

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 disagree with the trail cam law. If you happen to have service on the mountain you should be able to have whatever trail cam you can afford. Wireless trailcams put less pressure on the animals, it's not going to reduce the amount of cameras on the mountain. It also is not going to affect harvest rates on animals. If this is passed it only hurts the common man, the guides will still have all their people out scouting. Which I don't have time to do, so in that case I'm automatically at a disadvantage. Let everyone hunt to the best of their abilities. If that means they can run 20-1000 cameras so be it. I think this law only affects the normal everyday guy that runs cameras for a little fun. Hardly ever do animals get put to a disadvantage by your average hunter because he has trailcams in the hills. Guides are Going to kill the big animals regardless if this gets passed. Please allow us to keep the playing field somewhat level. Thanks for your time.

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 think the transmitting trail should have a season but the sd card with Intel storage should be able to be used year round I use the ones I have even if i don't have a permit i just like to go out and check them to see what kind of wildlife is there and like to use them in the rut I have got some cool pictures of different wildlife in there ruting activities and it is just fun to get out and look at the pictures but I have never used the transmitting one because I want to get out a check the camera not have it sent to my phone thanks for letting me voice my opinion

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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 the reason for prohibiting trail cameras is so you game wardens dont get caught cutting the antlers off!

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Which best describes your position Somewhat disagree
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the big game rule?

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

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

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

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

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Strongly disagree

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

Since 2000, DWR has been consistently ratcheting up the number of black bear hunting permits. In 2000, the combined hunter harvest and depredation take was ~100 animals, and last year it was nearly 600. I understand that the Division believes that the black bear population has consistently grown in the last 20-30 years, but on the other hand basic ecology tells us that a population should not exceed the natural carrying capacity of its habitat. Speaking of which, I am concerned about the current carrying capacity of our black bear habitat, with the very real effects of climate change we are now already seeing. This includes many more wildfires in the coming years that will occur in bear habitat. Now would sure seem like a good time for DWR to "press pause" on the steady increase of bear tags, and abide by the Precautionary Principle. As they do so, the Division should utilize its very capable wildlife biologists, who should team up with spatial analysts from USU or BYU and develop a predictive spatial model that looks 5, 15, and 25 years out and integrates the functional level of bear habitat combined with predicted climate change impacts on habitat. Until that happens I fear that, if the Division does not reduce bear harvest next year, it is playing fast and loose with our bear population.

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

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

I think totally doing away with camera's that transmit pictures is complete overreach and does nothing to help big game. I am even more concerned about banning the use for bears on a baited hunt. I have used cell cameras for the past 5 years to monitor some of my favorite spots that are remote. In the 5 years since I bought one I have not harvested a single animal anywhere near my cameras but have enjoyed being able to watch wildlife without having to tromp through their bedding areas and disturb them. Because its been of little benefit I am less concerned about it for elk and deer, but very strongly opposed to it during a bear bait season. Drawing a bear permit has almost become a once or twice in a lifetime permit. Cameras allow the monitor of the bait and what bears are hitting the bait in a much more thorough manner. It is often that a sow comes to the bait before her cubs and identifying boar and sow can be difficult in the heat of the moment. Being able to receive regular pictures is priceless in learning what bears are coming to a bait and identifying sows and boars. If the goal of the hunt is to only take mature boars why in the world would be limit any tool that would allow a hunter to better study the animals coming in. I would argue that having transmitting cell cameras will not in any way make a hunter more or less likely to harvest a bear, but rather much more likely to harvest the correct bear. When I assisted a newer hunter who drew a bait permit a few years ago I found that one of the baits was being hit exclusively by a large, older female and the cubs would not appear for 5-10 minutes. Knowing this I was able to warn the hunter and discourage him from even sitting on that bait at the time because I was certain it would be too easy for him to accidently kill a mother bear. I understand the need to not have guides with hundreds of cameras tracking every movement of game, but the average guy with 3 or 4 cameras is not a problem and we should be trying to address the real problem and not continue to make things hard for the average guy. I would fully support a limit on the number of cameras in a given area by any individual or persons with access to those images. We have enjoyed the pictures we receive as much as the hunt itself. Either I am the worlds worst hunter, or these cameras do nothing to increase my success rate. Have there been any studies done on the topic or is this a knee jerk reaction by people who have never used trail cameras and are too lazy to scout thinking its a magic bullet. I know dozens of people who have cameras. Not one has every reported being able to harvest an animal because a remote picture suddenly came through and the animal was waiting by his camera when he arrived. If there are problems with guys putting up a hundred cameras in one draw then lets ban that. Not the guy with 2 cameras miles and miles apart that enjoys watching the animals year round.

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December 1, 2021 6:28 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 agree with a ban on trail cameras and night vision devices for scouting and hunting

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

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022–23 cougar recommendations? I agree with a ban on trail cameras for scouting and hunting

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?

Please follow suit with the Northern RAC. Having a season on ALL trail cameras. I am a hunter and a guide. I have seen the use of cameras completely change units like Boulder and the Paunsagaunt. Any desert unit with limited water source have multiple trail cameras on them. Arizona and Nevada did it. Now it is our turn to do the right thing. Believe it or not guide and outfitters are still employed in those states. Auction tags have went up in a lot of cases.

Let's put hunting back into hunting. We need to regulate ourselves. With emerging technologies we are getting better and better with taking upper age class animals. This would be the first step into doing this. Let's make sure there are animals on the landscape for future generations.

Thank you

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 appreciate the DWR, The RAC's and the Wildlife Board for actively looking at the issues concerning the ability to harvest wild game animals. I feel that in a lot of situations, technology has surpassed the animals natural defenses and ability to survive under natural instincts.

I am one that spends a significant amount of time in the outdoors and have enjoyed setting up trail cameras through out the year and have used this strategy for more reasons than just hunting. I have friends and family members that do not hunt but enjoying setting up and manually checking cameras throughout the year. It has been a wonderful time to just enjoy the outdoors with hunters and nonhunters alike.

So I am still in favor of being able to place trail cameras but they need to be checked manually and not of the cellular or instant transmitting options type. Same goes for the thermal and heat imaging instruments that in my opinion do not advocate fair chaise. I try very hard to be respectful in the field and I hope that the bad actions of a few individuals don't punish the many who enjoy more than just the harvest.

I have never sold or have used these devices as an accessory to the actual moment of harvest which seems that the DWR recommendations are addressing that, the assist in the actual moment of harvest.

It is very hard to govern ethics and values buy punishing the honest. So I hope that for those who violate can be punished severe enough that it would deter most from breaking the rules.

Thank You for your efforts in these matters.

Sincerely,
Jerry Slaugh
