMA Irrigation Pivot Phase I	2026	$	10,000.00
7546	NER Butyl Guzzler Replacements	2026	$	10,000.00
6025	Trail Creek WMA Fencing	2026	$	10,000.00
7360	Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration FY26 (3 year project)	2026	$	10,000.00
7376	Soldier Creek Mule Deer Habitat and Watershed Restoration Pro	2026	$	15,000.00
7303	Yellowjacket Sandstone Butte	2026	$	17,780.00
7472	Rocky Ford Watershed Restoration and Resilience Phase 2	2026	$	20,000.00
7345	Lower Provo River Watershed Restoration Project FY26	2026	$	25,000.00
7297	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Phase 10-12	2026	$	25,000.00
7366	Fivemile Pasture Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Fuels Reduct	2026	$	25,000.00
7475	Book Cliffs Wildlife Habitat Improvements	2026	$	25,000.00
7644	FY26 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat captures	2026	$	25,000.00
7517	Lake Canyon Watershed Project Phase IV	2026	$	33,550.00
5584	Watts Mountain Habitat Improvement Phase 2	2026	$	40,000.00
7582	West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 4 and Phase 5	2026	$	75,000.00
7350	Burnt Beaver 2026	2026	$	80,959.54
		2023 Funds Expended	**$**	**558,964.33**
		Remaining 2024 Revenue	**$**	**60,649.83**
		2025 Revenue	$	713,700.00

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2025 Interest	$	106.11
Remaining 2025 Revenue	**$**	**713,806.11**

Remaining Balance $ 774,455.94

Utah Wildlife Conservation Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

		2023 Revenue		$34,980.00
7055	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY25	2025	$	2,305.00
7057	Rabbit Gulch WMA Fencing Phase III	2025	$	10,500.00
7059	Blue Mountain Guzzler	2025	$	5,000.00
7062	Nash Wash Horse Pasture Fence Upgrade	2025	$	2,500.00
7065	Currant Creek WMA Prescribed Burn	2025	$	5,000.00
7118	West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 3 (Continued)	2025	$	7,500.00
7124	FY25 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2025	$	2,175.00
		All 2023 Funds Expended		$34,980.00
		2024 Revenue		$49,440.00
7124	FY25 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2025	$	2,825.00
7125	FY25 Mountain Goat Captures	2025	$	5,000.00
7129	FY25 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2025	$	2,500.00
7132	FY25 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile	2025	$	2,500.00
7486	GBRC Boom Truck	2025	$	20,000.00
6025	Trail Creek WMA Fencing	2026	$	2,500.00
7058	Montes Creek WMA Irrigation Pivot Phase I	2026	$	5,000.00
7475	Book Cliffs Wildlife Habitat Improvements	2026	$	9,115.00
		All 2024 Funds Expended		$49,440.00
		2025 Revenue	$	94,080.00
7475	Book Cliffs Wildlife Habitat Improvements		$	885.00
7338	Improving Big Game Health: A Fence Retrofitting Program		$	2,000.00
7360	Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration FY26 (3 year project)		$	2,500.00
7369	Agency Draw Lop & Scatter 2025		$	5,000.00
7448	Mail Draw Guzzlers and Spring Improvement		$	15,000.00
7461	Marshall Draw and Crouse Bench		$	5,000.00
7517	Lake Canyon Watershed Project Phase IV		$	5,000.00
7582	West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 4 and Phase 6		$	5,000.00
7588	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY26		$	1,567.50
		2025 Funds Expended	**$**	**41,952.50**
		Remaining 2025 Revenue	**$**	**52,127.50**
		Remaining Balance	$	52,127.50

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September 2, 2025

To: Gary Nielson, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Paula Richmond, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2025 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Dallas Safari Club (DSC)

Background

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

Overview

The contact for DSC was Jared Habel. All information requested was promptly provided. DSC was allocated 6 of the 336 permits for 2025. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	$56,200.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	($5,620.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	($16,860.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	$33,720.00
Interest	
Subtotal	$33,720.00
• Less FY26 WRI project payments	($14,000.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	**$19,720.00**
Verified Bank Statement Balance	$50,680.00

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Adjustment(s)	($30,960.00)
• **Adjusted Bank Balance**	**$19,720.00**

Findings and Recommendations

After notifying DWR of a delay, DSC submitted its required audit documents and 30% payment on August 19, two business days past the deadline. DSC acknowledged the delay, and will ensure all required documentation is provided, and all required deposits are made on time in future years.
A separate issue involving the lack of a dedicated project fund bank account in the first year has been resolved. DSC has now established a separate account for all Conservation Permit funds.
All 2026 projects have been properly approved.
There were three adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1108 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	($16,860.00)
Check #1107 to DWR (FY26 Projects)	($14,000.00)
Initial Account deposit can be removed	($100.00)
Total Adjustment(s)	**($30,960.00)**

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

Sincerely,

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2025 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Mule Deer Foundation (MDF)

Background

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

Overview

The contact for MDF was Jeremy Snitker. All information requested was promptly provided. MDF was allocated 80 of the 336 permits for 2025. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 63 permits sold, which were later reconciled against MDF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	$2,234,650.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	($223,465.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	($670,395.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	$1,340,790.00
• Carry-over funds	$1,406,839.71
• Interest	$30,514.91
Subtotal	$2,778,144.62
• Less FY25/FY26 WRI project payments	($1,439,109.47)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	**$1,339,035.15**

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Verified Bank Statement Balance	$3,595,004.62
• Adjustment(s)	($2,255,969.47)
Adjusted Bank Balance	**$1,339,035.15**

Findings and Recommendations

All 2025 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were four adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Permit proceeds deposited outside of audit period (will verify in 2026 Audit)	$72,000.00
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	($223,465.00)
Check #1091 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	($670,395.00)
Check #1090 to DWR (FY26 Projects)	(1,434,109,47)
Total Adjustment(s)	**(2,255,969.47)**

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

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To: Gary Nielson, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2025 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF)

Background

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

Overview

The contact for NWTF was Tara Moon. All information requested was promptly provided. NWTF was allocated 32 of the 336 permits for 2025. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 2 permits sold, which were later reconciled against NWTF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	$418,905.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	($41,890.50)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	($125,671.50)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	$251,343.00
• Carry-over funds	$390,468.66
Subtotal	$641,811.66
• Less FY25/FY26 WRI project payments	($248,927.92)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	**$392,883.74**

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Verified Bank Statement Balance	$734,178.66
Adjustment(s)	($341,294.92)
Adjusted Bank Balance	**$392,883.74**

Findings and Recommendations

All 2025 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were four adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1049 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	($125,671.50)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	($41,890.50)
Check to DWR (FY26 Projects)	($205,382.92)
Permit proceeds deposited outside of audit period (will verify in 2026 Audit)	$31,650
Total Adjustment(s)	**($341,294.92)**

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

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To: Gary Nielson, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2025 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)

Background

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

Overview

The contact for RMEF was Katelynn Presser. All information requested was promptly provided. RMEF was allocated 26 of the 336 permits for 2025. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 12 permits sold, which were later reconciled against RMEF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	$677,551.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	($67,755.10)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	($203,265.30)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	$406,530.60
• Carry-over funds	$92,429.82
Subtotal	$498,960.42
• Less FY26 WRI project payments	($387,584.44)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	**$111,375.98**

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Verified Bank Statement Balance	$703,958.22
• Adjustments	($592,582.24)
Adjusted Bank Balance	**$111,375.98**

Findings and Recommendations

All 2025 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were four adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Additional funds sent to DWR (30% of permit proceeds) to be deposited in project account	$577.50
Available to be removed (part of 10% of permit proceeds)	($1,732.50)
Check #1274870 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	($203,842.80)
Check #1502620,1502619 to DWR (FY26 Projects)	($387,584.44)
Total Adjustment(s)	**($592,582.24)**

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

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To: Gary Nielson, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2025 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Safari Club International (SCI)

Background

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

Overview

The contact for SCI was David Pierce. All information requested was promptly provided. SCI was allocated 11 of the 336 permits for 2025. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 10 permits sold, which were later reconciled against SCI permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	$375,100.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	($37,510.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	($112,530.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	$225,060.00
• Carry-over funds	$303.86
• Part of 10% donated to projects	$37,207.80
Subtotal	$262,571.66
• Less Fy26 WRI project payments	($228,405.10)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	**$34,166.56**

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Verified Bank Statement Balance	$375,101.66
• Adjustment(s)	($340,935.10)
Adjusted Bank Balance	**$34,166.56**

Findings and Recommendations

All 2025 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were three adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #26 sent to DWR (FY26 WRI project payment)	($228,405.10)
Check #27 sent to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	($112,530.00)
Total Adjustment(s)	**($340,935.10)**

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

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To: Gary Nielson, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2025 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW)

Background

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

Overview

The contact for SFW was Angie Wonnacott. All information requested was promptly provided. SFW was allocated 134 of the 336 permits for 2025. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 85 permits sold, which were later reconciled against SFW permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	$3,251,850.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	($325,185.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	($975,555.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	$1,951,110.00
• Carry-over funds	$585,451.18
• Interest donated to projects	$4,821.14
Subtotal	$2,541,382.32
• Less FY25 WRI project payments	($294,242.00)
• Less FY26 WRI project payments	($1,915,258.19)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	**$331,882.13**

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Verified Bank Statement Balance	$3,520,379.32
Adjustment(s)	($3,188,497.19)
• **Adjusted Bank Balance**	**$331,882.13**

Findings and Recommendations

All 2025 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were four adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Permit proceeds deposited outside of audit period (will verify in 2026 Audit)	$27,501.00
Check #3 to DWR (30% of proceeds)	($975,555.00)
Check #2 to DWR (FY26 Project Payment)	($1,915,258.19)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	($325,185.00)
Total Adjustment(s)	**($3,188,497.19)**

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

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To: Gary Nielson, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2025 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Archery Association (UAA)

Background

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

Overview

The contact for UAA was Kris Marble. All information requested was promptly provided. UAA was allocated 10 of the 336 permits for 2025. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 10 permits, which were later reconciled against UAA permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	$312,900.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	($31,290.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	($93,870.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	$187,740.00
• Carry-over funds	$154,725.08
Subtotal	$342,465.08
• Less FY25 project payments	($134,751.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	**$207,714.08**

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Verified Bank Statement Balance	$332,864.08
• Adjustment(s)	($125,150.00)
Adjusted Bank Balance	**$207,714.08**

Findings and Recommendations

All 2025 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were two adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #0009 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	($93,870.00)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	($31,290.00)
Bank Fee to be covered by group	$10.00
Total Adjustment(s)	**($125,150.00)**

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

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September 2, 2025

To: Gary Nielson, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Paula Richmond, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2025 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Chuckar and Wildlife Foundation (UCW)

Background

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

Overview

The contact for UCW was Travis Proctor. All information requested was promptly provided. UCW was allocated 1 of the 336 permits for 2025. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	$67,000.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	($6,700.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	($20,100.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	$40,200.00
Interest	$522.49
Subtotal	$40,722.49
• Less FY25 WRI project payments	($32,540.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	**$8,182.49**

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Verified Bank Statement Balance	$8,182.49
Adjustment(s)	
• **Adjusted Bank Balance**	**$8,182.49**

Findings and Recommendations

All 2025 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account.

