

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Instead of putting the General Elk tags in the draw, you should make hunters choose to hunt only one species. Bull Elk or Buck Deer, not both. Also if you buy a Bull Elk Tag, or Draw a Buck Deer tag, you can't put in and draw an Antler less Elk tag.

Also:

Please make these changes to the dedicated hunter program.

Only 1 buck harvest in the 3 year period.

\$300 price for the 3 year period.

Continue with the current service project requirements.

With the deer population suffering, and tag reductions, I believe we need to make these changes to the dedicated hunter program. Dedicated hunters, should be more selective with the animals they harvest. These new requirements should appeal to those selective hunters.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 2, 2021 5:12 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I could not disagree any more than I do with putting the general season elk permits into a draw system. This is the one single over the counter big game hunting opportunity that remains in this state, and now the DWR wants to take it away because their system is insufficient and previous management decisions have put an extra strain on the permit sale system.

If the system is overloaded with people wanting permits, that is a good thing. The problem is not the demand. The problem is the system itself. If you want to reduce the strain, then you fix the system where there is the bottle-neck, not some other symptom of the actual problem. It would be a very plausible coding change to not allow anyone to login to their account on more than one device at one time. I've talked to software coders about this very thing, and they say this is very possible. There are some VERY simple fixes to the poor system the DWR uses to sell permits that would alleviate the strain on the system without having to remove the one final over the counter big game hunting opportunity we have left in this state.

Another problem I have with the proposal is that the DWR acknowledges that going to the multi-season hunt has been a contributing factor in the demand for these licenses. Another easy fix is to simply remove that option and go back to people picking their weapon of choice. If archery hunters that already have the benefit of unlimited permits switching over to multi-season permits has caused a strain on the system as was stated in the presentation, a very easy fix to that strain would be to eliminate multi-season permits. I know they are popular among a segment of hunters, but we can't continue to cater a small segment of hunters in Utah in all management decisions. That seems to be how this always works, leaving the masses holding the bag without a tag in their hand on basically every other type of hunt. Please do not take away this last remaining over the counter opportunity to hunt in Utah.

This is being presented as a trial period while they analyze data and work with the elk working group to come up with a permanent solution. Why not wait on any permanent changes until that is already done? If this "trial period" is adopted, there is no way it will ever go back to how it was. There is simply no way the Division is going to recommend giving up the application revenue they receive from this "trial period" of general season over the counter permits going into the draw.

Again, I oppose this as strongly as any proposal I have ever heard from the Division. Making general season elk permits into draw permits would be an abomination to the heritage of hunting in our state, which there is very little of that left for us.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 2, 2021 7:41 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments This will make it so we can't hunt general elk every year. It will get to a
about the proposed changes to the big point creep like all others.
game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I agree all elk and deer permits should be a drawing even in spike hunts especially there are to many people that want to hunt and we can not keep sales of tags until we wipe out every last elk and deer
We need not worry about opportunities to hunt but manage big game to survive for some hunting opportunities
Point to 2
On increasing to 60 percent we the people vote NO are youth and general people need to have chance draw or else we loose younger hunters interest if they have to wait till 30 years old to hunt.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates? Need a late season book cliffs muzzle loader buck management tags 3 point smaller to clean it up just like Southern units.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations? West willow creek needs more elk permits and antelope permits

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 7:45 am

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

It will come down to points again in witch that means more money . I understand it's an over load on your system get a better system . keep them over the counter not on line that will fix the overloaded system people will have to show up to get there tags not on a bunch of different computers the general hunt is a first come first serve if we do the draw it becomes you all in control and then points .make people get out and off there butt to buy one, problem fixed. If they can get out and hunt then there capable of walking to the counter to get a tag .

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

Why does the DWR continue to demolish our wildlife herds?? The Southslope Vernal Antelope hunt was a great hunt just 4 years ago. You legitimately had a chance at a high 70's buck. The DWR has continued to give more tags, and now wants to add a muzzleloader hunt? A family member had a tag a few years ago, and the herd has gone to crap. Quit worrying about lining your pockets with money, and give hunters a quality hunt. This is getting embarrassing now. The deer, elk, and now pronghorn herds have gone to crap because of the Utah DWR, and their "opportunity"/money attitude!!!

