

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

What if the camera is set to transmit once or twice a day? That is not real time and should be allowed. Is the night images in a trail cam considered a night vision device?

I think the restriction dates are too long. July 31st to January 31st is the prime time for antler growth. I use trail cams as a hobbyist most of the year, but I do hunt for one week a year. Does that mean I can't use my transmitting cameras for most of the year?

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

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November 23, 2021 8:15 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I feel that every hunter should have an opportunity to take a survey or vote on this. I use non transmittable trail cams to find good areas and see what animals frequent there. We don't sell these images and in fact, have never harvested any of the animals on them. There has to be a better recommendation to stop the people that may use them for profit or are excessive with them. Punishing people like myself is unfair. I'm an avid hunter and a huge supporter for conservation. Surveys like this should be mandatory for all hunters so everyone has a say in it. It's very disappointing!

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November 23, 2021 8:26 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

After following an outfitter around watching them use thermal imaging devices to locate animals to harvest, I would strongly encourage the state to ban this for hunting purposes. That is not hunting, and should not be used.

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 23, 2021 9:01 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 black bear recommendations? Like to see the HO hunts be an OTC, unit specific opportunity, allowing all General season hunters with valid general permits (archery, muzzleloader, rifle deer/elk) seasons, being able to purchase an OTC bear hunt for the spot and stalk HO unit of their choosing and being able to hunt with that permit during their other hunts until the quota is filled

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 black bear recommendations?

I have had the opportunity to hunt the last 3 years on the summer bait hunt with either my own tag or family and friends and I would very strongly support cutting the spring bear hunt back to end the day before the bait seasons on all units not just a select few. The bait season really only has a few good weeks after the hounds are gone and the season ends. These hunts need to be separated completely. From my own experiences I know as soon as the hounds man knows you are baiting an area they hunt it even harder and all they have to say is they didn't know. Let's end the frustrations of people waiting years to draw a tag only to have a pack of hounds run off a bait potentially chasing off a target bear. The spring season has over 2 months to hunt the summer only has 1. Make it fair and let everyone enjoy these amazing opportunities to hunt bears furring their own season with no overlap. Thank you

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Unfortunately we live in a time where it seems the general consensus of a few is to push the limits, go extreme, and seek justification for their actions, which almost always leads to the abuse of privilege. The right to hunt in these modern times is a privilege that for many of us has been given to us through generations of hunter, fathers, grandfathers, generations back through time who envisioned their posterity to have this opportunity and privilege for all generations to enjoy. For many of us hunting is a tradition that we cherish as it holds a vast bank of memories of our loved ones that helped to instill within us the commitment to keep this privilege alive and well.

Are trail cameras bad? No, but because a few feel they need to go extreme and have more cameras in more places than they could possibly hunt. Or to make inflated profits by abusing the privilege that has been so carefully handed to us by purchasing or offering "finders fees" for others camera footage, is an absolute offense against the foundation of what hunting means to so many of us. There are some things in life that can only be purchased by the wealthy, but hunting, hunting has always been a way that no matter who you are, no matter what your salary, if you will spend your time in the woods, hike, scout, study, ON YOUR OWN, you can be successful. Now I see some who hike into remote places, find that animal, and repeat this process for weeks or months before the hunt only to find on opening morning 10-15 people already there to take that animal because they had several cameras transmitting that data, or purchased that data from someone else, have a hunter that they have "sold" this animal to and will make certain that no one else makes that harvest. No more fair chase... regulations can overwhelm all of us, but we can't change the thought processes of the few who justify abuse of privilege, so regulation becomes necessary to protect the rights that were envisioned by generations before us.

On the muzzleloader, keep it what it was meant to be, an opportunity to experience the challenge of a primitive hunt. Any so called "muzzleloader" that can shoot 700-800 yards or beyond accurately, is a rifle, period, and should not be allowed in a primitive hunt.

Thank you,

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November 24, 2021 7:34 am

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I think that the DWR should continue to stay on top of technology changes and as new technology is developing to continue to look at how that should be incorporated into our hunting rules.

I appreciate the DWR separating the transmitting cameras vs the regular trail cameras in these rules.

Is there a reason why surveys are only sent to a sample size of hunters? I would think with technology it would be just as easy to send surveys to every registered hunter in the state. This would help with the sentiment that the DWR is not getting that full public's views.