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

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2025 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Houndsmen Association (UHA)

Background

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

Overview

The contact for UHA was Jared Dearth. All information requested was promptly provided. UHA was allocated 9 of the 336 permits for 2025. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 9 permits sold, which were later reconciled against UHA permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	$56,000.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	($5,600.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	($16,800.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	$33,600.00
• Carry-over funds	$66,223.93
• Interest	$28.17
Subtotal	$99,852.10
• Less project payments	($66,203.40)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	**$33,648.70**

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Verified Bank Statement Balance	$33,648.70
• **Adjusted Bank Balance**	**$33,648.70**

Findings and Recommendations

All 2025 project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were no adjustments identified through the reconciliation process.

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

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2025 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Wild Sheep Foundation (UWSF)

Background

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

Overview

The contact for UWSF was Travis Jenson. All information requested was promptly provided. UWSF was allocated 13 of the 336 permits for 2025. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 7 permits, which were later reconciled against UWSF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	$1,189,500.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	($118,950.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	($356,850.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	$713,700.00
• Carry-over funds	$1,057,993.15
• Interest	$106.11
Subtotal	$1,771,799.26
• Less FY25/FY26 WRI project payments	($997,343.32)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	**$774,455.94**

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Verified Bank Statement Balance	$1,131,174.93
• Adjustment(s)	($356,718.99)
Adjusted Bank Balance	**$774,455.94**

Findings and Recommendations

All 2025 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were two adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1053 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	($356,850.00)
Interest to be donated to projects	$131.01
Total Adjustment(s)	**($774,455.94)**

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

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To: Gary Nielson, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2025 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Wildlife Conservation Foundation (WCF)

Background

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

Overview

The contact for WCF was Kevin Richens. All information requested was promptly provided. WCF was allocated 14 of the 336 permits for 2025. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 8 permits sold, which were later reconciled against WCF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	$156,800.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	($15,680.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	($47,040.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	$94,080.00
• Carry-over funds	$36,615.00
Subtotal	$130,695.00
• Less FY25 WRI project payments	($78,567.50)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	**$52,127.50**

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Verified Bank Statement Balance	$174,305.13
Adjustment(s)	($122,177.63)
• **Adjusted Bank Balance**	**$52,127.50**

Findings and Recommendations

All 2025 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were five adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1010 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	($47,040.00)
Check #1011 to DWR (FY26 Projects)	($58,567.50)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	($15,680.00)
Bank fees (to be covered by WCF)	$109.87
Initial account deposit (can be removed from account)	($1,000.00)
Total Adjustment(s)	**($122,177.63)**

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

Sincerely,

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Utah's Conservation Permit Program
Annual Report — Fiscal Year 2025

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

Origins of Utah's Conservation Permit Program

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

The excess bighorn in Canyonlands provided an opportunity to establish new populations and augment other struggling herds, but how could a large-scale, expensive translocation project fit within the tight constraints of the DWR's budget? At about the same time, a group of avid hunters founded the Utah Bighorn Sheep Society. They made a proposal to generate funding to reestablish bighorn sheep in the state. They asked for one permit that could be sold at auction, with the proceeds dedicated to bighorn sheep management. In 1980, the first permit sold for $20,000, and Utah's Conservation Permit Program was born. The program allowed generous hunters to help cover the costs of conserving, transplanting and managing this highly sought-after species.

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

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

How the program works

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

Conservation organizations that participated in the program in fiscal year 2025 included the Dallas Safari Club Utah Chapter (DSC), Mule Deer Foundation (MDF), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), Safari Club International (SCI), Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW), Utah Archery Association (UAA), Utah Chukar & Wildlife Foundation (UCWF), Utah Houndsmen Association (UHA), Utah Wild Sheep Foundation (UWSF) and Wildlife Conservation Foundation (WCF). Other conservation groups can also apply to participate by following the procedures listed in Utah Administrative Rule R657-41, which is the rule that regulates the Conservation Permit Program.

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

Seizing opportunities

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

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

Photo courtesy of Jim Shuler

Improving wildlife management in FY 2025

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

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

Turkey translocations

In January 2025, the DWR partnered with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and National Wild Turkey Federation to transport 25 Rio Grande turkeys from Texas to Utah. The translocation had three main purposes:

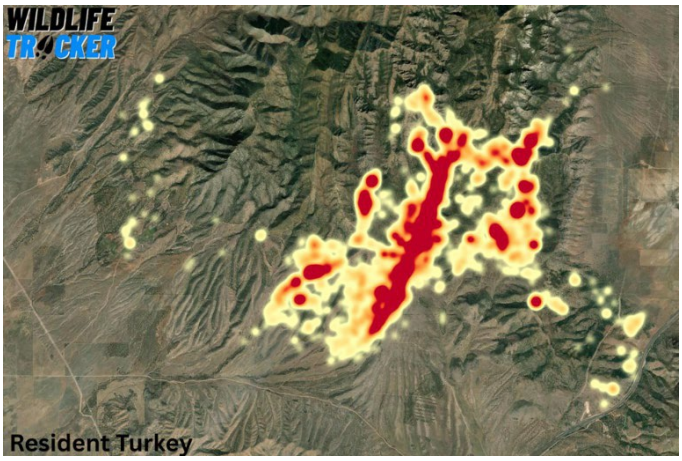
- To collect data on the survival rates of turkeys in different habitat types
- To measure the nesting success of translocated vs. resident birds
- To collect feathers for genetic sampling

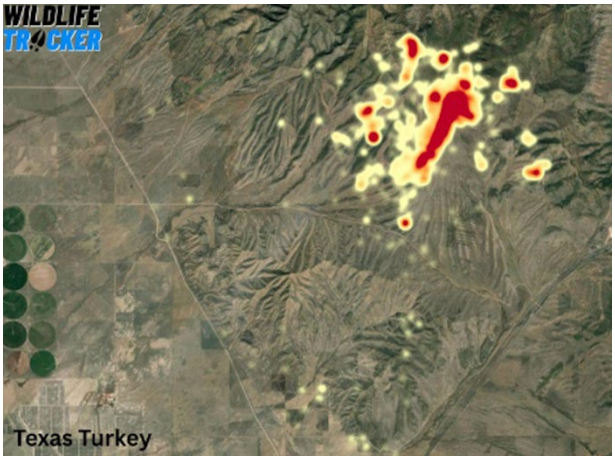
In total, 18 hens, five toms and two jakes were transported to Utah from Texas via Delta cargo. The birds were all fitted with bands prior to shipment, and upon arrival, 13 of them were fitted with GPS transmitters, 12 of which also had VHF capability.

The turkeys' southern Utah release site was chosen because it had similar climatic conditions to Texas and featured suitable habitat types that offered ample food and cover. The new birds would also augment an existing turkey population. During processing, biologists measured the turkeys' weights and took feather samples, assessed their body condition and administered electrolytes. The turkeys were then placed into a soft-release pen at the release site. (The pen's design and methodology came from Arizona Game and Fish, which has reported high post-translocation survival rates of soft-released turkeys.) The turkeys were released once the results from the veterinary diagnostics lab confirmed all birds to be disease free.

In February, 14 resident birds were caught and processed from the same location. These resident turkeys were also banded and fitted with GPS transmitters (12 of which also had VHF capability). To date, four Texas turkeys and 10 resident turkeys have transmitters that are still working. Of these, two Texas birds and six resident birds likely nested this year; four nesting residents were confirmed in the field. Low nesting rates are to be expected as translocations are stressful, and most turkeys do not nest during the first year after the event. The remaining birds either died or their backpacks stopped transmitting locations. The turkeys that are still on air and transmitting at the release site will continue to be monitored.

In addition to this project, 1,057 resident turkeys were trapped in Utah this year. Of those, 149 were taken to Nevada, and the rest were translocated within the state. NWTF funded two full-time seasonal positions — one in the Northern Region and one in the Central Region — and those employees were instrumental in the success of trapping and translocating turkeys this past winter and spring.





Figures 1 and 2: It appears that the Texas birds roamed more just after translocation, exploring the habitat to decide where to settle. Two nonresident birds and six resident birds are assumed to have nested, due to telemetry data.

Neonate projects

On many wildlife management units across Utah, fawn recruitment rates are below historical averages, and the reasons for the decreases are unknown. (Fawn recruitment is the process of fawns surviving long enough to become part of the adult deer population.) In FY23, the DWR worked with Brigham Young University, Utah State University and conservation partners to conduct mule deer neonate survival studies on four study sites across Utah: Mt Nebo, Range Creek, La Sal and San Juan. (A neonate is a fawn between the ages of 0–6 months.) These studies were designed to improve researchers' understanding of mule deer does' body conditions and pregnancy rates, neonate birth timing, neonate survival rates and causes of mortality. From March 2023 to March 2025, 180 pregnant does from the four units were captured and fitted with GPS collars. The does were also implanted with a vaginal implant transmitter (VIT) that sent a message to biologists in the spring right after a birth occurred. This allowed biologists to immediately locate the newborn fawns so they could be collared, assessed and monitored. The number of fawns captured by year and unit are shown in the table below.

Unit name	FY23	FY24	FY25
Nebo	36	73	57
Range Creek	58	59	44
La Sal	45	56	41
San Juan	54	60	32
Totals	**193**	**248**	**174**

This project will provide a better understanding of the timing and causes of neonate mortality and how these vary across the state and by year. This data will also allow managers and biologists to implement management actions to improve neonate survival and recruitment.

Pronghorn transplant

For more than 50 years, the pronghorn herd on Parker Mountain in southern Utah has served as a source population for pronghorn transplants throughout Utah and other Western states. Nearly 6,000 animals have been captured there and relocated since 1975. However, due to recent population struggles, no transplants occurred between 2014 and 2024.