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Dear Valued Wildlife Management Folks,

My name is Gary Morgan and I would like to submit a public comment on the latest proposal to add the general season elk permits to the big game drawing. I am not, along with the overwhelming majority of hunters I've discussed this with, in favor of adding these permits to the big game drawing. We feel that this is the wrong direction to alleviate a problem that was created out of a response to businesses closing their doors in the spring of 2020 due to Covid. With the majority of Utahns being vaccinated and Covid numbers not affecting businesses being open anymore, I recommend that the DWR just go back to over the counter sales at licensing agents as the primary method of selling these general season elk tags, while maintaining an online site to purchase for those who either cannot physically get to a licensing agent, or are nonresident hunters that cannot simply drive to Utah to purchase a license. Many of my fellow hunters and myself are also concerned that with the addition of another revenue stream from the new application fees for these hunts, DWR will sort of "get hooked" on the new income and decide to continue charging these fees to Utahns and nonresident hunters, and then the days of true OTC elk hunting in Utah will be over. Going back to over the counter sales as a primary method of distributing tags will resolve the website clog that exists every time tags go on sale. Breaking up the spike tags from the any bull tags to go on sale was a good idea, and did alleviate some of the clog. A further recommendation from me would be that if the DWR would like to continue using the online sales system, I recommend that DWR also further break down the online sales between resident and nonresident, with those being sold on different days (with Utah residents being given preference) to help further reduce site lag and traffic to avoid overloading. I fear that every big game tag in this state will eventually become a draw system and would disrupt many annual family hunts that have become a tradition by either preventing people from getting tags or costing families even more money to pursue their outdoor passions.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Gary Morgan
Rush Valley, UT

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 10:38 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I do not think it is fair moving the general season elk permit to a drawing. It is a hunt that is already hard to fill a tag, and it's it's only over the counter big game tag that is available to Utah residents who need the meat.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 11:02 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Have the general season Elk hunt be a draw every year, are elk heard is extremely low. All the hunters I know would be happy to only draw an elk permit in nice every 2-3 years if that meant they would have a better chance at harvesting an elk.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

This is one of the worst ideas possible, there are obvious, better solutions than what you are proposing. One being, fix the system, a 12 year old could probably fix from his parents basement. There are many tech companies in Utah that could fix this in less than a year. Another option would be to keep it OTC, let residents get their tags for a week then open it up to non residents. The even better option would be to keep it OTC for residents and make it a draw system for non residents, that way you will still get your \$10 application fee which we all know is what you are seeking. With these proposed changes it is pretty clear that it is all about the money rather than providing a real solution and opportunity for the residents of the state, which should be your main focus. We pay taxes in this state, we should have the first and better opportunities than the non residents. I wouldn't go to another state expecting to have a better opportunity than the people that live there. I take what I can get in other states and am happy with that. I strongly disagree with these changes and we all know that as soon as you see the money that comes in from the applications that this is not a "one year trial." I'm sure you guys know full well that you plan to keep it like this, you are just trying to cover your own butts. I am sure that you will hear from many people with the same proposals that I mentioned above. Thank you for your time and do better!

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 11:40 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Strongly agree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 1:51 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments Please don't do this.
about the proposed changes to the big
game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Move the multi season to a draw and leave the regular general season spike and any bull tags alone. You even explained it is when the multi season tags were introduced that the problem started. Also maybe with the multi season it could be an every other year thing. If you get to hunt all 3 seasons every other year that would be great. Spread the love not punish everyone.

Why on earth do youth get guaranteed an any bull tag but not a spike tag. Make it so all youth can have a spike tag. Or maybe a cow tag. Get youth more involved on spikes and cows. Start them somewhere.

As far as the 60/40 split that's fine. Get max point people their tags. I think there should also be a way to move points between species. Maybe a 25% loss of your points penalty for moving or something but let them be moved between species.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 3:51 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Why do Utah residents have to pay the price for all the out of state hunters? Keep our resources here, and limit the influx of out of state hunters. If non residents want to hunt general they have to draw out, not only for elk but all big game.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? It is nearly impossible to hunt deer in Utah now at best a get to hunt every 4 years which is terrible. Now you want to put elk into the same boat I see the people that are too lazy to get off their butt and buy a tag which I have been able to buy a tag every year even with the crazy online systems for elk hunting for the last 12 years please don't take this opportunity away from us although it's hard to find elk at least we get a chance to hunt every year. By adding a draw all it's gonna do is give people who are too lazy to get off the pot the day the tags open to buy them another 3 months to decide they want to hunt I think all available hunts should be on a first come first serve if you don't get there early you don't get a hunt