Is there a reason to why there is not a mandatory harvest survey for ALL hunts within the state of Utah? Doesn't make sense to why this would not be a requirement, the technology is there. This would give the DWR solid number to manage herds better and to publish the full data and not just a sample size data.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule? Your definition of a transmitting camera vs non-handheld are confusing. After discussing this with others I read this as ALL cameras need to come off the mountain on or before July 31. Other read it as ONLY cameras that transmit pictures in the aid of taking an animal. Make it black and white and stop trying to clarify bumpy making it harder to understand. If your going to try me clarify, you need to break down all types of cameras.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 24, 2021 1:11 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I am a hunter and 100% disagree with stopping the use of trail cameras. I don't even use them but strong believe that its fine. whats next? no riffle? no optics? you are opening a pandoras box.

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 24, 2021 1:32 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule? That those who proposed this and are strongly advocating should be recusing themselves because they benefit the most due to their use of private and cwmu guiding.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I strongly disagree with the proposed trail camera regulations. A transmitting camera allows me to be on more equal footing with local hunters that can scout almost every day, where they drive a matter of minutes, and I have to drive for 3+ hours! Even with cell trail cameras, my E scouting is much less effective than being on the mountain and getting to see 360 degrees for as far as you can see, as compared to my camera being able to see 100 feet thru maybe a 60 degree angle. If a person does not like this technology, then don't use it. A few years ago I rifle elk hunted for the first time, it was much easier to harvest an elk with the rifle as compared to my archery equipment, thus I choose not to rifle hunt elk anymore. Did I rush out and try to get all rifle hunting banned? NO, I did not, I made a personal choice as to what method I would hunt with. I agree with letting other hunters make their own choice of which technology to use, I ask that you return the same courtesy and allow me to continue use of the technology I choose to use; my cell trail camera.

If this passes I will send you my list of technology that should be banned for use for hunting or scouting,

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November 24, 2021 3:24 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I would like to see all trail cameras usage banned during hunting seasons. I am a guide and also running multiple trail cameras. But I am a huge proponent of fair chase. I also support primitive weapon hunting to allow more opportunities for hunters (especially youth). Hunters have been regulating themselves since the beginning of conservation. Something has to give to keep our resources on the landscape for our future youth.

For bears you have to register you baiting locations so that could allow the use of cameras on those bait locations if registered.

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Which best describes your position Strongly agree
regarding the recommended changes to
the big game rule?

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I really feel that the use of trail cams be eliminated completely . I also thank that some stringer language or penalties be enacted for landowners. As we all know a lot of them get depredation permits and they absolutely use their trail cam data to help the friends or family to harvest game.

I also wanted to chime in about new technology. The use of drones or any other new technology for the use of spotting wildlife at all for any reasons, hunting, advertising, ect should be banned and made illegal's. as putting any open time window like the trail cam proposal opens the field for rationalization, exploitations, and corruption.

Lets level the playing field for all and not give privledge to the wealthy (those that can afford 5-6 trail cams or the commercial hunters that are slaughtering "we the peoples" wildlife and getting richer at our detriment.

Lastly, as I don't dare say this at the Central RAK meeting because it is pretty much 100% archery hunters that attend. How about more or better opportunities to Rifle or mussel loader hunters. Why do the archery hunters get afforded the "world." New archery equipment is extremely accurate and just as deadly as a 2300 FPS bullet up to 100 yards, so Why do they get all the advantages???

I went to one Central RAK meeting in the 90's and said this there too and was Boo'ed and threated by the Mass to shut up. How about throwing the rest of us (non-archery hunters) a bone. I used to hunt all three when it was not cost prohibitive getting my big game "rifle" tag and then paying the \$10 to hunt archery (basically to be able to pack a bow and arrow while out spotting for my upcoming rifle, and then paying an additional \$10 for the muzzleloaders if I was unsuccessful on the rifle.

The dedicated hunter program is a good idea, however here again it is only for the rich folks. Most just pay the \$20 for their hours and when the division does have projects it costs \$50 in gas to get there and back. I know of serval folks that get credit for blading roads (that are also access to their own personal property) and would have to do it anyway, but the get the freebie credit for hrs from DNR. That type of special treatment needs to end.

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Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I really wish trail cameras were banned during the hunt. I actually wish they were banned year round as I hate knowing that every time I'm in the woods, I'm probably on someones camera. Isn't there some invasion of privacy going on there? Maybe not since it's public land, but I still don't like it. For what it's worth, here's a vote for banning...at least during the hunt but preferably more often.

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November 24, 2021 7:40 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Regardless of transmitting cameras use or not the highly successful hunters will still be highly successful year after year. In my opinion transmitting cameras are far more fair chase then high magnification scopes on Muzzleloaders. I do not support this rule change.