Fortunately, the Parker Mountain pronghorn population has recovered in recent years. In 2025, it once again had enough animals for a capture-and-transplant project. In late January 2025, the DWR and its conservation partners captured 317 pronghorn from Parker Mountain for transplant to four management units across Utah. These units included the Cache, Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt, South San Rafael and Southwest Desert.

To capture the pronghorn, a helicopter was used to herd groups of around 50 animals at a time into a funnel trap. Once inside the trap, animals were mugged, processed, loaded into trailers and then taken to their respective units. As part of the transplant — for the first time ever— the DWR was able to initiate a study examining the success of the transplant. To do this, 279 pronghorn were fitted with GPS collars that provide biologists with data on their survival rates, cause-specific mortality, and movement rates and patterns. Preliminary results suggested that although the initial survival rates of the transplanted animals were lower than ideal, the pronghorn that survived the first three weeks after the release are now doing well, and many have integrated with resident pronghorn herds at the release sites.

Big game captures

Utah's biologists conduct regular aerial surveys to count bighorn sheep, bison, elk, moose, mountain goats and pronghorn. Conservation permits have also contributed to the ongoing monitoring of black bear and cougar survival, disease monitoring, turkey-trapping efforts and other components of wildlife management. In FY 2025, conservation permit sales helped fund the capture and/or collaring of nearly 2,000 big game animals as part of translocations, research, monitoring and disease-testing activities (see Table 1 below). This work would not have been possible without the money generated through Utah's Conservation Permit Program.

Table 1. Big game animals captured and/or collared using conservation permit funds in FY 2025

Species	No. animals	Unit	Purpose
Bighorn sheep	38	Nevada	Translocated to Promontory
	10	Henry Mtns	Survival, disease testing and migration
	40	Kaiparowits	Survival, disease testing and migration
	19	North Slope	Survival, disease testing and migration
	10	Pilot Mtns	Survival, disease testing and migration
	26	Pine Valley	Survival, disease testing and migration
	2	Willow Creek	Survival, disease testing and migration
Total	**145**		
Deer	15	Anthro	Survival and migration
	40	Book Cliffs	Survival and migration
	28	Boulder	Survival and migration
	51	Cache	Survival and migration
	11	East Canyon	Survival and migration
	133	La Sal	Survival, migration and neonate capture
	59	Manti	Survival and migration
	57	Monroe	Survival and migration
	119	Nebo	Survival, migration and neonate capture
	23	North Slope	Survival and migration
	60	Oquirrh-Stansbury	Survival and migration
	41	Pahvant	Survival and migration
	88	Pine Valley	Survival and migration
	159	Range Creek	Survival, migration and neonate capture
	83	San Juan	Survival, migration and neonate capture
	46	South Slope	Survival and migration

	25	Southwest Desert	Survival and migration
	52	Wasatch West	Survival and migration
	40	Zion	Survival and migration
Total	**1,130**		

Elk	23	Box Elder	Survival and migration
	41	Cache	Survival and migration
	16	East Canyon	Survival and migration
	63	Hardware Ranch	Survival, disease testing and migration
	52	Nebo	Survival, migration and neonate capture
Total	**195**		

Moose	12	Box Elder	Survival and migration
	15	Wasatch East	Survival and migration
	25	Wasatch West	Survival and migration
Total	**52**		

Mountain Goat	10	La Sal	Survival and migration
	32	Tushar Mtns	Survival and migration
	12	Uintas	Survival and migration
Total	**54**		

Pronghorn	5	Anthro	Survival and migration
	317	Parker Mtn	Transplant to augment other herds
	21	Parker Mtn	Survival and migration
	20	Southwest Desert	Survival and migration
Total	**363**		

Total animals	**1,939**

Program results in FY 2025

The Utah Wildlife Board approved 336 conservation permits for FY 2025 (see Table 2 below). This represents less than 2% of the total number of permits issued for all these hunts combined. The permits were auctioned by conservation organizations and raised more than $8.7 million. In contrast, if these permits had been sold at current resident permit prices, they would have raised just over $56,000. Since 2001, conservation permits have generated more than $96 million for conservation work in Utah. See the 2025 Conservation Permit Program Audit for more information.

Table 2. Conservation permits authorized for FY 2025

Permit type	Number
Antlerless elk	20
Bear	44
Bison	6
Buck deer	39
Bull elk	91
Bull moose	5
Desert bighorn sheep	8
Mountain goat	7
Pronghorn	69
Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep	6
Wild turkey	41
Total permits	**336**

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

In FY 2025, conservation permit funds covered the costs of numerous habitat, research and monitoring projects. The amount of revenue spent directly on approved projects or transferred to the DWR to help fund conservation-related projects can be found in the conservation permit audit.

Program oversight

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

Successful wildlife conservation

In FY 2025, Utah's Conservation Permit Program raised millions of dollars that were directed back into productive and meaningful wildlife conservation projects. These projects help the DWR better fulfill its mission of serving as trustees and guardians of the state's wildlife. The program has a track record of success and creates unique opportunities for hunters to work with the DWR in expanding wildlife populations and conserving wildlife habitat. As a result of this program, Utahns have more wildlife species to enjoy, and hunters have a greater diversity of hunting opportunities. Translocations and population growth have also ensured the availability of more hunting permits. The DWR believes that wildlife is valuable to everyone, and the Conservation Permit Program protects and improves wildlife and wildlife habitats for all to enjoy.

Internal Audit of the 2025 Expo Permit Program

Dated September 3, 2025

Background

The Western Hunting and Conservation Expo was held in Salt Lake City from February 12 – 15, 2025. In accordance with Administrative Rule R657-55, an annual audit of the Expo permit program has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (Division) Administrative Services Section to ensure compliance with applicable rules and contractual obligations.

This audit report covers the 2025 Expo performance specifically and uses historical data from the outset of the Expo permit program for some comparative items, as well as to ensure compliance with applicable rules and contractual terms.

Overview

As has been the case each year, the focus of this audit is to assist the Division and the Wildlife Board to ensure contract compliance. Our report focuses on verifying that data is protected and secure, and that the drawing procedure used is random for the permits being issued. Additionally, we reviewed data regarding the number of applicants, success rates, and programming code related to drawing procedures and issuance of permits. We reviewed revenue amounts retained by the contractor for use on Division-approved projects. We also reviewed the remainder of the revenue, which is to be used to benefit Utah conservation initiatives. In addition to verifying revenue totals, we look to verify that the funds designated for Division-approved projects, as well as the funds designated for other conservation initiatives, are kept separate from other funds in Federally insured bank accounts. Finally, we seek to verify that funds are appropriately spent on Division-approved projects, or are used to benefit Utah conservation initiatives, as required.

Review of handling personal and sensitive data

The Division considers the handling of personal data and information a top priority. Because the contractor conducting the draw is allowed limited access to DWR data for populating the hunt applications, we require adherence to protocols that will safeguard this data.

The contractor has only a single process component using sensitive and confidential data from the applicants electronically. For these purposes, sensitive and confidential data is defined as social security number, driver's license information, height, weight, gender, and hair/eye color.

Applications are 100% electronic with no paper forms used to apply.

Certain data elements are used during the application process for customer lookups into the Division database. This data transmission is through a secure socket layer using 128-bit encryption. Once the customer information is retrieved, no sensitive information is stored in the contractor database. The contractor cannot retrieve SSN or DL from the database at any time, only enter it as needed.

The Division monitored the processes of data collection and input, securing of personal and confidential data received, and performance of the actual draw process. The contractor completed a third-party system scan, and an updated Payment Card Industry (PCI) self-assessment questionnaire and attestation prior to the application period going live.

No compliance issues were identified by the Division in 2025 for securing personal data.

Review of the drawing process

Division of Wildlife/Division of Technology Services personnel completed an extensive review of the draw processes used by GraySky Technologies, the subcontractor selected by SFW to conduct the Expo permit drawing. The Division is represented by technical experts from the Utah Department of Government Operations, Division of Technology Services, who review the following:

1) The process of the draw is reviewed for its soundness.
2) The database structure is reviewed to make sure that a customer can't flood a certain hunt by making multiple entries for that hunt.
3) A review of the code is conducted to make sure that there is no chance that a seeded record could exist in the database prior to the assignment of random numbers. This is done to ensure that the result table is empty and no records can be inserted independently of the drawing code. This ensures that a record with an abnormally low random number isn't placed in the table thereby guaranteeing a permit to that record.
4) The code is reviewed to ensure that all records are treated equally in the process that assigns random numbers to the entries. Care is given to make sure that when the random numbers are being assigned, no records are identified to get a number other than a random number which is generated by the system.
5) The code is then reviewed for inserts that may occur after the drawing to make sure that a secured opportunity record is not placed in the result table after the assignment of random numbers takes place.

This was an exhaustive and thorough review; no compliance issues were identified in 2025.

Conducting the Draw

The actual drawing was conducted at the Division Office in Salt Lake City on February 18, 2025. We had essential staff from the Division, technical representatives from the Department of Government Operations, DLE, GraySky Technologies, MDF and SFW, and the public present in person. The draw was then conducted by GraySky Technologies where the following occurred:

1) An impromptu passphrase was given to the GraySky representative and was witnessed as typed into the code prior to beginning the draw process. Later this same passphrase was verified by all in attendance to display on the result page to ensure the code reviewed by the Division was the actual code used during the draw.
2) The draw was then run assigning random numbers to applicants hunt choice entries and then sorted in descending order.
3) The results of the draw were printed and immediately given to a Division representative to ensure that there were no edits to the results table.
4) This list was then given to the Division Law Enforcement and Licensing sections to validate eligibility before any results were posted.
5) Applicants selected through the draw to receive multiple permits were contacted by the Division and asked to select a single permit. The unclaimed permits were issued to alternates.

The passphrase was witnessed being added to the code, and the same passphrase was verified at the conclusion of the draw. Results were instantly printed and the process to validate began immediately.

One applicant drew multiple permits in 2025; they had to choose which permit to keep and the other permit was reallocated to an alternate. No other eligibility issues were identified.

No compliance issues were identified by the Division in 2025.

Note about Random Drawings

In any truly random drawing there always seems to be a few "lucky" individuals. Random is not an assurance that an event will be spread evenly across a population, or distributed equally among participants. Statistically, when randomness is discussed it is always possible to view the final result and pick out certain trends. The key to these trends is that results cannot be predicted prior to the event or drawing. This is the very essence of randomness.

There were no abnormalities observed in the 2025 drawing.