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates? None

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations? I didn't realize how low the public permits were given from the CWMU I think we should increase those permits to 40 to 50% for the public I mean they're getting a crazy amount of money for a lot of this area there's no reason the public shouldn't be able to benefit from more of those animals

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 6:40 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I would rather have the whole elk season be all draw units. Break up each unit like the deer. With early and late seasons breaking up the hunts more, with 10-14 day hunts and hunting till late November even into December. Far too many hunters on the mountain and it's dangerous. Especially the youth hunt overlapping the archery hunters. Had guns pointed at me twice while on the mountain this year hunting archery. I would rather miss a year or two hunting elk and not have as much competition on the mountain. If anything proposes this to all hunters and get feedback on this I have talked to many hunters and we all agree on most things I have stated in this. Please don't cut archery dates less than 30 days to prevent overlapping of hunts.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I was raised that hunting was a privilege. There is no guarantee that you will get to harvest an animal. I haven't been able to hunt the Books since 1992, I was 12 years old. When the DWR closed it for low numbers on the mature buck deer. I have wanted to show my kids the area that my father hunted, but I can't do to it being gated off. He used the hunt the muzzleloader deer during the late fall. Now that sucks. I see the general elk being put on the draw system and never coming off it. Eventually every hunt in the State will be draw and the over the counter will be a thing of the past. Leave it first come first serve. There are way too many people out there, as it is, who are inexperienced trying to hunt for the first time by hunting an elk. You already have Nine Mile and the Book Cliffs as a draw for Elk.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 7:59 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Have non residents draw. Cut the amount of tags from 17,500 to half that. Charge a little more to compensate the revenue. Completely get rid of the multi season. Populations are very low! Consider closing certain units for 1 year periods.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 3, 2021 8:33 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I absolutely disagree with this, and think out of state buyers need to be cut down that's where they go I didn't see one local hunter this year all where from out of state, also get rid of three season tags they have done nothing but ruin every season

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I propose that if the general bull hunt is draw that the state limit the quota allocated for non resident hunters. Priority needs to be given to the tax paying residents of the state! I'd also like to see the general any bull areas broken down into units like the deer hunt. The overwhelming demand for a bull tag is transposed onto my local mountains. There are way to many people congregated in the same areas so I feel like separating the hunt into specific units and actually managing the quota for those units would benefit the people and the wildlife. I usually get an elk every year but the last couple of years I've barely seen an elk. Something needs to change.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 10:14 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

The problem with this is our local hunters who buy these permits to feed their families in the winter will lose out to the non resident hunter. Let's not mess with our elk hunt like we have with the deer.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 4, 2021 11:53 am

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I am Totally against placing the general elk tags into a drawing. This is the last "over the counter" tag available in Utah and I don't want it to go away. The only thing putting the general elk tags into a draw will do is to make them harder to get. Once you institute a draw then you have to give points and then all of a sudden we are only getting permits every other year. The other down side for hunters is the additional \$10 application fee. We are nickeled and dimed to death as it is. Please leave the General elk permits like they are.

I do not like the idea of giving 60% of tags to high point holders. All applicants have applied under the 50/50 split since the draw was initiated and it is very fair. Changing now just penalizes the majority of hunters since the majority of hunters do not have anywhere near max points. There are way more people applying with less than max points than those that have max points. To be honest, Max point holders are not guaranteed anything. They are given a better chance to draw by since they are eligible for 50% of the tags. changing to 60% isn't going to all of a sudden make the points problem go away, but it will hurt the majority of hunters who are already only getting a chance at half the tags. If anything, the majority of tags should go to the Random draw. If you look at each individual point level. the lower point groups all have more applicants than the next higher point level. Point creep is here to stay unless we start growing more critters. fancy math and shell games do nothing.

