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Strongly agree

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

I will be far more likely to turn in coyote kills with GPS data being protected.
One idea I had to promote more coyote harvest is adding in the ability to trade in coyotes for an additional general season deer preference point. Say 5 coyotes equals 1 extra deer preference point. All 5 would have to be harvested from critical mule deer habitat, and could not also be submitted for payment through the bounty system, with a maximum of 1 extra point per year. I feel like that would incentivize the general hunting population that might not ordinarily participate in coyote hunts to get out and help reduce coyote populations.

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Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the proposed cooperative agreements?

I applaud any effort to move away from harvesting animals for depredation purposes, especially doe deer.

Form Name: December 2025 RAC Proposals Feedback
Submission Time: November 30, 2025 11:22 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed cooperative agreements for big game and turkey?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the proposed cooperative agreements?

As stated above I disagree and there is no science backing what you guys are doing! You guys are not doing the right thing and eventually will not look good on your end when this all unfolds!

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I am a Utah constituent and really oppose the cougar removal study for six Utah units. I read that studies have shown this method doesn't work. Cougars are also an important piece of the ecosystem. And traps are inhumane and I find them disgusting and they cause animal suffering and could catch other animals or pets. Thank you.
Cherstie

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Neither agree nor disagree

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As a lifelong hunter, I strongly oppose the proposed cougar removal study. Similar predator removal efforts have already shown not to result in deer recovery, but rather destabilize ecosystems. Predators play a significant role in ecosystem balance and this study is unnecessary and harmful to our incredible habitats. In addition, the use of lethal traps, already catching hound dogs, adds unnecessary risk and suffering and should not be part of responsible wildlife management.

Which best describes your position regarding the black bear recommendations and seasons?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the black bear recommendations or seasons?

Give out less tags quit trying to kill everything off in utah so we have stuff to hunt for future generations and leave the [REDACTED] mountain lions alone we don't have the population of lions like you guys think we have because of the [REDACTED] dumb door bell cameras that catch the same lion 10 blocks away if you want the hunters and outdoorsmen/women to have a voice in our wildlife listen to us for once all the hunting in utah sucks im about to give another state my money and not the state I live in

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Somewhat agree

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

No

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Neither agree nor disagree

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Removing all mountain lions won't help your deer herds. There are plenty of studies that show that the lion is not the problem; we need to manage them, not eliminate them. As a Nevada resident, your department is really putting a lot of pressure on our Nevada lion hunters. Because of what your department is doing, Utah Houndsman has to travel to Nevada to find lions to run. So follow your science and do what's right, and do not do this elimination program.

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Predator control? One this study was not released in such a way to get feedback before implementation. Two this study has been done before. We do not need to repeat this study to meet your personal confirmation bias that killing predators increases mule deer. There is an overwhelming bias that predators is why mule deer numbers go down. Its obvious that reducing predators increases disease outcomes in mule deer. Dont be like colorado that killed the puma then had to kill all the mule deer to stop disease. Are we going to repeat such a horrible mistake? Also on a personal side note we give out way too many deer permits as their biggest predator. Also we dont take out the sick and weak making herds less viable as a whole. Maybe reduce your income and dont allow hunting in those areas for three years to see if it helps the mule deer population. You know with human encroachment its been proven repeatedly the deer and other animals stop breeding. Maybe move your energy over to better wildlife tactics like restoring wildlife corridors by putting in more under passages and overpassages so they dont get hit by cars and wasted. You could kill every predators out there and it wont fix the problem of people over breeding and pushing animals out with growth.

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Also HB-469. Just a friendly reminder Im a voter and when I see actions proven to be ineffective to science I get upset. Please consider that you could destroy every predator and all youll end up with is uncontrolled disease. Do we keep chosing humans always over every creature or do we back up and let there be a better balance that they know how to manage better. I would like to see the DWR funding completely gutted and changed to be by our tax dollars and not by license fees. Because you all are greedy with no balance to wildlife. Only money. Thats wrong. So wrong.