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 24, 2021 9:36 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule? I would like to see even more to restrict trail cameras. I'm extreme here but I would like to see them gone completely on public land. No more trail cameras.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 black bear recommendations? Strongly agree

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November 25, 2021 12:08 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

At first I was against the change but after speaking to some hunters and I found what is, Really, going on and now I am against the trail cams. I have heard that hunters use the wireless cameras and sit around camp until the camera goes off. The hunter then runs to the camera that went off to hunt the intended animal. I have also heard that some of the more popular hunting groups put trail cams all over a unit and again they know where to go based on which camera goes off. This does not sound much like hunting to me. So now I am against the cams based on how they are being used.

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November 25, 2021 12:22 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly agree
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the big game rule?

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Technologies need to be restricted if we are going to preserve opportunities. People cannot have both. They want their long range rifles, muzzleloaders and bows but want the same or more opportunities. It does not work that way with limited resources. When harvest success rates go up and the resources available will go down which then reduces opportunities. I would rather maintain or increase opportunity by placing restrictions on weapon technologies and other technologies like night vision and transmitting trail cameras. With regard to weapon restrictions I would go back to a 1x scope on muzzleloaders. Years ago when this rule was change the WB chair had zero clue of what a muzzleloader was capable when he made his comments about what does it matter what scope is on a muzzleloader... it is still just a muzzleloader. He was clueless in that comment, the scope magnification is the limiting factor of a muzzleloaders capability's. The 1x scope helped the older guys with their eye sight issues with open sights but kept it on the same playing field as open sights. Now with any magnification allowed on muzzleloaders they are producing rifles and higher BC bullets capable of 1000 yards and beyond with 500+ yards becoming common and affordable. With rifles I would have a no greater than a fixed 6x scope restriction with no exposed easy adjustable turret. With bows it would be no sliding sights, back to fixed pin sights. People complain about not enough opportunities and the quality and quantity of bucks on the landscape not being sufficient but they do not want to change anything to fix the problems. The suggestions above would help with both by maintaining the current opportunities or slightly increasing the opportunities and increase some of the age structure and quantity of the bucks on the landscape which both items would increase hunter satisfaction. The WB needs to make some hard decisions at some point to preserve opportunities and revenues. People will adapt to the changes and be grateful that they get to be in the field hunting. By all means let's make hunting a hunt again and let the game we hunt have some of their natural sense to win the game every now and then. I have a friend that has killed bucks in Utah with a bow at 160 yards and with a rifle at 1394 yards. Another friend built him a custom 1000 yard muzzleloader after the rule changed allowing any magnified scopes on muzzleloaders. That is not allowing the animal much of a chance. Are we shooters or hunters? I would like to be referred to as a hunter. Make the hard decisions and place restrictions on technologies to allow everyone to be playing the same game in the field as hunters. Fair chase allows the game we pursue a chance. Technology is taking that chance away from the animals. Remember we are hunters and conservationists. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

The regulating of game cameras is going to be a joke to enforce. How many more animals have been taken as a result of trail cameras?

I agree that it's a bad look to have outfitters with 100+ cameras in a Limited Entry unit. Seems extreme. For the 99% of public land hunters, trail cams are a fun part of the experience. Especially as the hunt season gets going. I run a couple of cameras each year, but have never harvested an animal anywhere close to where a camera is placed.

How will a warden determine if a camera is for "wildlife viewing" vs scouting/hunting? Is taking game cameras away during the back half of the year going to result in a significant decrease in harvest? I think not.

Another rule I'm not a huge fan of is that of selling game pictures and locations. I don't like our big game being auctioned off, but this rule also seems quite hard to enforce.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I think trail cameras should be able to be used year round, the majority of the big game hunts are from September to the end of October end of July to the first of Febuary for no camera use is ridiculous I am disappointed that the central and the northern regions only have 2 days after the recommendations are released to submit comments, This should be at least 7 days

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022–23 furbearer recommendations?

I agree with the recommendations How ever according to the bobcat management plan setting numbers and season dates information for the currant season need to be taken in account.
By setting bobcat rule now we are a year behind actual data this does not align with the bobcat management plan
I am disappointed that the central and the northern regions only have 2 days after the recommendations are released to submit comments, This should be at least 7 days