I would also like to leave the draw system and timing the way it is. Getting Draw results mid May is great. Moving to a Hard date of May 31st makes it difficult for people that apply for other states for permits.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

I've been hunting for 34 years I've trying to say I didn't like what the deer became so me my friend's went to elk now we're talking about doing the same as deer and make it a draw the part I dislike is there is 15 or so hunter that pay for a tag when in past deer you can only have 4 per application this means some of us would draw some wouldn't we all take the time off work to go purchase the tag and for hunt it would make sense for all us to have a chance to be placed on one application one going we all going believe it or not there is some of us that go just to be able to be up trying to do something that was easier when we were younger we watched the 14 years old come in we watched the 12 years old come in also I do want to see a younger age group come in but it should mean the older should be able to stay together also I've been to the rack meeting in past I voice my concerns about deer I still think it would be better to see deer go to a state wide 3 point or better with the younger 12 to 14 able to get there first buck but from 15 up they join the rest of us but make it to where you can have as many people you want on the application deer elk make it to where my friends and I stay together thank you for reading

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

It doesn't bug me going to a draw but I would like to see the multi season tag go away where you have to choose your season like in years passed! Plus cutting tags back were you have already made the youth unlimited or put a cap on the youth elk tags. Hunting pressure in any given season for the last three years is the worst I have ever seen. You can't seem to get away from people and seems to be over hunted in my opinion. Or I would at least like to see a few more open bull units get open to help relieve some hunting pressure. If I am going to have to wait 3-4 years to draw a general season elk tag. Like our general season deer tags were it's hard to find a two point or spike that make it through the season. Thank you for your time reading my rant have a great day!

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Please keep general elk tags OUT of the draw. This is the last OTC big game hunt in Utah. It will never come back to OTC if we go this route. And it results in not cost (application fees) for hunters. Plus, points for general elk would be next, which I would hate to see!

Coupled with this would be my request to eliminate the multi-season tag option. And I selfishly LOVE this tag. BUT, demand boomed when this was put in place, with our without covid. Separate the seasons again and make someone choose only 1. This will help to soften some demand on the "rush" to get tags that first day. Finally, the DWR obviously needs to upgrade their system. It's a joke they cannot handle 1 day where 30,000 people are trying to participate on the same morning.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

So, how will the DWR manage the ongoing elk issues with private landowners in the Uintah Basin? In the past a landowner could at least count on getting a rifle elk tag for themselves or their family. This will make it more difficult and overtime unlikely that a landowner can get a bull elk tag every year. Also, why the \$10 application fee? It always feels like the DWR chooses the option that will generate more money for itself than the option that provides the most value to the public.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU and LOA recommendations?

I appreciate and support the state's programs (CWMU and LOA) that create partnerships that benefit public and private interests mutually, however, I don't understand why the state is unwilling to consider mitigating impacts on smaller landowners who have proportionally larger negative impacts on their land due to wildlife issues (primarily elk). A landowner with 200 acres of farm ground that is losing \$10,000 worth of feed a year plus fencing damages gets up to two cow elk tags under the current system. How is this justifiable when the state is offering many tags, worth \$5,000 - \$10,000 each, to larger landowners under the CWMA and LOA programs. The state needs to figure out a similar system for smaller landowners.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

How about we actually manage our herd accurately. In 2021 i got a new hunter interested in the elk hunt. So we got a set of 3 season tags and went for it. Only to go to areas where all of our (the peoples) elk were held up on places like thunder ranch. where feed is plentiful. Whereas they get land owner tags and sell (our public elk) for around 6 to 7 thousand dollars. Then you have the phospate mine north of vernal. Who have more land tied up. With our(the peoples) elk all on it so ya cant hunt it. How about we quit counting them in our counts and make them high fence or dont sell them the tags or a permit to allow hunting. Because of this experience my new to be hunter refuses to spend any money on utah tags now. By putting tags into the draw you only seem to insure that you can get the maximum dollar amount out of tags by allowing mostly out of state tags. To be sold.why.is it so hard to draw as a resident? Priority should be given to residents of the county they live in. Rather than everyone from salt lake area hunting northeastern utah while we have our resid3nts not getting tags?