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Instead of killing predators is it possible to move them? For instance there are places back east really wanting the puma back. On that topic it makes zero sense to kill beaver as they are also in super high demand to mitigate wildfire areas. They make the best fire breaks, flood control. Please dont be lazy. Move them if your so intent on removal for an already done and failed study. Just proving over and over again that human bias is its the predators fault theres not enough mule deer. You know puma dont breed either if the numbers are down. How about we block off all human contact to those areas instead of killing cats? Now thats a study.

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Keep protecting the Pumas and all Of Utah's wildlife.

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Form Name: December 2025 RAC Proposals Feedback
Submission Time: December 23, 2025 2:42 pm

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Strongly disagree

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I oppose the proposed cougar removal project and urge Utah wildlife officials to apply the precautionary principle. When population estimates are uncertain and trends indicate decline, a large-scale removal program cannot be credibly characterized as a scientific test. Such actions require clear objectives, measurable outcomes, and defined limits on harm, none have been presented.

Research across the West shows that broad predator culls rarely deliver sustained gains for deer, while habitat quality, climate, and migration routes are far more influential. I respectfully ask the agency to prioritize transparent, science-based management and invest in habitat, connectivity, and coexistence strategies over unsupported large-scale predator removal.

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My feedback is actually regarding the further predation of mountain lions in the 6 proposed units. I have reached out to each of the Board Members. I only received one response, from Mr. Nielson. I did appreciate his time he took to respond to me. Here is my additional feedback to him, which I wanted to provide here so it is recorded as a public comment for when this item is discussed.

Thank you so much for taking the time for your thoughtful response. As you mentioned below, this approach may or may not actually have the desired impact that is proposed to be obtained (an increase in deer populations in the identified units). I work in the home building industry and quite honestly, I believe my work is partially to blame for decreasing numbers in deer populations. Habitat loss and loss of migratory corridors are large driving factors that cause deer populations to struggle. The severe drought our state experienced a few years back also had a large impact on deer populations. This is why permit numbers for the deer hunt dipped in the early 2020s - and permit numbers have been increasing for deer as the drought eased and conditions have improved. The data shows 71,525 tags were issued in 2024 and 80,200 were issued in 2025. That is a 12% increase in potential deer which could be harvested. That would suggest an increasing population of deer, not a population that is struggling to the point where we need to open up the possibility of removing predators from the ecosystem. Or perhaps it just suggests that we have a larger appetite for the deer hunt than our natural ecosystem will allow - we want to take more and the only way we can get more is by removing the predators who survive on those prey animals.

I know that there are specific units of concern, but nearly all the units of concern saw stable numbers or an increase in deer permits issued from 2024 to 2025 (for example, Wasatch Mountains East which you referenced saw an increase from 5000 permits recommended in 2024 to 6000 recommended permits in 2025).

I am a resident of Tooele County. This is a rural area where we love to hunt and fish and enjoy the great outdoors. In the Oquirrh-Stansbury unit permits were stable with 2500 in 2024 compared to 2450 in 2025 (recommended permit numbers were only 2000 in 2023, so there was a large increase in permits relative to 2 years ago). Again, this does not suggest a decreasing deer population. However, I see the decrease in deer herds with my own eyes when I am driving through our county and when I am out on our trails. I believe it is due to the habitat loss and the increase in highways in our counties that block their ability to migrate. I have been an outdoorswoman on our trails

for 20 years. The only mountain lions I have seen have been ones that were killed and dumped after the recent legislation was passed to allow year round hunting and trapping of mountain lions. I appreciate nature for what it is - and if we humans have not been good stewards of our land by not planning for wildlife, that does not give us a right to go in and take out all the predators so we alone can take all the prey for sport. If the population of deer is decreasing, we need to allow a natural balance to happen and decrease our own take rate as needed to support a healthy population of both predators and prey animals.

"The idea of wilderness needs no defense, only defenders". Do not try to wipe out our predators in their wild spaces. I value the wild spaces. By eliminating mountain lions in such an unnatural way we end up with younger, more transient mountain lions which have more conflicts with humans. The removal of mountain lions does not promote a healthy ecosystem and any predator reduction plan should be based on scientific standards. I respectfully ask the Division of Wildlife not to move forward with the proposal to further target mountain lion populations. Allow for the respectful existence of both predators and prey and do not take more from the land than is our share so that our children can continue to enjoy our beautiful Utah ecosystem for generations to come.

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