Draw Related Information

The Division reviewed data from the Expo regarding attendance, application numbers, and success rates. The required attendance of 10,000 people was met in 2025, with nearly 68,000 attendees being reported. There were 19,993 unique applicants in 2025, which was down slightly from 2024.

There were no compliance issues with attendance in 2025.

Applicant data for years 2007-2025 is as follows:

Year	Applicants	Applications	Resident	Nonresident	Gross Revenue@ $5 per app
2007	10,527	205,462	163,054	42,408	$1,027,310
2008	8,745	138,988	116,465	22,523	$694,940
2009	9,927	169,988	139,748	29,375	$845,970
2010	9,700	165,866	139,920	25,946	$847,285
2011	12,154	196,360	170,539	25,821	$981,800
2012	13,388	207,870	179,077	28,793	$1,039,350
2013	14,043	197,312	173,192	24,120	$986,560
2014	14,148	206,506	178,250	28,256	$1,032,530
2015	14,910	228,530	192,420	36,110	$1,142,650
2016	15,507	233,210	195,973	37,237	$1,166,050
2017	16,127	247,148	204,016	43,132	$1,235,740
2018	17,399	280,472	230,155	50,317	$1,402,360
2019	17,320	292,785	232,143	60,642	$1,463,925
2020	17,945	306,612	236,661	69,951	$1,533,060
2021	21,680	424,206	263,019	161,187	$2,121,030
2022	17,255	374,935	291,050	83,885	$1,874,675
2023	19,565	435,914	338,061	97,853	$2,179,570
2024	20,040	463,343	359,863	103,480	$2,316,715
2025	19,993	489,597	380,615	108,982	$2,447,985

Resident versus Nonresident Success

Data were reviewed comparing the number of resident applications to nonresident applications. Success rates are as follows: 78% of the applications were submitted by Utah residents who drew 154 permits, or 77% of the total. 22% of applications were submitted by nonresidents who drew 46 permits, or 23% of the total.

There were no anomalies identified in 2025.

Draw Probability Statistics

The Expo offers a limited number of permits annually and attracts exponentially more applicants who compete for them through a secure and random draw process. It should be noted that this dynamic implies a statistically low probability of obtaining a permit. While the draw odds are not a controllable variable or concern of the Division, we appreciate and acknowledge the expediency with which this information is made available to the public.

License Sales

The Division requires that anyone applying for a permit at the Expo have a valid hunting or combination license at the time of application. To ensure compliance, the computer programming will not allow applicants to apply without a valid license in the system. Anyone who needs a license purchases them online.

There were no compliance issues with license sales in 2025.

Application Revenue

For 2025, the Expo accepted applications from the latter half of December through the end of the Expo, which was held from February 12 - 15, 2025. The draw processed 489,597 applications, generating $2,447,985 in gross application revenue.

Use of Application Revenue for Division-Approved Wildlife Projects ("$1.50 Account")

The retained portion of application revenue allowable for use on Division-approved projects is $1.50 per application, or $734,395.50 in 2025. This revenue was split 50/50 between SFW and MDF, with each organization receiving $367,197.75. This initial deposit was verified in a federally insured bank account for both MDF and SFW. These funds will need to be spent on Division-approved projects or transferred to the Division by August 1, 2027.

The Division tracks all funds spent on Division-approved projects or transferred to the Division to be able to report actual numbers each year. To meet the contractual obligation in 2025, all project revenue collected in 2023 must be spent or transferred to the division before August 1,

2025. The 2023 funds have been spent entirely as shown in the table below, with more project detail in attachment 1.

There were no issues with application revenue in 2025.

Table 1 - Revenue and Expenditures Division-Approved Projects

Org	Carry Over Project Revenue	New Project Revenue 2025	Total Project Revenue Available	Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	Remaining Funds Verified Bank Balance
MDF	$101,176.12	$367,197.75	$468,373.87	$0.00	$468,373.87
SFW	$304,296.96	$367,197.75	$671,494.71	$125,000.00	$546,494.71
Total	$405,473.08	$734,395.50	$1,139,868.58	$125,000.00	$1,014,868.58

MDF

Carry Over Revenue for Division-Approved Projects	$101,176.12
New Project Revenue for Division-Approved Projects 2025	$367,197.75
Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	($0.00)
Remaining Funds Adjusted Bank Statement Balance	$468,373.87

SFW

Carry Over Revenue for Division-Approved Projects	$304,296.96
New Project Revenue for Division-Approved Projects 2025	$367,197.75
Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	($125,000.00)
Remaining Funds Adjusted Bank Statement Balance	$546,494.71

Use of Application Revenue for Contractor-Approved Conservation Initiatives ("$3.50 Account")

The retained portion of application revenue allowable for support of contractor-approved policies, programs, projects, and personnel that support conservation initiatives in Utah is $3.50 per application, or $1,713,589.50 in 2025. Of these funds, $414,891.26 were spent by SFW on expenses related to advertising expo permits, accepting expo permit applications, credit card fees, and conducting the actual expo permit draw, all in concert with the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo. The remaining $1,298,698.24 of these funds were split 50/50 between MDF and SFW, with each organization receiving $649,349.12. Bank records and project expenditures were reviewed. SFW has now expended all 2022 and 2023 revenue, and now has $817.144.40 of remaining 2024 and 2025 revenue available for Utah conservation initiatives. MDF has expended all 2022 and 2023 revenue, and now has $1,014848.48 of remaining 2024 and 2025 revenue available for Utah conservation initiatives. A list of these conservation initiatives for both groups can be found in Attachment 2. The deposit and required balance were verified in a federally-insured bank account held separate from other funds for both SFW and MDF. See attachment 2 for additional expenditure detail.

Table 2 - Revenue and Expenditures Contractor-Approved Projects

Org	Carry Over Project Revenue	New Project Revenue 2025	Total Project Revenue Available	Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	Remaining Funds Verified Bank Balance
MDF	$734,801.76	$649,349.12	$1,384,150.88	$369,302.40	$1,014,848.48
SFW	$544,933.09	$649,349.12	$1,194,282.21	$377,137.81	$817,144.40
Total	*$1,279,734.85*	*$1,298,698.24*	*$2,578,433.09*	*$746,440.21*	*$1,831,992.88*

MDF

Carry Over Revenue for Contractor-Approved Initiatives	$734,801.76
New Revenue for Contractor-Approved Initiatives 2025	$649,349.12
Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	($369,302.40)
Remaining Funds Verified Bank Statement Balance	$1,014,848.48

SFW

Carry Over Revenue for Contractor-Approved Initiatives	$544,933.09
New Revenue for Contractor-Approved Initiatives 2025	$649,349.12
Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	($587,906.43)
Remaining Funds Verified Bank Statement Balance	$817,144.40

Conclusions

The measures in place to ensure that customer data are secure and that any unauthorized external access is prevented served to safeguard information once again in 2025. Third party penetration scans were completed which enhance system security. Updated PCI self-assessments were completed and signed prior to the application system going live. With data being under constant threat, creating processes and systems that are up to the challenge of securing information remains critical. We believe that the measures set in place by SFW, MDF, and GraySky ensured data were properly secured. Our review of the programming code satisfied the Division that the drawing was conducted in a random, transparent, and consistent manner.

We saw applications and attendance increase in 2025.

Additional oversite and program requirements in recent years have increased the Expo's positive impact on the ground statewide. Project revenues for both Division-approved projects and contractor approved projects were verified by bank statements, and expenses were supported with the appropriate documentation. These process enhancements make reporting the balances and expenditures transparent.

Revenue from expo permit applications continue to fund numerous efforts that benefit wildlife habitat, wildlife species, and hunters in Utah. This funding is an important component of the conservation work that has improved our state's wildlife populations and made Utah an outstanding place to hunt. We look forward to more beneficial work into the future.

We would like to thank Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife and the Mule Deer Foundation for their time, prompt responses, and their willingness to provide the information requested for the preparation of the audit. Their information was clearly presented and very much appreciated. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-550-8349.

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Attachments:
1. How Revenue has been spent Division-Approved Projects
2. How Revenue has been spent Contractor-Approved Projects
3. Draw Process Roll Sheet
4. Current Expo Rule R657-55

Attachment 1

How revenue from each year has been spent

Division Approved Projects Mule Deer Foundation

		2023 Revenue	$	326,935.50
5918	Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	$	6,240.84
5920	Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Phase 4	2023	$	40,000.00
6043	Upper Price River Watershed	2023	$	10,000.00
6626	Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool (RADD Tool)	2024	$	25,000.00
6095	North Grouse Creek Habitat Restoration	2024	$	20,000.00
6520	Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 4	2024	$	14,380.00
6694	Anthro/Avintaquin Lop and Scatter	2024	$	15,000.00
6530	Eagle Mountain Wildlife Migration Corridor Preservation FY24	2024	$	98,000.00
6537	Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration	2024	$	25,000.00
6709	North Hills BLM #1 Big Game Guzzler	2024	$	21,900.00
6528	Logan Canyon Juniper- Botany Surveys	2024	$	4,500.00
6498	Salina Creek Phase 5	2024	$	46,914.66
			$	326,935.50

All 2023 Funds Expended

		2024 Revenue	$	347,507.25
6498	Salina Creek Phase 5	2024	$	3,085.34
6508	Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	$	40,000.00
6871	Burnt Beaver 2025	2025	$	150,000.00
7065	Currant Creek WMA Prescribed Burn	2025	$	53,245.79
			$	246,331.13
		Remaining Balance 2024	$	101,176.12
		2025 Revenue	$	367,197.75
		Remaining Balance 2025	$	367,197.75
		Remaining Balance	$	468,373.87

Division Approved Projects Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

		2023 Revenue	$	326,935.50
6818	Promontory Nursery Facility Land Acquisition	2024	$	326,935.50

All 2023 Funds Expended

		2024 Revenue	$	347,507.25
6818	Promontory Nursery Facility Land Acquisition	2024	$	43,210.29
7289	FY25 Bighorn Sheep Specialist	2025	$	75,000.00
5887	Herbert Institute Wildlife Research Project	2025	$	50,000.00
			$	168,210.29
		Remaining Balance 2024	$	179,296.96
		2025 Revenue	$	367,197.75
		Remaining Balance 2024	$	367,197.75
		Remaining Balance	$	546,494.71