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Hunters should have to hunt the region that they reside in if they want to hunt outside of their region of residence they should be treated as out of states. By putting the general elk into a draw you will just increase the number of archery hunters or what ever is sold over the counter. As for elk hunting in this state their should be some regulation requiring private entities IE (escalante ranch,phosphate) to allow hunting with just a normal tag. Escalante ranch in jensen sells hunts for 6 to 7 thousand and baits the animals off public land.where is that right when i cant use bait.these places should have high fences to keep the publics animals out. If they want to sell animals they should raise their own.not bait the publics animals in and sell them. [REDACTED] i get in trouble if i sell the meat i harvest.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 5, 2021 3:52 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Change the 3 season to a LE draw with same rules that currently apply ro that hunt, or do away with it. It's been an absolute joke ever since that hunt has been introduced.... and go back to the way elk tags used to be., OTC, and you have to pick 1 SEASON, AND 1 SEASON ONLY TO HUNT! More than 1 season to hunt should be an LE or a special tag.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 5, 2021 4:02 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Some of the earliest memories that I have involve hunting. I have been hunting since I can remember. Now I know I was too young to hunt when I was little. But hunting for my family is also about family time. Now I can remember hiking with my grandfather in the woods, I learned many things from that man about how to hunt. I also remember sitting and watching a field with my grandmother, she also was able to provide much needed knowledge regarding hunting, and those memories are memories I carry with me and now am teaching to my sons. Now I bring up these memories because as we well know the hunter is a dying breed. The generation that taught my parents to hunt, and encouraged our family to continue hunting is no longer with my family. The DWR knows this and that is why over the most recent years they have decreased the hunting age from 14 to 12, as well as made it possible for the youth to hunt with another hunter using the mentor program.

Now these programs were introduced to get the youth, which is our future involved, interested, and wanting to continue hunting. I can remember since I was in kindergarten going up to Elk camp which is what my family called our camp that we had when my father and uncle were hunting elk. I remember the excitement as a young child to hear and feel involved in the hunting that was going on. This tradition has carried on now to my children and I. As well as my brothers and their children. I have eager nieces and nephews that cannot wait until they are old enough to go out on the hike for the elk hunt. So the point that I am trying to make is that hunting is not just about hunting, but it is also about family, family time, and the opportunity to teach our youth how to become even better hunters than we are ourselves. Now I remember when the General Deer season went to a draw, and I will tell you that hunting deer, has never been the same. This is due to my family and I not all being able to have tags to be able to go out and hunt together. This has divided our family and therefore caused some disinterest from the younger of us in participating in hunting. So now the DWR proposes that the general elk tag go to a "temporary" draw. This will therefore divide families from being able to participate in hunting together and therefore continue to deter the youth from participating in the sport of hunting. This "temporary draw" is restrictive and as sad as it is true we all know the temporary draw will eventually become a draw, just as the DWR has made the deer hunt. Therefore I would like to state that I strongly disagree with the idea of the general bull elk hunt being turned into a drawing system. The system of drawing is limiting, deterring, and it is not helping in allowing families and their youth to participate in the sport of hunting. The DWR is concerned regarding involving the youth in hunting and has implemented programs to encourage the involvement of youth as I have mentioned above. However now they seek to make it even more limiting in order to obtain a hunting permit? I see a never ending vicious cycle where the circle is getting getting smaller and smaller and has no end in site if hunting permits continue to be limited. Now I watched the video and I do understand that there are issues with the way that purchasing a General Bull Elk tag is done on the website. I understand the increasing demand is visibly there, but I do not think the answer is making the General

Bull Elk tag a drawing.

I would suggest alternative ways of handling this situation. Such as dividing the times the General bull archery, muzzleloader, and any legal weapon open up. Rather than having them all open on the same day, divide these up. Therefore those of us interested in one or the other will be able to know the date that it is open to purchase and can our chance to purchase the hunt that we would like to participate in.

Another solution to the chaos that I would propose would be to divide the youth age tags and the adult tags purchase days into different days. Both of these options will allow for less people to be accessing the website, and less wide spread use for all the hunters to be accessing the website.

I do think there are other solutions available to us all. I believe that we as hunters should be able to come up with a better solution than this proposed "temporary" drawing of the General Bull Elk permits.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

The pandemic, panic elk permit buying does NOT equal the actual amount of people hunting elk. I saw fewer hunters this year than last year. Just like crazed people buying toilet paper, this too will subside. The answer is not limiting the hunters who actually do the elk hunting, from getting a permit. The last season's proposed idea of unlimited elk permits was a good idea because the pressure to panic buy wouldn't be there anymore. This was sound logic from biologists. Too bad the public didn't understand. Another idea is to go to units/areas like Wyoming and have per unit quotas. And while I love the multi-season elk permit, it is causing a large portion of the increased demand for permits. Get rid of it and it would solve much of the problem. Thanks, Richard

