

**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** All of northeast Utah just needs to be shut down and let herd build up .it us dismal even IE units.  
And we the people don't believe spike and 2 points count as breeding age bucks .that is like having 13 old teenagers repopulate the earth.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Get rid of spike elk hunts in book cliffs then your age objectives. Will come up .  
In fact shut it down for a couple years and let herd build up.  
Your antelope numbers are to high in book cliffs. And in North Eastern region period  
I work in book cliffs and your permit numbers are out of control you have ruined it and anthro and south of myton .  
No more cow tags or doe tags we don't have enough ad it is  
  
Way to many tags for the manti elk those numbers are out control.  
I have been on that unit the last 3 years hunting with tag holders and had tag soup the amount of permits issued is more elk than seen in in 3 years  
This is a other unit that needs to get rid of spike hunts for elk  
And close the deer hunt on manti there are no deer. Ps. Get rid of domestic sheep on manti talk about ruined habitat this is the most over grazing I ever seen in 40 years .  
In general I don't know were you get numbers but is not what the public is seeing that spend time in field .

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** Permits are to many for all species to build herd up .period

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** In North Eastern Utah should not be any Antlerless permits period  
We do not have enough wild life as it is  
Let the herds build manage game not money

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?**

Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?**

No antlerless permit for North Eastern units period end of sentence.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Thanks for the good work trying to bring back deer numbers.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** I agree with all the recommendations except on the book cliffs.  
I think the spike elk hunt needs to be eliminated in the book cliffs. The bull age class in the book cliffs seems to really be dropping based on the data provided in the package. Dropping from an age class of 6.0 down to 5.2 in the last 3 years.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** I agree with everything except the recommendations for the Book Cliffs.  
I don't see the reasoning that we increase the antlerless elk tags in the book cliffs. It seems like the increase in tags isn't guaranteed to kill the older cows. Just based on odds won't hunter be killing the younger elk. Do you have data showing the herd use to be younger. I know last year I was involved with a few antlerless tags and our group all killed younger cows because who wants to eat on old cow.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

i have never harvested a deer in my 21 years of hunting just give me a tag it's not like i pose a threat to the buck population anyways. i'm a terrible shot.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

I agree with the cuts that Covy Proposed due to the drought and habitat concerns that he brought up. The northern units are still suffering from the hard winter survival from 2017-18. Covy pointed out that killing bucks is not apart of the population growth of the overall deer numbers, knowing that there is also limited access to public land in some of the units listed in the tag proposal is adding 2200 permits to an already struggling deer herd warranted? Please Help out our Northern Deer herds.

Also, the call out for working with Forest Service and other land partners to address the habitat issues in the Northern part of the state. Prescribed burns, land clearing, reseeding after fires (Bountiful fire) have not been of importance like Southern and Central Utah. From the DWR working sessions it was identified that deer that go into the winter with better fat reserves have better spring survival and fawn production. We can see the direct correlation with quality forage on the landscape and how it effects, Urban deer issue, migration timelines, and where they end up thru the winter. The lack of good forage on the landscape of summer and winter range from the peaks and the front from Brigham city to the point of the mountain above draper support vast amounts of deer and other big game and when is these area of the landscape going to be addressed?

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** I am wondering if Riley could please explain the Drought issues at higher elevation. What exactly is going on at higher elevation with the drought?

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Somewhat agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?** Somewhat agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** It's nice to see the decrease on the bookcliffs unit . Should help that unit .

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** I think this decrease on the bookcliffs is a great plan. It would also be nice to see the spike hunt on that unit 5 days agian or better yet not one at all. Or just archery and muzzle loader for spike on the unit .This will give the unit a chance to grow some bulls for the future. Especially if birth rates are down I think it would be better to take care of the limited entry in the long run rather than hunt spikes. That unit has had a lot of major changes to the elk they weren't used to prior to 10 years ago . With the paving of seep ridge , a surplus of feral horses, adding the spike hunt and all the pressure that came with it. And a exploding bison population.  
I like the plan on the anthro too give people a pretty easy opportunity to draw a tag with a chance at a nice bull . I think with the hams Limitations and Probably not the best success 3 to 5 years down the road you will see some monster bulls coming off that unit. And it will get a lot of people through the draw process for a relatively small unit.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?**

I think antlerless hunt on the bookcliffs is going to be super hard to target cows at a certain age class.

What happens if it doesn't help the population in the long run and they don't bounce back and the ones you had are dead now.

Is there any difference in age class between the east and west bookcliffs?

I'm just thinking maybe the elk that travel back and forth off tribal ground are more likely to be older where they receive less pressure or the cows out of the roadless are probably more likely to be older.

I'm just thinking maybe some boundaries to target the harder to kill ones might be a good idea rather than the whole unit at once.

Also on the anthro I agree with the private land permits put some pressure on them keep 'em out of the private.