Attachment 2

How revenue from each year has been spent

Contractor Approved Projects Mule Deer Foundation

		2023 Revenue	$ 551,623.98	
6842	Twelve Mile Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project - FY 25	2025	$	69,722.10
6888	Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase II	2025	$	45,000.00
6870	Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration Project FY25	2025	$	50,000.00
6859	Logan River Watershed Restoration	2025	$	50,000.00
6868	Little Bear-Logan Watershed Restoration	2025	$	50,000.00
6934	Ephraim Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project FY25	2025	$	50,000.00
6991	Eagle Mountain Wildlife Migration Corridor Preservation FY25	2025	$	104,500.00
	DWR Guzzler project	2025	$	13,500.00
	Rose of Snowville deer migration fencing	2025	$	55,802.40
7228	Phil Pico Land Acquisition	2025	$	63,099.48
			$	551,623.98

All 2023 Funds Expended

		2024 Revenue	$ 602,399.88	
7228	Phil Pico Land Acquisition	2025	$	236,900.52
			$	236,900.52
		Remaining Balance 2024	$ 365,499.36	
		2025 Revenue	$ 649,349.12	
		Remaining Balance 2025	$ 649,349.12	
		Total Remaining Balance	$ 1,014,848.48	

Contractor Approved Projects Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

		2023 Revenue	$ 551,623.98	
	KSL Outdoors Conservation Education	2023	$	21,755.63
	Predator Management	2023	$	110,334.00
	Heavy Equipment Rental and Maintenance	2023	$	37,587.05
	SFW Youth Chukars Release	2023	$	19,500.00
	Ideal Farms Aquaponics pump	2023	$	3,200.00
	Grazing - SITLA/DOI	2023	$	1,182.60
	Blue Mountain Pond Cleaning	2023	$	1,920.00
	Walk in Access Payment	2023	$	1,000.00
6717	FY24 Northern Utah WMA Carp Control	2024	$	3,500.00
6629	Ogden Bay WMA Upland/Wetland Enhancement FY24	2024	$	19,250.00
6724	Habitat Forever Specialist Position	2024	$	7,427.13
6763	Purchase Pheasants for Youth Hunt FY24	2024	$	10,000.00
6718	Waterbird Bioenergetics Models for Great Salt Lake	2024	$	25,000.00
6666	Northern Region Upland Enhancement Project FY2024	2024	$	3,541.60
6803	Pen-Reared Bird Enhancement	2024	$	7,744.50
	SFW Upland Game Program	2024	$	23,800.00
	KSL Outdoors Conservation Education	2024	$	4,350.00
	Pheasants Forever Habitat Specialist	2024	$	7,427.13
	Wheelchair in the Wild Pheasant Hunt	2024	$	1,950.00
	Milford Young Guns Youth Trap Sponsorship	2024	$	1,500.00
	Predator Management	2024	$	6,450.00
	Wild Goose Scholastic Shooting Team sponsorship	2024	$	10,000.00
	Desert Big Horn Nursery Fencing Purchase	2024	$	223,204.34
			$	551,623.98

All 2023 Funds Expended

	2024 Revenue $ 602,339.88		
Desert Big Horn Nursery Fencing Purchase	2024	$	77,124.12
Predator Management	2025	$	43,100.00
Grazing - SITLA/DOI	2025	$	4,846.50
SFW Upland Game Program	2025	$	75,395.54
Promontory Sheep Nursery Equipment and Habitat Improvement	2025	$	229,906.49
St George youth fishing day hats	2025	$	4,171.95
			434,544.60
	Remaining Balance 2024 $ 167,795.28		
	2025 Revenue $ 649,349.12		
	Remaining Balance 2024 $ 649,349.12		
	Remaining Balance $ 817,144.40		

Attachment 3

On Tuesday, February 18, 2025 the electronic random drawing for the 200 Expo permits will take place at the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources located at 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. These permits were awarded to the Western Hunting & Conservation Expo by the Utah Wildlife Board.

The following are witnesses of the drawing and were present during the entire process. Once the successful applicants have been drawn, all names will be given to the Division of Wildlife Resources Law Enforcement. The names will be checked for any compact violations and will be deemed eligible by the Division of Wildlife and the successful applicants will be notified by mail.

Start Time: 11:11 am

End Time: 11:20 am

PASSCODE: Family and friend forever!

PRINT NAME	**ATTENDANCE**	
Lindy Varney	In-person	DWR
Greg Evans	In-person	DWR
Brian Swaner	In-person	DWR
Sam Hall	In-person	DWR

PRINT NAME	ATTENDANCE	
Rob Gray	In-person	Grayskytech
Troy Justensen	In-person	SFW
Ray Crow	In-person	Expo
Chris Carling	In-person	Expo
Kenny Johnson	In-person	DWR
Eric Edgley	In-person	DWR
Riley Peck	In-person	DWR
Mike Canning	In-person	DWR
Ashley Green	In-person	DWR
Cory Anderson	In-person	Public
Sean Spencer	In-person	DLE
Chad Bettridge	In-person	DLE
Jana Waller Bair	In-person	SFW
John Bair	In-person	SFWfc

Attachment 4

Administrative rule R657-55a

Wildlife Expo Permits

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KEY: wildlife, wildlife permits
Date of Last Change: July 8, 2025
Notice of Continuation: New Rule
Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: 23A-2-304; 23A-2-305

R657-55a-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under the authority of Sections 23A-2-304 and 23A-2-305, this rule provides the standards and requirements for issuing wildlife expo permits after January 1, 2027.
(2) Wildlife expo permits are authorized by the Wildlife Board and issued by the division to a qualified conservation organization for purposes of generating revenue to fund wildlife conservation activities in Utah and attracting and supporting a regional or national wildlife exposition in Utah.
(3) The selected conservation organization will conduct a random drawing at an exposition held in Utah to distribute the opportunity to receive wildlife expo permits.
(4) This rule is intended as authorization to issue one series of wildlife expo permits per year to a qualified conservation organization.

R657-55a-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23A-1-101.
(2) In addition:
(a) "Conservation organization" means a 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) tax exempt, nonprofit chartered institution, corporation, foundation, or association founded for promoting wildlife conservation.
(b) "Wildlife exposition" means a multi-day event held within Utah that is sponsored by one or more wildlife conservation organizations, acting through a single conservation organization, as their national or regional convention or event that is open to the general public and designed to draw nationwide attendance of more than 10,000 individuals. The wildlife exposition may include wildlife conservation fund raising activities, outdoor exhibits, retail marketing of outdoor products and services, public awareness programs, and other similar activities.
(c) "Wildlife exposition audit" means an annual review by the division of the conservation organization's processes used to handle applications for expo permits and conduct the drawing, the protocols associated with collecting and using client data, the revenue generated from expo permit application handling fees, and the expenditure of designated expo permit application handling fee revenue on division-approved projects.
(d) "Wildlife expo permit" means a permit which:
(i) is authorized by the Wildlife Board to be issued to successful applicants through a drawing or random selection process conducted at a Utah wildlife exposition; and
(ii) allows the permittee to hunt the designated species on the designated unit during the respective season for each species as authorized by the Wildlife Board.
(e) "Wildlife expo permit series" means a single package of permits to be determined by the Wildlife Board for:

(i) deer;
(ii) elk;
(iii) pronghorn;
(iv) moose;
(v) bison;
(vi) mountain goat;
(vii) desert bighorn sheep;
(viii) rocky mountain bighorn sheep;
(ix) wild turkey;
(x) cougar;
(xi) black bear; or
(xii) swan.

(f) "Secured opportunity" means the opportunity to receive a specified wildlife expo permit that is secured by an eligible applicant through the exposition drawing process.

(g) "Successful applicant" means an individual selected to receive a wildlife expo permit through the drawing process.

R657-55a-3. Wildlife Expo Permit Allocation.

(1) The Wildlife Board may allocate wildlife expo permits after May 1 of the year preceding the wildlife exposition.

(2) Wildlife expo permits shall be issued as a single series to one conservation organization.

(3) The number of wildlife expo permits authorized by the Wildlife Board shall be based on:

(a) the species population trend, size, distribution and long-term health; and

(b) the hunting and viewing opportunity for the general public, both short and long term.

(4) Wildlife expo permits may not exceed 200 total permits.

(5) Wildlife expo permits shall be approved by the Wildlife Board in a separate process from approving the number of public drawing permits.

R657-55a-4. Obtaining Authority to Distribute Wildlife Expo Permit Series.

(1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (b), the wildlife expo permit series is issued for a period of five years.

(b) The original five-year term may be renewed for an additional period not to exceed five years, provided:

(i) the conservation organization, Division of Purchasing and General Services procurement officer, Wildlife Board, and division mutually agree in writing to the renewal term; and

(ii) the procurement officer determines in writing pursuant to Subsection 63G-6a-1204(7) that the renewal term is in the division's best interest and places the writing in the conservation organization's procurement file.

(2)(a) The wildlife expo permit series is available to eligible conservation organizations for distribution through a drawing or other random selection process held at a wildlife exposition in Utah open to the public.

(b) The division may unilaterally discontinue or suspend issuing the wildlife expo permit series at:

(i) the conclusion of the original five-year contract term or renewal term described in Subsection (1) and before issuance of a contract under this rule; or

(ii) any time during the term of a contract when in the interest of wildlife conservation, management, or compliance with law.

(3) Before expiration of a current wildlife exposition term or renewal term, the division may issue through the Division of Purchasing and General Services a request for proposal consistent with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, the Utah Procurement Code, to solicit bids from conservation organizations desiring to distribute the wildlife expo permit series at a wildlife exposition.

(4) The request for proposal will solicit information relevant to successfully conducting a wildlife exposition, competently distributing the expo permit series, protecting confidential personal information acquired in distributing permits, and generating revenue for wildlife conservation in Utah, including:

(a) the name, address and telephone number of the conservation organization;

(b) a description of the conservation organization's mission statement;

(c) documentation establishing the conservation organization meets the definitional criteria in Subsection R657-55a-2(2)(a) and is eligible to submit a proposal;

(d) the name of the president or other individual responsible for the administrative operations of the conservation organization;

(e) a detailed business plan describing how the:

(i) proposed wildlife exposition will take place;

(ii) proposed wildlife exposition will satisfy the definitional criteria in Subsection R657-55a-2(2)(c);

(iii) wildlife expo permit drawing procedures will be carried out; and

(iv) confidential personal information acquired in the drawing process will be safeguarded;

(f) the conservation organization and any partnering entities' ability, including past performance in marketing conservation permits under Rule R657-41, to effectively plan and complete the wildlife exposition;

(g) the conservation organization's commitment to use expo permit handling fee revenue to benefit protected wildlife in Utah; and

(h) historical contributions of the conservation organization and any partnering entities to the conservation of wildlife in Utah.