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

If we have a supply and demand problem why are we selling multi season spike tags? It seems like a no brainer. When that tag was created several years ago it's said purpose was to increase hunters opportunities. Now it appears as though it is going to do just the opposite. I don't like the idea of being cheated of my opportunity to hunt one season so others can hunt all 3. That's not right. I wouldn't have a problem with that tag if we had excess supply, but it appears as though we are no longer in that boat. Make hunters pick one season and hunt it. More tags could be issued and more people would have the opportunity to enjoy a hunt with their families. I hope my comment makes sense and doesn't fall on unwilling ears. If you need any clarification please feel free to contact me. Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion and concerns.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 6, 2021 2:54 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

If they make you draw for elk then will be hunting nothing I can't even draw a deer tag utah big game hunting is becoming a joke they dont look at helping they should they put all there time on stupid things like this

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I agree with putting it into a draw system and should also consider breaking the general season elk hunt into units instead of statewide. Give each unit a certain amount of tags and be able to track the harvest rate better and be able to see what elk herds are doing in those units. I would also recommend getting rid of the spike elk hunts on a LIMITED ENTRY BULL ELK hunts. People that wait years for limited entry bull elk hunts and pay more then fifty dollars for a tag don't want to be competing with the spike elk hunters chasing all the elk around or scaring the elk if they have a opportunity to harvest a mature bull. I would also recommend getting rid of the late season cow elk hunts for the simple fact they are carrying babies and depending on the snow fall during those years they are already having a hard enough time surviving and finding food which puts extra pressure on them

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I know the DWR does a lot of good with the funds, but you have got to find other sources of income. It is really starting to look bad that everything is so monetized. You need to get some rich donors or grants, if you need more money. I think you caused this problem by offering the 3 season elk tags (which had to bring in a lot more money off of the same tags), and then to propose solving it by having people pay \$10 more for an application fee, and starting a new point system nightmare, is just too much to handle. This proposal isn't for us. If the problem is the system, fix the system. But regardless, I am far more happy to deal with the system issues than to deal with another application / point system, etc. Please just leave it the way it is. At least this way, if you get a permit you get it - and if you don't you don't, and you know right then - you don't have to suffer through the whole application / notification process. It is so much better that way. Or worst case, just tell people they can only hunt 2 out of 3 years, or every other year, or assign the permits on a rolling basis (but without a draw with application fee, and the ability to get a permit before someone that has waited longer than you), i.e. if 30k want to hunt, give the first 17,500 permits this year, and then give the 12,500 next year from those that didn't get it this year - and then start in again giving the remaining 5k to those that did get it last year - so the permit assignments are just given round robin - no drawing, no luck, just assigned based on number of permits, and how many people want them. Basically you just wait in line for your turn, and after you get your turn, go to the back of the line. Or, you could have people who are successful sit a year. There are a lot of ways to solve this, without an application / point nightmare system, that are more fair, easier to plan for, and don't cost more and incur all the management of an application / point system. But if you don't want to do any of those alternatives - PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE just leave it alone!

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

I am just glad to see Covy without hat-head this time. Not that it is a bad look per se,

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I feel that changes are needed because how fast the permits are being sold out. If you are not available to get on the internet due to work or other obligations you can't get a tag. I'm fine with doing the draw but a few points I don't like it are the following.

- 1) \$10 application fee. This hasn't been apart of the DWR funding why does it need to be included. Can it be reduced to just cover the cost of the application or removed.
 - 2) Now we will have to apply for the hunt in Feb/March and then won't know until May. I understand the reason it takes so long to provide the tags is because the DWR has to determine the tags to allocate. This isn't a problem for the Any bull hunt because the tag allocation is determined in the Elk Plan and is 17,500. Can it be a separate draw or be with the antlerless tags?
 - 3) I agreed with the DWR proposal last year to make it an unlimited hunt and convert Anthro to any bull unit. I agree with this proposal.
 - 2)
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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 8, 2021 12:17 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

