

CWMU Advisory Committee

Agenda

February 22, 2022 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Eccles Nature Center, 1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington, UT 84025

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions
- Justin Shannon | INFORMATIONAL |
| 2. CWMU Advisory Committee Process
- Justin Shannon | INFORMATIONAL |
| 3. Tunnel Hollow – Extended Elk Season
- Jake Rees | ACTION |
| 4. Jacob’s Creek – Extended Elk Season
- Justin Richins | ACTION |
| 5. 5S – Extended Elk Season
- Justin Richins | ACTION |
| 6. Lazy H – Noncontiguous Elk CWMU
- Trevor Milton | ACTION |
| 7. Sweetwater – Underacreage Elk CWMU
- Jake Sorensen | ACTION |
| 8. Neil Creek – Underacreage Elk CWMU
- Andrew Blonquist | ACTION |
| 9. Mike Labrum – Underacreage Deer CWMU
- Mike Labrum | ACTION |
| 10. Other business – RAC comments, etc. | ACTION |
| 11. Adjourn | |

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Summary of Motions

1. Tunnel Hollow – extended elk season

The following motion was made by Mike Christensen, seconded by Clint McLean and passed unanimously.

MOTION: For Tunnel Hollow CWMU, leave the season as is with the current 61 day season.

In favor: All

2. Jacobs Creek – extended elk season

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

MOTION: Allow Jacob's Creek CWMU to have a 61 day elk season starting October 1st and ending November 30th and ask for the biologist and operator to work together to determine a reasonable number of antlerless elk tags to be placed on that unit.

In favor: All

3. 5S – extended elk season

The following motion was made by Tim Freiss, seconded by Eric Thacker and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To deny the variance request from 5S CWMU; but move that this committee review the specific part of the CWMU Rule (Section 13) as an agenda item at the next meeting.

In favor: All

4. Lazy H – noncontiguous elk CWMU

The following motion was made by Mike Laughner, seconded by Mike Christensen and passed 6 to 1.

MOTION: To grant Lazy H the variance for the mule deer CWMU but to deny the elk portion of a CWMU and encourage Mr. Milton to continue to grow the CWMU to 10.000 acres.

In favor: Clint McLean, Mike Laughter, Greg Wilding, Mike Christensen, Tim Freiss, Chris Robinson

Opposed: Eric Thacker - Felt there was a benefit to the public to justify it being an elk CWMU.

5. Sweetwater – under acreage elk CWMU

The following motion was made by Greg Wilding, seconded by Mike Laughter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the Sweetwater CWMU request for a variance to be an elk CWMU at 8,246 acres with the following conditions. That the biologists review the bull tags carefully to continue to be a good huntable population and be a good experience for the hunter; to have the cow permits be set at a 80/20 split, 80 % going to the public, 20% to private; that the Division end depredation payments for this property and stop the spring bull harvest; at the beginning of the each COR, have a report back from either the operator or biologist on the overall experience.

In favor: All

6. Neil Creek – under acreage elk CWMU

The following motion was made by Chris Robinson, seconded by Greg Wilding and passed unanimously.

MOTION: That we deny the variance request for the Neil Creek CWMU to create an under acreage elk CWMU.

In favor: All

7. Mike Labrum – under acreage deer CWMU

The following motion was made by Tim Freiss, seconded by Clint McLean and passed 6-1 abstention.

MOTION: To deny the variance request to be a deer CWMU.

In favor: Clint McLean, Mike Laughter, Greg Wilding, Mike Christensen, Tim Freiss, Eric Thacker

Abstention: Chris Robinson

8. Adjourn

The following motion was made by Eric Thacker, seconded by Tim Freiss and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

In favor: All

Committee Members Present:

Justin Shannon

Clint McLean

Mike Laughter

Greg Wilding

Mike Christensen

Tim Freiss

Eric Thacker

Chris Robinson

Absent: Joel Ferry

CWMU Advisory Meeting Minutes

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Farmington Bay, Utah

05:04:06	1) Welcomes and Introductions (Informational) Justin Shannon called the meeting to order and proceeded with introductions of the CWMU advisory committee.
05:05:24	2) CWMU Advisory Committee Process (Informational) Justin reviewed the process and the committee approved the agenda (05:06:30).

5:06:42	3) Tunnel Hollow – Extended Elk Season (Action) Chad Wilson reviewed the variance. Operator Jake Rees was not in attendance.
5:08:40	CWMU Advisory Committee Questions The committee asked clarifying questions of Chad and Xaela Walden.
05:25:58	CWMU Advisory Committee Discussion The committee discussed presented information.
05:30:48	MOTION tabled The committee tabled the motion in order to hear other similar issues and maintain consistency with motions.
05:32:30	4) Jacob’s Creek – Extended Elk Season (Action) Chad reviewed the variance.
05:33:53	Presentation by Justin Richins
05:37:50	CWMU Advisory Committee Questions The committee asked clarifying questions.
05:42:31	Chad clarified variances in Rule, which states “the Wildlife Board may authorize bull elk hunting season variances only if the CWMU Landowner Association member or Landowner Association operator demonstrates that November hunting is necessary on the CWMU”.
05:43:12	5) 5S – Extended Elk Season (Action) Chad reviewed the variance, answered questions from the committee.
05:46:45	Presentation by Justin Richins
05:51:35	CWMU Advisory Committee Questions The committee asked clarifying questions.
05:56:47	CWMU Advisory Committee Discussion The committee discussed presented information. May authorize variance only if CWMU clearly demonstrates November hunt is required. GS bull elk may be established through Nov 30 th .
06:07:00	Covy clarification on season dates, harvest objectives
06:18:00	MOTION (ITEM 4)