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November 25, 2021 6:39 pm

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
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Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I know this feedback response probably seems long-winded, but it is important that these concerns are addressed during the meetings. I only disagree with a portion of the proposed trail camera rule. When the legislature was drafting legislation regarding trail camera rules, there was a clear exception for private landowners still being able to utilize trail cameras (including transmitting ones) for whatever applicable purpose they needed assistance with on their property during any closed trail camera season. While It appears like the DWR tried to make an exception for landowners monitoring for trespass during a closed trail camera season, it seems unnecessary to even have that statement in there unless it also includes an exception to allow for incidental big game monitoring. How can a landowner who is monitoring for trespass, not see any pictures of big game that are transmitted to their phone when the camera is triggered by big game? Obviously, a person can't unsee a picture. It seems like it restricts the landowners from being able to hunt that specific area on their property if a transmitting security trail camera transmits pictures of big game as well. Why should a landowner have to choose between protecting their property and the right of quiet enjoyment vs. being able to hunt their own land that has a transmitting camera on it that happens to have big game triggering the camera as well? The proposed rule only prohibits trail cameras in the "take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted to take" of big game. Monitoring for trespass has nothing to do with that prohibition, so why do we need that exception as written? Why even have that statement in there, unless, the exception is clear that it includes incidental big game monitoring as well. The last section 4(b)iv which specifically states that certain technology can't be used on private land seems rather targeted for no good reason. Why not have a statement like that for a person on public land that is monitoring an area around their private camping trailer for burglary during the closed trail camera season since that is not for a hunting purpose either? I would suggest that if the exception for landowners in Section 4(b)iiiA remains that it also includes language that gives exceptions for incidental big game monitoring. Section 4(b)iv that states "...similar technology on private property cannot be used to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of big game between July 31 and Juan 31" needs to be removed from the proposed rule or have an exception added for incidental big game monitoring. The public survey results regarding private property trail camera use should be taken with a grain of salt, it was asking big game hunters about how to restrict a small minority of people (private landowners) that have been blessed with huntable private property. It seems like asking a group of coyotes and a few rabbits what they should have for dinner. I ask that this topic regarding infringing on private property rights gets some discussion and these questions have some good answers during the RAC and Wildlife Board meetings. Your RAC has done a great job addressing concerns in the past and I'm confident you'll do great things again. Thank you for your service.

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November 25, 2021 6:53 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I am ok with traditional trail cameras, but completely opposed to using transmitting cameras, drones, and night Vision on both public and private land to locate game or aid in the take of game. It cannot be just on public land. It must include private land as the game are owned by the public.

Traditional cameras still require work by the hunter and do not provide real time data. Transmitting cameras do not provide fair chase-period.

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 25, 2021 7:32 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I agree with the proposed rules with the exception of transmitting cameras on private property. If the landowner has a camera posted for trespassers and a big game animal gets it's picture taken that shouldn't be a crime. Many private land owners have purchased property for hunting thus they should be able to take pictures of trespassers and wildlife and have them transmitted.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

First I think there should be a change made to this rating system. There's not an option that accurately expresses my opinion, as I strongly agree with the removal of transmitting trail cameras and strongly disagree with the removal of orange clothing for archery elk hunters. Having the archery hunters not wear orange doesn't make sense to me. They are hunting at the same time as the youth elk hunters who have to wear orange. This change doesn't seem fair to those young hunters and could even be a safety hazard for the archery hunters. When I was younger I drew the Youth any bull elk tag, and I know my experience would not have been the same if I had been surrounded by 10,000 archery elk hunters. Even more so if those hunters weren't wearing orange.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Backcountry Hunters and Anglers is the voice for public lands, public waters, and wildlife and focuses its mission on three categories: 1) Access and Opportunity, 2) Public Lands and Waters, and 3) Fair Chase. The Utah Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers supports the Utah DWR's proposals surrounding fair chase including 1) the prohibition on transmitting trail cameras between July 31 and January 31 for the purposes of taking/aiding to take big game, 2) the prohibition of night vision devices to locate or attempt to locate a big game animal 48 hours before through 48 hours after any big game hunt in the area, 3) the requirement that muzzleloaders have both the bullet and powder loaded through the muzzle, and 4) the requirement for bison tag holders to review a shot placement article provided by the DWR. Regarding the trail camera discussion, BHA draws the line of fair chase with live-action trail cameras that have the ability to transmit data real-time to the hunter. BHA supports the ethical use of non-transmitting trail cameras and advocates for voluntary use of these tools. Our chapter particularly liked how the DWR's proposal kept the proposed rule (prohibiting the use of transmitting trail cameras to take or aide in the taking of big game) the same for public vs. private land - fair chase principles do not change based on the designation of land on which the hunter is standing.

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November and December 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback
November 25, 2021 10:03 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to the big game rule?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to the big game rule?

I agree with the trail cam changes. I agree with the antlerless elk changes and completely agree with not allowing flir and night vision technology. I disagree with removing the orange during the youth hunt. That feels wrong. Do the youth need to wear orange if archers don't? The youth appear to lose with this change.