(i) The Wildlife Board may grant a variance to Subsection (4)(e)(i) and allow an electronic option, if:

(i) exigent, unforeseen circumstances prevent the conservation organization from completing its proposal for how the wildlife exposition will take place; and

(ii) the conservation organization and division both recommend the variance.

(5) Proposals submitted in response to a request for proposal under Subsection (4) will be processed, evaluated, and acted upon consistent with the procurement requirements set forth in Title 63G, Chapter 6a, the Utah Procurement Code.

(6) The conservation organization receiving the wildlife expo permit series must:

(a) require each wildlife expo permit applicant to possess a current Utah hunting or combination license before applying for a wildlife expo permit;

(b) select successful applicants for wildlife expo permits by drawing or other random selection process in accordance with law, this rule, and orders of the Wildlife Board;

(c) allow applicants to apply for wildlife expo permits without purchasing admission to the wildlife exposition;

(d) notify the division of the successful applicant of each wildlife expo permit within 10 days of the applicant's selection;

(e) maintain records demonstrating that the drawing was conducted fairly; and

(f) submit to an annual wildlife exposition audit by a division appointed auditor.

(7) The division shall issue the appropriate wildlife expo permit to the designated successful applicant after:

(a) completion of the random selection process;

(b) verification of the recipient being eligible for the permit; and

(c) payment of the appropriate permit fee is received by the division.

(8) The division and the conservation organization receiving the wildlife expo permit series will enter into a contract with terms that include the relevant provisions in this rule, the request for proposal, and the conservation organization's proposal.

(9) If the conservation organization awarded the wildlife expo permit series withdraws before the end of the 5-year period or any extension period under Subsection R657-55a-4(1)(b), any remaining co-participant with the conservation organization may assume the contract

and distribute the expo permit series consistent with the contract and this rule for the remaining years in the applicable period, provided:

(a) The original contracted conservation organization submits a certified letter to the head of the procurement unit, as defined in Section 63G-6a-103, and the division identifying that it will no longer be participating in the exposition;

(b) The co-participant conservation organization submits a request with the head of the procurement unit and the division for authorization to assume the remaining term of the contract; and

(c) the head of the procurement unit, in consultation with the division and Wildlife Board, approves the application.

(10) The division may suspend or terminate the conservation organization's authority to distribute wildlife expo permits at any time during the original five-year award term or any renewal period for:

(a) violating any of the requirements set forth in this rule or the contract; or

(b) failing to bring or organize a wildlife exposition in Utah, as described in the business plan under Subsection R657-55a-4(4)(e), in any given year.

R657-55a-5. Wildlife Expo Permit Application Procedures.

(1) Any person legally eligible to hunt in Utah may apply for a wildlife expo permit.

(2) The handling fee assessed by the conservation organization to process applications shall be no less than $5 and no more than $10 per application submitted.

(3)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), an applicant must validate their application in person at the wildlife exposition to be eligible to participate in the wildlife expo permit drawing.

(i) No person may submit an application on behalf of another.

(ii) A person may validate their wildlife expo permit application at the exposition without having to enter the exposition and pay the admission charge.

(b) An applicant that is a member of the United States Armed Forces and unable to attend the wildlife exposition as a result of being deployed or mobilized in the interest of national defense or a national emergency is not required to validate their application in person; provided exposition administrators are furnished a copy of the written deployment or mobilization orders and the orders identify:

(i) the branch of the United States Armed forces from which the applicant is deployed or mobilized;

(ii) the location where the applicant is deployed or mobilized;

(iii) the date the applicant shall report to duty; and

(iv) the nature and length of the applicant's deployment or mobilization.

(c) The conservation organization shall maintain a record, including copies of military orders, of each applicant not required to validate their applications in person pursuant to Subsection (3)(b), and submit to a division audit of these records as part of its annual audit under Subsection R657-55a-4(6)(f) when requested by the division.

(4) An applicant may apply for each individual hunt for which they are eligible.

(5) An applicant may apply only once for each hunt, regardless of the number of permits for that hunt.

(6) An applicant must submit an application for each desired hunt.

(7) An applicant must possess a current Utah hunting or combination license to apply for a wildlife expo permit.

(8) The conservation organization shall advertise, accept, and process applications for wildlife expo permits and conduct the drawing in compliance with this rule and other applicable laws.

R657-55a-6. Drawing Procedures.

(1) A random drawing or selection process must be conducted for each wildlife expo permit.

(2) Preference and bonus points are neither awarded nor applied in the drawings.

(3) Waiting periods do not apply, except any person who obtains a wildlife expo permit for a once-in-a-lifetime species is subject to the once-in-a-lifetime restrictions applicable to obtaining a subsequent permit for the same species through a division application and drawing process, as provided in Rule R657-62 and the guide books of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.
(4) No predetermined quotas or restrictions shall be imposed in the application or selection process for wildlife expo permits between resident and nonresident applicants.
(5) Drawings will be conducted within five days of the close of the exposition.
(6) Applicants do not have to be present at the drawing to be awarded a wildlife expo permit.
(7) The conservation organization shall identify all eligible alternates for each wildlife expo permit and provide the division with a finalized list. This list will be maintained by the conservation organization until all permits are issued.
(8) The division shall contact successful applicants, and the conservation organization shall post the name of all successful applicants on a designated website.

R657-55a-7. Issuance of Permits.

(1) The division shall provide a wildlife expo permit to the successful applicant, as designated by the conservation organization.
(2) The division must provide a wildlife expo permit to each successful applicant, except as otherwise provided in this rule.
(3) The division shall provide each successful applicant a letter indicating the permit secured in the drawing, the appropriate fee owed the division, and the date the fee is due.
(4)(a) Successful applicants must submit the permit fee payment in full to the division before receiving the permit.
(b) Subject to the limitation in Subsection (8), the division will issue the designated wildlife expo permit to the successful applicant.
(5) Residents will pay resident permit fees and nonresidents will pay nonresident permit fees.
(6) Applicants are eligible to obtain only one expo permit each year, regardless of species.
(7) If an applicant is selected for more than one expo permit, the division will contact the applicant to determine which permit the applicant selects.
(a) The applicant must select the permit of choice within 2 days of receiving notification.
(b) If the division cannot contact the applicant within 2 days, the division will issue to the applicant the permit with the most difficult drawing odds based on drawing results from the preceding year.
(c) Permits not issued to the applicant will go to the next person on the alternate drawing list for that permit, provided the person is legally eligible to receive the permit and does not have a secured opportunity for any other expo permit.
(8) Any successful applicant who fails to satisfy the following requirements will be ineligible to receive the wildlife expo permit and the next drawing alternate for that permit will be selected if:
(a) The applicant fails to remit the appropriate permit fee in full to the division by the date provided in Subsection (3);
(b) The applicant does not possess a valid Utah hunting or combination license when the expo permit application was submitted; or
(c) The applicant is legally ineligible to possess the permit.

R657-55a-8. Surrender or Transfer of Wildlife Expo Permits.

(1)(a) A person selected to receive a wildlife expo permit that is also successful in obtaining a Utah once-in-a-lifetime or limited entry permit for the same species in the same year or successful in obtaining a general permit for a male animal of the same species in the same year, may not possess both permits and must select the permit of choice.
(b) In the event a secured opportunity is surrendered before the permit is issued, the next eligible applicant on the alternate drawing list for that permit will be selected to receive the permit, provided the person is legally eligible to receive the permit and does not:

(i) have a secured opportunity for any other expo permit; or
(ii) possess any other expo permit valid in the same year.
(c) In the event the wildlife expo permit is surrendered, the next eligible applicant on the alternate drawing list for that permit will be selected to receive it, provided the person satisfies the eligibility requirements in Subsection (b).
(d) The permit fee on a surrendered expo permit may be refunded, as provided in Sections 23A-4-207, 23A-4-301 and R657-42-5.
(2) A person selected by a conservation organization to receive a wildlife expo permit, may not sell or transfer the permit, or any rights thereunder to another person in accordance with Section 23A-4-201.
(3) If a person is successful in obtaining a wildlife expo permit but is legally ineligible to hunt in Utah, the next eligible applicant on the alternate drawing list for that permit will be selected to receive it, provided the person satisfies the eligibility requirements in Subsection (1)(b).

R657-55a-9. Using a Wildlife Expo Permit.

(1) A wildlife expo permit allows the recipient to:
(a) take only the species and sex printed on the permit;
(b) take the species only in the area and during the season specified on the permit; and
(c) take the species only with the weapon type specified on the permit.
(2) The recipient of a wildlife expo permit is subject to Title 23A, the Wildlife Resources Act, and the rules and guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking and pursuing wildlife.

R657-55a-10. Wildlife Expo Permit — Application Handling Fee Revenue.

(1)(a) All wildlife expo permit application handling fee revenue generated by the conservation organization under Subsection R657-55a-5(2) and Subsections (3) and (4) shall be deposited in separate federally insured accounts to prevent commingling with any other funds.
(b) Interest earned on the portion of application handling fee revenue committed to fund wildlife conservation projects under Subsection (3) shall be used by the conservation organization to fund approved wildlife conservation projects.
(c) Interest earned on the portion of application handling fee revenue committed to advance wildlife interests in the state under Subsection (4) shall also be used by the conservation organization to advance wildlife interests in the state.
(2) The conservation organization may retain up to 20% of the aggregate application handling fee revenue for administrative expenses, unless the conservation organization pledges a greater percentage of the application handling fee to wildlife conservation in:
(a) its response to the request for proposal; or
(b) the expo contract with the division.
(3) The conservation organization may retain up to 35% of the aggregate application handling fee revenue and accrued interest to be used by the conservation organization to fund projects advancing wildlife interests in the state, subject to the following:
(a) project funding will not be committed to or expended on any project without first obtaining the division director's written approval;
(b) cash donations to the Wildlife Habitat Account created under Section 23A-3-207 or Division Species Enhancement Funds are authorized for projects that do not require the director's approval; and
(c) application handling fee revenue dedicated to funding projects must be completely expended on approved projects or transferred to the division by August 1st, two years following the year in which the application handling fee revenue is collected.
(4) The conservation organization may retain 35% of the aggregate application handling fee revenue and accrued interest to be used by the organization to advance wildlife interests in the state.
(a) This fund may be spent by the group, to advance wildlife interests in Utah, without the pre-approval from the director.