THIS IS A BAD IDEA. SPIKE TAGS DID NOT SELL OUT FOR 3 DAYS.THIS HURTS PEOPLE WHO REALLY WANT TO HUNT AND WILL TAKE TIME OFF WORK AND STAND IN LINE FOR HOURS TO BE ABLE TO BUY A TAG.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 8, 2021 12:57 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Make general elk the same as points based general deer. Raise the Elk tag prices and lower the quota, the 3 season hunts is putting too much pressure on the animals. I live in Vernal, next to Ashley forest, there are elk running around with tongues literally hanging out and every other vehicle you see on the mountain is from out of state.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 8:54 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Youth shouldn't have to be in a draw system if you want us to get into the sport. Should be an over the counter purchase.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 9:08 am

Which best describes your position Somewhat agree
regarding the proposed waterfowl
hunting changes?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 9:21 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

You say it's a systems problem. If so, fix it. If you think your system is the only one that has rush periods you need to try harder. There are systems that handle much larger traffic. This feels like a bait and switch. If you go this way, I and many I know will simply go out of state. The management of the wildlife is one thing. The management of the sales process is another.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 6:36 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Res- Archery- unlimited

Non res- draw only for every current OTC tag

Rifle/muzzy elk- limited quota

Get rid of Multi season tag. Way too much pressure on the elk for 3 months straight. Insane

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 6:52 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I strongly disagree with the idea of making the spike elk hunt a draw. People are having to wait for 3 years to draw a deer tag so now make elk the same is not a good idea. Why not offer spike tags at more stores to spread the people out or upgrade your computer system so it can handle the amount of people seeking a tag.

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 7:52 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments F the drawing keep it the same
about the proposed changes to the big
game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 8:35 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments The draw for gen elk season would only be pic at random. Where it still
about the proposed changes to the big should be first come first serve.
game hunt drawing?

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 9, 2021 9:06 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Strongly agree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 10, 2021 2:04 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the proposed changes to the
big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

The proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing, more specifically moving most of the elk permits to a draw system appears to be a solution that does not fit the problem. The problem is that the online demand for elk permits exceeds the ability of the online program to handle the requests, and the demand for elk permits exceeds the current supply. There are a range of more fitting solutions to this problem including making a portion of the permits available for purchase at physical locations only, making permits for each elk unit available on a unique day, or reducing the number of permits available to nonresidents and offering those permits to residents of the State of Utah.

As widely acknowledged by all who are familiar with it, the current that is in place for purchasing elk permits has been plagued with many issues over the past two years. This system has disproportionately affected those of the hunting community who are unfamiliar with technology, those who lack access to technology during the opening hours of licenses being offered, and especially the elderly. All agree that an individual should not be effectively barred the opportunity to hunt based on age, familiarity with technology, or their work schedule. Therefore, changes must be made to this system. Below, I have outlined a few possible solutions to this problem. Reserve a portion of elk permits for sale at physical locations only. This solution would allow those who are unfamiliar with technology to access hunting licenses. This solution would also reduce the amount of traffic experienced by the online program, speeding up time for its users. Additionally, because of the nature of this solution, license could not be sold at as high of a rate, meaning those who lack access to technology when tags go up for sale online would still have an opportunity to purchase licenses at a physical location.

Offer permits for each elk unit on a unique day. This solution would involve each license for each elk unit being offered for sale on a unique day. This would reduce the amount of traffic experienced by the online program and allow it to function properly.

Reduce the number of permits available to nonresidents and offer those permits to residents. It is not a secret that there are many nonresidential elk permits available. While it is good that nonresidents enjoy Utah's outdoors and contribute to conservation with their license fees, Utah's outdoors belong first and foremost to Utahns. It is a great injustice to Utah's outdoor community to offer elk licenses to nonresidents when they are not available to lifetime residents of the state of Utah. Reducing the number of nonresident elk permits and offering those permits to residents would reduce the feeling of a license shortage among Utah's outdoorsmen. This would help eliminate some of the problems currently plaguing the current system.

While the above solutions are mere suggestions, they do something that the solution proposed by the Utah DNR does not. These solutions put the needs of Utah's outdoorsmen first. Utilizing the draw system for elk will only increase the discontent of hunters and lead to an increased distrust of the Utah DNR. I strongly oppose the proposed solution and call on the Utah DNR to investigate other avenues of fixing this problem.