But in return give them a chance to go live on the forest and blm

Establish a decent resident herd on the forest land on the anthro rather than put so much pressure on them pressure them on the forest and blm rather than off it.

Give out 500 private land tags and 100 public land

Also they need to do a more accurate head count of resident elk on that unit because it's not even close to 1100.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Somewhat agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?**

Why are you pulling permits on some units from the archery and Muzzleloader hunts and giving them to the mid and late season rifle hunts???

I will use the Wasatch as an example, you are pulling a large number of archery and muzzleloader tags and increasing the rifle tags. On a unit you say is trending down you did not increase tags at all, but your just pulled tags from the hunts with lower success rates and gave them to hunts with much higher success rates.

While you may not have increased tags you did for sure just increase harvest on a population that you just admitted was trending down.

If your intentions was to increase harvest why are you pulling tags from the other hunts to do this??? Why not just slightly increase tags on the rifle hunts and add a few more tags, and leave the archery and muzzleloader hunts the same?

This tag reduction has large consequences to the people that put in for those hunts as it drastically reduces the chances of drawing for those hunts. People put in for those hunts with a set president for what to expect, and you guys come out of left field and change things around. It doesn't seem right.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

How about we cut out all of these "extra hunts". We have way to many early, late, youth, Governor tags, hunt expo tags, land owner tags, out of state tags etc etc. The deer and elk are run none stop for months on end. We have hunt on top of hunt. We are literally running them into the ground. I'm almost 50yrs old, I have lived and hunted in Utah my whole life, never hunted another state. I have seen 1st hand the decline in animals, the decline in mature buck & elk, the decline in habitat. Where do we draw the line and say the revenue off of the tag sales is not worth the damage being done ! I know there is a lot that iam not exposed to but this is how I feel about it.

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**Which best describes your position**      Strongly disagree  
**regarding the buck deer permit**  
**recommendations for 2022?**

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**Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?**

Based on the harvest charts shared on slide 2 of his presentation, he indicated that since 2019 there has been a rapid decline in bucks harvested, and his follow up comment that "This definitely shows we have few deer on the landscape right now, and that shows up on all our survival data as well". I do not believe that we should be raising permit count anywhere. What is proposed raises permits:

Box Elder +300  
Cache +1,000  
Manti +300  
Nebo +300  
Chalk Creek +400  
Filmore +200  
Dutton +25  
Panguich +500  
Boulder +375  
San Juan +200

It seems like there's a bit of a "marketing play" that says the DNR cut tags, but they're all just cut from 2 units:

Pine Valley - 2,400  
Zion -775

I strongly disagree with any additions to tag increases especially 1,000 tags getting added to the Cache unit.

The other thing that seems strange to not take into account is the weapon of choice. I see here that the system splits the tag allocation 30% Archery, 50% Any Weapon, and 20% Muzzleloader. It seems like if cutting tags is something that DNR or Board is not willing to do, and if opportunity is something that would like to be preserved along with an increase in quality, why not shift the tag allocation to whichever weapon is least likely for success? It seems like Any Weapon is getting the lionshare of the tag allocation and that's likely due to popularity of weapon choice, but it seems like if we would like to still give people the opportunity to hunt, and also increase the game population we should shift the tag allocation to be something more like:

Archery: 32.5%  
Any Weapon: 45%  
Muzzleloader: 22.5%

In practice it seems like Archery and Muzzloader are less succesful than Any Weapon so by shifting the tag allocations you'll be defacto increasing the deer population and also still providing hunter opportunity.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?** Somewhat agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?** You need to end the spike and cow hunt on anthro and books

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** Somewhat agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?** you need to end cow moose

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?** Need to end hunt on anthro books and moose

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations?**

Speaking specifically about the Roadless Bookcliff unit. I am happy to see the buffalo tags being increased for the bookcliffs over all, however, in the roadless area we are losing elk habitat at a rapid pace due to a few things, all of which need addressed. In the 30 days I was in the unit in 2021 I seen at least 400 buffalo, 200-250 cows-beef cows both domestic and wild, hundreds of wild horses in several herds and the noxious weeds are completely out of control. You combine all of these issues and the Elk are what is suffering. The division needs to do something about the wild cows and horses in there, the feed was horrible. Not to mention what they are doing to all the water crossings and creek banks. The buffalo are doing a number on the water crossings as well, but if we didn't have cows and horses helping them out it sure would be a lot better in there. As a licensed legal outfitter in the area for the last 35 years I have seen changes in that area come and go. This is by far the worst it has been. I would be happy to help pack in chemical for the weed control and help in any way I can to address these issues if needed.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?**

Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations?**

Is the later Book Cliffs antlerless elk hunt muzzleloader or any weapon?  
The hunt planner says it's a muzzleloader hunt but the RAC packet doesn't.  
I support it either way.

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