(5) The conservation organization shall remit 10% of the aggregate application handling fee revenue to the division within 60 days of the expo permit drawing.
(6) Application handling fee revenue committed to division-approved projects will be transferred by the conservation organization to the division within 60 days of being invoiced by the division. If the division-approved project to which funds are committed is completed under projected budget or canceled, funds committed to the project that are not used will be kept by the division and credited back to the conservation organization to be made available for the group to use on other approved projects during the current or subsequent year.
(7) All records and receipts for projects under Subsections (3) and (4) must be retained by the conservation organization for a period not less than five years, and shall be produced to the division for inspection upon request.
(8) The conservation organization shall submit a report to the division annually by August 1st. The report must account for and document the following:
(a) gross revenue generated from collecting wildlife expo permit application handling fees;
(b) total amount of application handling fee revenue retained for administrative expenses;
(c) total amount of application handling fee revenue set aside and dedicated to funding projects, including bank statements showing account balances; and
(d) records, receipts and details for all expenditures from Subsections (3) and (4).
(9) A partner organization that individually receives application handling fee revenue from the expo permit drawing pursuant to a co-participant contract with the conservation organization, is subject to the provisions in Subsections (1) through (8).

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TO: Wildlife Board

FROM: Covy Jones Wildlife Section Chief

DATE: September 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Expo Permit Allocation

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is recommending 200 hunting permits for the Hunt Expo (see attached tables for details). Proposed changes this year include:

Discontinued Permits:

- Elk
  - Wasatch Mtns (1 archery)

New Permits:

- Pronghorn
  - Parker Mtn (1 any legal weapon)

All other expo permits will remain the same as last year.

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2026 Proposed Expo Permits by Species and Residency

	TOTAL PERMITS		
	Res	NonRes	Total
Grand Total	**148**	**52**	**200**

				PERMITS		
Species	**Area**	**Hunt Number**	**Condition**	**Res**	**NonRes**	**Total**
Antlerless Elk	Manti	017, EA1018, EA1	Any Open Season and Unit Wit	2	1	3
Antlerless Elk	La Sal	038, EA1039, EA1	Any Open Season and Unit Wit	1	0	1
Antlerless Elk	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	078, EA1079, EA1	Any Open Season and Unit Wit	0	1	1
			Total	**3**	**2**	**5**

				PERMITS		
Species	**Area**	**Hunt Number**	**Condition**	**Res**	**NonRes**	**Total**
Bison	Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South	BI6531	Hunter's Choice	1	0	1
Bison	Henry Mtns	BI6503	Hunter's Choice (early)	1	0	1
Bison	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	BI6536	Cow Only	1	0	1
Bison	Henry Mtns	BI6505	Cow Only (early)	0	1	1
			TOTAL	**3**	**1**	**4**

				PERMITS		
Species	**Area**	**Hunt Number**	**Condition**	**Res**	**NonRes**	**Total**
Black Bear	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	BR7120	Summer, Any Legal Weapon, N	1	1	2
Black Bear	La Sal	BR7008	Spring, Any Legal Weapon, No	1	1	2
Black Bear	Nine Mile	BR7211	Fall, Any Legal Weapon	1	0	1
Black Bear	Boulder/Kaiparowits	BR7215	Fall, Any Legal Weapon	1	0	1
Black Bear	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	BR7001	Spring, Any Legal Weapon, No	1	0	1
Black Bear	Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	BR7015	Spring, Any Legal Weapon, No	1	0	1
Black Bear	Manti North	BR7003	Spring, Any Legal Weapon, No	1	0	1
Black Bear	Nebo	BR7005	Spring, Any Legal Weapon, No	1	0	1
Black Bear	San Juan	BR7014	Spring, Any Legal Weapon, No	1	1	2
			TOTAL	**9**	**3**	**12**

				PERMITS		
Species	**Area**	**Hunt Number**	**Condition**	**Res**	**NonRes**	**Total**
Buck Deer	Book Cliffs, North	DB1017	Any Weapon	3	1	4
Buck Deer	Book Cliffs, South	DB1018	Any Weapon	2	1	3
Buck Deer	Book Cliffs	DB1011	Archery	1	1	2
Buck Deer	Book Cliffs	DB1025	Muzzleloader	2	1	3
Buck Deer	Cache, Crawford Mtn	DB1026	Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Manti/San Rafeal	DB1079	Late-season Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	DB1019	Any Weapon	2	0	2
Buck Deer	Henry Mtns	DB1003	Premium Any Weapon	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	DB1004	Premium Any Weapon	2	1	3
Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	DB1001	Premium Archery	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	DB1006	Premium Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	DB1010	Management Buck, Any Weapo	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Pine Valley	DB1034	Late-season Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	San Juan, Elk Ridge	DB1022	Any Weapon	1	1	2
Buck Deer	Diamond Mtn	DB1023	Any Weapon	2	1	3
Buck Deer	Diamond Mtn	DB1015	Archery	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Diamond Mtn	DB1038	Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Wasatch Mtns, West	DB1087	Late-season Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Wasatch Mtns, East	DB1041	Late-season Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	DB1024	Any Weapon	3	1	4
Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	DB1016	Archery	2	1	3
Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	DB1042	Muzzleloader	1	1	2
Buck Deer	Zion	DB1043	Late-season Muzzleloader	**1**	**0**	1
			TOTAL	**33**	**10**	**43**

				PERMITS		
Species	**Area**	**Hunt Number**	**Condition**	**Res**	**NonRes**	**Total**
Buck Pronghorn	Beaver	PB5025	Any Weapon	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	PB5026	Any Weapon	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Diamond Mtn/Bonanza	PB5047	Any Weapon	2	1	3
Buck Pronghorn	Fillmore, Oak Creek South	PB5008	Archery	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Fillmore, Oak Creek South	PB5033	Any Weapon	2	0	2
Buck Pronghorn	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	PB5331	Any Weapon	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	PB5037	Any Weapon	2	1	3
Buck Pronghorn	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	PB5011	Archery	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	PB5059	Muzzleloader	0	1	1
Buck Pronghorn	Parker Mtn	PB5077	Archery	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Parker Mtn	PB5076	Any Weapon	1	1	2
Buck Pronghorn	Pine Valley	PB5042	Any Weapon	1	0	1

Buck Pronghorn	San Rafael, North	PB5015	Archery	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	San Rafael, North	PB5056	Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	San Rafael, North	PB5046	Any Weapon	3	1	4
Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	PB5018	Archery	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	PB5024	Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	PB5049	Any Weapon	2	1	3
Buck Pronghorn	West Desert, Riverbed	PB5050	Any Weapon	1	0	1
			TOTAL	**24**	**6**	**30**

				PERMITS		
Species	**Area**	**Hunt Number**	**Condition**	**Res**	**NonRes**	**Total**
Bull Elk	Beaver, East	EB3159	Any Weapon (mid)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Beaver, East	EB3025	Any Weapon (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Beaver, East	EB3000	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Beaver, East	EB3158	Archery (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/East	EB3163	Any Weapon (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Book CLiffs, Bitter Creek/East	EB3164	Any Weapon (mid)	0	1	1
Bull Elk	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/East	EB3160	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Cache, Meadowville	EB3003	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Cache, South	EB3036	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Cache, South	EB3005	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Diamond Mtn	EB3068	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Diamond Mtn	EB3069	Any Weapon (mid)	0	1	1
Bull Elk	Diamond Mtn	EB3020	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Manti	EB3038	Any Weapon (early)	1	1	2
Bull Elk	Manti	EB3126	Any Weapon (mid)	3	2	5
Bull Elk	Manti	EB3039	Any Weapon (late)	2	1	3
Bull Elk	Manti	EB3006	Archery	2	1	3
Bull Elk	Manti	EB3084	Muzzleloader	2	1	3
Bull Elk	Nebo/San Pitch Mtn	EB3173	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Nebo/San Pitch Mtn	EB3175	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Nebo/San Pitch Mtn	EB3177	Any Weapon (mid)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Fillmore, Pahvant	EB3043	Any Weapon (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Fillmore, Pahvant	EB3008	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	EB3045	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	EB3183	Any Weapon (mid)	1	1	2
Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	EB3009	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	EB3046	Any Weapon (late)	0	1	1
Bull Elk	Mt Dutton	EB3050	Any Weapon (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Mt Dutton	EB3187	Any Weapon (mid)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Mt Dutton	EB3011	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Panguitch Lake	EB3015	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Panguitch Lake	EB3056	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Panguitch Lake	EB3189	Any Weapon (mid)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Boulder	EB3148	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Boulder	EB3145	Archery	0	1	1
Bull Elk	Boulder	EB3191	Any Weapon (Mid)	1	1	2
Bull Elk	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	EB3063	Any Weapon (early)	1	1	2
Bull Elk	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	EB3064	Any Weapon (Mid)	3	2	5
Bull Elk	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	EB3065	Any Weapon (late)	2	0	2
Bull Elk	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	EB3018	Archery	2	1	3
Bull Elk	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	EB3096	Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Bull Elk	San Juan Bull Elk	EB3019	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	San Juan Bull Elk	EB3066	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	San Juan Bull Elk	EB3194	Any Weapon (mid)	0	1	1
Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	EB3149	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	EB3198	Any Weapon (mid)	1	1	2
Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	EB3152	Any Weapon (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	EB3146	Archery	0	1	1
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3072	Any Weapon (early)	2	1	3
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3073	Any Weapon (late)	2	1	3
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3127	Any Weapon (mid)	3	1	4
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3022	Archery	3	2	5
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3199	Archery (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3100	Muzzleloader	2	2	4
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3124	Multi-Season	1	0	1
			TOTAL	**65**	**26**	**91**

				PERMITS		
Species	**Area**	**Hunt Number**	**Condition**	**Res**	**NonRes**	**Total**
Bull Moose	Wasatch Mtns/Central Mtns	MB6011		1	1	2
			TOTAL	**1**	**1**	**2**

				PERMITS		
Species	**Area**	**Hunt Number**	**Condition**	**Res**	**NonRes**	**Total**
Desert Bighorn Sheep	Kaiparowits, East	DS6601		1	0	1
Desert Bighorn Sheep	San Rafael, North	DS6609		1	0	1
			TOTAL	**2**	**0**	**2**

				PERMITS		
Species	**Area**	**Hunt Number**	**Condition**	**Res**	**NonRes**	**Total**
Mountain Goat	Nebo	GO6821	Hunter's Choice, Archery	1	0	1
Mountain Goat	Beaver Early	GO6800	Hunter's Choice	1	0	1
			TOTAL	**2**	**0**	**2**

				PERMITS		
Species	**Area**	**Hunt Number**	**Condition**	**Res**	**NonRes**	**Total**
Rocky Mtn. Bighorn Sheep	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn	RS6703	(early)	1	0	1
Rocky Mtn. Bighorn Sheep	Fillmore, Oak Creek	RS6720	(early)	1	0	1
			TOTAL	**2**	**0**	**2**

				PERMITS		
Species	**Area**	**Hunt Number**	**Condition**	**Res**	**NonRes**	**Total**
Turkey	Northern Area	TK1005	Spring, Limited Entry	1	1	2
Turkey	Northeast Area	TK1004	Spring, Limited Entry	1	0	1
Turkey	Central Area	TK1003	Spring, Limited Entry	1	0	1
Turkey	Southern Area	TK1007	Spring, Limited Entry	1	1	2
Turkey	Southeast Area	TK1006	Spring, Limited Entry	0	1	1
			TOTAL	**4**	**3**	**7**

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2026 WILDLIFE BOARD/RAC SCHEDULE

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

CR RAC – 6 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville

SER RAC – 6 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River

NR RAC – 6 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden

NER RAC – 6 PM
Wildlife Resources NER Office
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal

SR RAC – 6 PM
DNR Cedar City Complex
646 N. Main St., Cedar City or
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd., Richfield

Schedule & Tentative Agendas

January –

Board Meeting, January 8, 2026

- Dec. 2025 RAC agenda items.