Sincerely,

A concerned Utahn

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 10, 2021 2:45 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Get rid of the multi season elk tags. That would reduce the load on the system a lot. All archery hunters could wait and buy tags. If everyone has to choose a specific weapon/season you could spread out the dates tags go on sale which would reduce traffic on the tag system.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Instead of putting them on a draw why can't you separate them you know about how many people buy multi season tags and rifle and muzzloader just separate all the tag into groups like that a sell them on different days I don't like the draw system because I can't even draw a deer tag I would like to hunt something but if I have to draw I probably won't draw and wont be able to hunt nothing

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 10, 2021 5:57 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Would rather see it just go to a true over the counter and not online vs. becoming a draw.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 10, 2021 7:20 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

No for general draw system. Just update the servers to keep up. No for more max point holder tags. People like me with low points will never catch up to the point creep so this would lower our already terrible odds

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Get rid of the multi season elk hunt, it's popularity has ruined it for the muzzleloader hunters. Some of us quit rifle elk hunting 20 years ago and switched to muzzleloader to avoid the ridiculous crowds. It was like opener of the deer hunt in North Slope unit the entire hunt.
If it's about the money increase the permit fee across the board to make up the difference. Catering to the friggin rifle hunters ruined a good hunt.
Greed

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

Get rid of the any bull multi season tag it ruined the muzzleloader hunt for people not interested in the rifle or archery, or drastically reduce the amount offered north slope was a joke.

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations? Somewhat disagree

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 11, 2021 11:08 am

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I disagree with the any bull otc hunt going to a draw. I'm afraid that once it goes to a draw it will never go back to OTC. I do not want to lose out on our last OTC big game hunt in Utah.

I would rather see the permits go to unlimited and add the limited entry units proposed last year to the any bull units.

I have really enjoyed the any bull hunt each year and would hate to see it go to a draw

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

It seems to me like the DWR is trying to make money off our application fees and it's complete BS. How about we just stop letting people from anywhere they want come in and get tags before residents. Residents to Utah should be the top priority. If elk hunting turns into anything like drawing for deer tags has, people will start leaving Utah to go hunt in other places. As a resident of Utah I know people who haven't got general season deer tags for up to 7 years and if we allow the DWR to draw elk tags the same thing will happen. We will have just a bunch of non resident hunters in our areas. Give the tags back to the residents and stop trying to con us for all our moneys worth by putting us in a draw that we'll never draw out of anyways.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

I like the proposal to move this to a draw, but it has to be for 1 year only in order to get the data on how many people are trying to get this tag. Please use the extra money earned via application fees to upgrade the server!

I'm also good with the 60/40 split for LE.

What I'm not OK with is the idea of moving to unlimited elk tags. This idea received massive opposition last year and here we are again with the Northern RAC members going against the public and voting for unlimited tags. This is just outrageous and irresponsible. Unlimited tags will benefit the private land owners even more because you will force the animals out of the overcrowded public land. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS! Covy says it will not impact the number of animals but that is a blatant lie. More people on the land equals more stressed out herds which equals less calf recruitment. All we have to do is look at what has happened to the deer management in this state to see what will happen to the elk numbers. Moved to a draw, sold more tags, killed off the health of the herds, massive tag cuts because objectives could not be achieved. STOP MAKING DECISIONS SOLELY FOR MONEY!!!!

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November 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 11, 2021 7:07 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I disagree with this proposal. I believe that these need to be continually sold over-the-counter tags instead of a draw permit.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

i agree that the elk tags need to go into the draw, and it should be permanent. as long as we can still put in for both general season deer and elk and be able to draw both permits. also while we are at it lets put the elk tags to units such as the deer tags are. lets start managing our elk as individual herds and not a state wide herd. also while i am giving comment something needs to be done with the unfairness that is being done to the residents of Utah in regards to the limited entry tags. how is it fair that a non-resident is able to apply for and builds points for multiple limited entry species but as a resident we can only apply for one species each year.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

The elk tags did not have a problem selling out quick until the multi-season tags were implemented. People that were only interested in muzzleload or archery hunting started buying these tags and word spread. And everyone started trying for them. Hence the quick sells.. If we must keep these multi-season tags let's make them part of the draw, and leave the general single season tags alone. Many people (myself included) wait until after the draw to determine whether or not to get an elk tag and which one to get. Making them all part of the draw will leave many more people without the yearly tradition of family time putting meat in the freezer.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended big game season dates?

Cwd seem to keep being a reason to get rid of more and more deer, sell more tags, and get more revenue.