	<p>The following motion was made by Mike Christensen, seconded by Chris Robinson and passed unanimously.</p> <p>Item 4) Allow Jacob's Creek CWMU to have a 61 day season starting October 1st and ending November 30th and ask for the biologist and operator to work together to determine a reasonable number of antlerless elk tags to be placed on that unit.</p>
06:22:09	<p>MOTION - DIED</p> <p>The following motion was made by Chris Robinson, died for a second.</p> <p>For 5s, modify the elk hunting season to exclude September and allow for a 61 day season starting October 1st and ending November 30th.</p>
06:26:10	<p>MOTION (ITEM 3)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Mike Christensen, seconded by Clint McLean and passed unanimously.</p> <p>For Tunnel Hollow CWMU, leave the season as is with the current 61 day season.</p>
06:27:30	<p>MOTION - DIED</p> <p>The following motion was made by Eric Thacker, died for a second.</p> <p>To deny 5S CWMU the season extension simply because there is lack of evidence to meet management objectives.</p>
06:33:00	<p>MOTION (ITEM 5)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Tim Freiss, seconded by Eric Thacker and passed unanimously.</p> <p>To deny the variance request from 5S CWMU; but move that this committee review the specific part of the CWMU Rule (Section 13) as an agenda item at the next meeting.</p>
06:34:25	<p>6) Lazy H – Noncontiguous Elk CWMU (Action)</p> <p>Chad reviewed Rule R 6 -57-34, defined committee's role, and presented boundaries.</p>
06:38:00	<p>Presentation by Trevor Milton</p>
06:44:49	<p>CWMU Advisory Committee Questions</p> <p>The committee asked clarifying questions of Trevor and Chad.</p>
06:57:37	<p>CWMU Advisory Committee Discussion</p> <p>The committee discussed presented information.</p>
07:07:00	<p>Chad clarification on committee historically granting a time limit to make CWMU contiguous</p>
07:08:40	<p>MOTION</p>

	<p>The following motion was made by Mike Laugher, seconded by Mike Christensen and passed 6 to 1.</p> <p>To grant Lazy H the variance for the mule deer CWMU but to deny the elk portion of a CWMU and encourage Mr. Milton to continue to grow the CWMU to 10.000 acres.</p> <p>Eric Thacker opposed – not clear on application of the rule, thinks there’d be a benefit to the public to make it an elk CWMU.</p>
07:22:15	<p>7) Sweetwater – Under acreage Elk CWMU (Action)</p> <p>Chad presented information on the CWMU, size, and depredation payments.</p>
07:24:20	<p>Presentation by Jake Sorensen and Ash Jenkins (operator)</p>
07:26:45	<p>CWMU Advisory Committee Questions</p> <p>The committee asked clarifying questions of Kyle Christensen (district biologist), Jake, and Daryl Spencer (manager) (07:42)</p>
07:46:12	<p>CWMU Advisory Committee Discussion</p> <p>The committee discussed presented information.</p>
07:50:42	<p>Covy clarified how the Division manages age objectives and reallocates or cuts elk permits.</p>
07:54:45	<p>MOTION</p> <p>The following motion was made by Greg Wildling, seconded by Mike Laughter and passed unanimously.</p> <p>To approve the Sweetwater CWMU request for a variance to be an elk CWMU at 8,246 acres with the following conditions. That the biologists review the bull tags carefully to continue to be a good huntable population and be a good experience for the hunter; to have the cow permits be set at a 80/20 split, 80 % going to the public, 20% to private; that the Division end depredation payments for this property and stop the spring bull harvest; at the beginning of the each COR, have a report back from either the operator or biologist on the overall experience.</p>
07:57:00	<p>8) Neil Creek – Under acreage Elk CWMU (Action)</p> <p>Chad introduced variance and provided map of boundaries</p>
08:00:55	<p>Presentation by Andrew Blonquist</p>
08:12:14	<p>CWMU Advisory Committee Questions</p> <p>The committee asked clarifying questions of Dave Rich (district biologist), Andrew, and Chad.</p>
08:24:00	<p>Covy provided clarification on the contiguous acre rule.</p>
08:25:58	<p>CWMU Advisory Committee Discussion</p>

	The committee discussed presented information.
08:28:40	<p>MOTION</p> <p>The following motion was made by Chris Robinson, seconded by Greg Wildling and passed unanimously.</p> <p>That we deny the variance request for the Neil Creek CWMU to create an under acreage elk CWMU.</p>
08:29:55	<p>9) Mike Labrum – Under acreage Deer CWMU (Action)</p> <p>Chad introduced variance and provided map of boundaries.</p>
08:32:00	Presentation by Mike Labrum
08:48:29	Chris Robinson recused himself from voting on this item due to grazing easement and adjacent property.
08:53:27	<p>CWMU Advisory Committee Questions</p> <p>The committee asked clarifying questions of Mike and Mike Wardle (district biologist).</p>
09:07:08	<p>CWMU Advisory Committee Discussion</p> <p>The committee discussed presented information. Recommend Mr. Labrum to do further legwork to reach acreage.</p>
09:11:03	<p>MOTION</p> <p>The following motion was made by Tim Freiss, seconded by Clint McLean and passed 6-1 abstention.</p> <p>Deny the variance request to be a deer CWMU.</p> <p>Abstention - Chris Robinson conflict of interest.</p>
09:17:58	<p>10) Other Business</p> <p>Review Rule – Section 13, season dates and extensions.</p> <p>Next committee meeting will be a discussion on antlerless permits and monitoring underperforming CWMUs.</p>
09:28:47	<p>MOTION</p> <p>The following motion was made by Eric Thacker, seconded by Tim Freiss and passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn.</p>