February – No RAC or Board meetings scheduled.

March – No RAC or Board meetings scheduled.

April –

RAC meetings:

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

April 14 – NR
April 15 - CR
April 21 – SR – Southern Utah University – Hunter Room
April 22 - SER
April 23 - NER

Board meeting April 30

- April RAC agenda items.

May – **RAC meetings:**

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

May 12 - CR
May 13 - NR
May 19 – SR – DNR Richfield City Complex
May 20 - SER
May 21 - NER

June – **WAFWA Meetings June 2-6**
Board meeting Thursday, June 11

- May RAC agenda items
- Conservation Permit List

July – **RAC meetings:**

- Fee proposals

July 28 – CR
July 29 – NR
August 4 – SR- DNR Cedar City Complex
August 5 – SER
August 6 – NER

August – **Board meeting Thursday, August 20**

- July/Aug RAC agenda items

September – **RAC meetings:**

- Fishing recommendations and guidebook (contingent)

August 25 – CR
August 26 – NR
September 1 – SR-DNR Richfield City Complex
September 2 – SER
September 3 – NER

Board meeting September 17

- Aug/Sept.RAC agenda items
- 2027 meeting dates approval
- Conservation permit Allocation 3 yr (scheduled for 2027)
- Conservation permit annual report
- Conservation permit audit
- Expo Permit Allocation
- Expo Permit Audit

November – **RAC meetings:**

- Big Game 2027 Hunt Tables and Dates
- CWMU Management Plans
- CWMU Rule Amendments
- CWMU and Landowner Permit Recommendations

November 10 – CR
November 12 – NR – moved to Thursday to accommodate Veteran's Day
November 17 – SR – Southern Utah University
November 18 – SER
November 19 – NER

Board meeting December 3:

- Nov RAC agenda items

December – **RAC meetings:**

- Bear hunt tables and permit numbers
- Cougar hunt tables and permit numbers
- 2027 Waterfowl Recommendations
- Falconry recommendations

December 8 – CR
December 9 – NR
December 15 – SR-DNR Richfield City Complex
December 16 – SER
December 17 –NER

January – **Board Meeting January 7, 2027**

- Dec RAC agenda items

Draft 2026 RAC & BOARD MEETING TIME LINE (Revised 7/9/2025)

RAC Meeting Month	Agenda Item	Rule 5 Year Lapse Date	Mngrs Mtg (TBA by program mngr.)	Regional Recs Due to Program Coordinator (Mondays) - 2 wks to Brown Bag -	Review Program Recs with Director- no later than	Brown Bag Tuesday	Review Powerpoint with Outreach	Record Powerpoint Presentation - post 2 week prior to RAC	Final Draft Due to Rules Coord. Post 2 weeks prior to RAC	RAC Meetings	Board Meeting (Thursdays)	Comments
December	Waterfowl Recommendations			10/29	11/7	Wed. 11/12	week prior to brown bag	11/17	11/14	12/9-18	01/08/2026	
December	Falconry Recommendations			10/29	11/7	Wed. 11/12	week prior to brown bag	11/17	11/14	12/9-18	01/08/2026	
December	Furbearer Recommendations			10/29	11/7	Wed. 11/12	week prior to brown bag	11/17	11/14	12/9-18	01/08/2026	
December	Bear hunt tables, permit numbers & Guidebook			10/29	11/7	Wed. 11/12	week prior to brown bag	11/17	11/14	12/9-18	01/08/2026	
December	Board Appeal - Brandon Jeffs @ 2			10/29	11/7	Wed. 11/12	week prior to brown bag	11/17	11/14	12/9-18	01/08/2026	
April	Big Game Permit Numbers for 2026 season			03/10	03/17	03/24	week prior to brown bag	03/30	03/27	04/14-23	04/30	1 week turn around from RAC's to Board to accommodate an additional week at the beginning
April	Big Game Rule Amendments			03/10	03/17	03/24	week prior to brown bag	03/30	03/27	04/14-23	04/30	
April	Shed Antler Gathering			03/10	03/17	03/24	week prior to brown bag	03/30	03/27	04/14-23	04/30	
April	OIAL Permit Numbers for 2026			03/10	03/17	03/24	week prior to brown bag	03/30	03/27	04/14-23	04/30	
April	CWMU/ LOA Management Plans			03/10	03/17	03/24	week prior to brown bag	03/30	03/27	04/14-23	04/30	
May	Fishing Informational - Online Survey			04/07	04/14	04/21	week prior to brown bag	04/27	04/24	05/12-21	06/11	
May	Cougar Recommendations and Rule Revision			04/07	04/14	04/21	week prior to brown bag	04/27	04/24	05/12-21	06/11	WAFWA June 1-5
May	CWMU's with public lands			04/07	04/14	04/21	week prior to brown bag	04/27	04/24	05/12-21	06/11	
May	Legislative actions			04/07	04/14	04/21	week prior to brown bag	04/27	04/24	05/12-21	06/11	
May	Wild Turkey Transplant List - 5 year rotation (due in 2030)			04/07	04/14	04/21	week prior to brown bag	04/27	04/24	05/12-21	06/11	
May	Upland Game and Turkey hunt tables and permit numbers			04/07	04/14	04/21	week prior to brown bag	04/27	04/24	05/12-21	06/11	
May	CWMU Rule Amendments			04/07	04/14	04/21	week prior to brown bag	04/27	04/24	05/12-21	06/11	
May	Conservation Permit List - 3yr permits (Board Only) (3yr in 2027)			04/07	04/14	04/21	week prior to brown bag	04/27	04/24	05/12-21	06/11	
June	No meetings											
July	Proposed Fee Schedule			6/23	06/30	07/07	week prior to brown bag	07/13	07/10	07/28-08/06	08/20	
July	Expo Permit Contract			6/23	06/30	07/07	week prior to brown bag	07/13	07/10	07/28-08/06	08/20	
July	Cougar Recommendations			6/23	06/30	07/07	week prior to brown bag	07/13	07/10	07/28-08/06	08/20	
July	Big Game Drought Permits (standing)			6/23	06/30	07/07	week prior to brown bag	07/13	07/10	07/28-08/06	08/20	

July	CWMU Advisory Committee Rec. for CWMU's with public land - Board Only			6/23	06/30	07/07	week prior to brown bag	07/13	07/10	07/28-08/06	08/20	
July	LOA Committee Membership (Board Only)			6/23	06/30	07/07	week prior to brown bag	07/13	07/10	07/28-08/06	06/22	
August	No meetings											
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September	Fishing Recommendations & Guidebook - 2026-(2 yr cycle)			07/14	07/21	07/28	week prior to brown bag	08/04	08/12	08/26-09/04	09/17	
September	Big Game Management Plans			07/14	07/21	07/28	week prior to brown bag	08/05	07/31	08/25-09/03	09/17	
September	Conservation Permit Audit - (Board Only)			07/14	07/21	07/28	week prior to brown bag	08/05	07/31	08/25-09/03	09/17	
September	Conservation Permit Allocation - 3yr Permits (Board Only) (happens in 2027)			07/14	07/21	07/28	week prior to brown bag	08/05	07/31	08/25-09/03	09/17	
September	Expo Permit Allocation (Board Only)			07/14	07/21	07/28	week prior to brown bag	08/05	07/31	08/25-09/03	09/17	
September	Expo Permits Audit (Board Only)			07/14	07/21	07/28	week prior to brown bag	08/05	07/31	08/25-09/03	09/17	
September	Conservation Permit Annual Report (Board Only)			07/14	07/21	07/28	week prior to brown bag	08/05	07/31	08/25-09/03	09/17	
September	Board Approves 2027 Meeting Dates (Board Only)			07/14	07/21	07/28	week prior to brown bag	08/05	07/31	08/25-09/03	09/17	
October	No meetings											
November	Big Game Hunt Tables and Dates (set until 2028 season)			09/29	10/06	10/13	week prior to brown bag	10/19	10/18	11/10-19	12/3	check wafwa dates
November	Big Game Rule			09/29	10/06	10/13	week prior to brown bag	10/19	10/18	11/10-19	12/3	CR on Thursday to accommodate Veteran's Day
November	Statewide Mule Deer Plan			09/29	10/06	10/13	week prior to brown bag	10/19	10/18	11/10-19	12/3	
November	CWMU and Landowner Permit Recommendations			09/29	10/06	10/13	week prior to brown bag	10/19	10/18	11/10-19	12/3	
November	CWMU advisory committee members - board only - (odd years only)			09/29	10/06	10/13	week prior to brown bag	10/19	10/18	11/10-19	12/3	
November	LOA advisory committee members - board only - (odd years only)			09/29	10/06	10/13	week prior to brown bag	10/19	10/18	11/10-19	12/3	
December	Waterfowl Recommendations			11/3	11/10	11/17	week prior to brown bag	11/23	11/20	12/8-17	01/07/2027	
December	Falconry Recommendations			11/3	11/10	11/17	week prior to brown bag	11/23	11/20	12/8-17	01/07/2027	
December	Furbearer Recommendations			11/3	11/10	11/17	week prior to brown bag	11/23	11/20	12/8-17	01/07/2027	
December	Bear hunt tables, permit numbers & Guidebook			11/3	11/10	11/17	week prior to brown bag	11/23	11/20	12/8-17	01/07/2027	