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April 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
April 4, 2023 1:53 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I'm strongly opposed to the 400 permit increase on the central mountains manti

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? There needs to be restrictions for scope on muzzleloader during the general muzzleloader hunt. I personally witnessed someone shooting a deer at over 500 yards during last years muzzleloader hunt.

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April 5, 2023 11:32 am

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

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

The buck to doe ratios and population objectives in the southern unit are relatively the same over the last 3 years. The optimism about winter mortality DOES NOT correlate with a 28% tag increase! This is clearly for the money and not for the well-being of mule deer. The worst winter in 70 years and you still upped overall mule deer permits from 2022.

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Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?

Make tooth submission mandatory for all LE bull elk. I don't believe the numbers for the harvest age on the Manti. Also how does the tooth submission work for a non harvest? I think it should count as something.... I don't think tags should be increased on the Manti, it gets hammered every year.....

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

The creation of the "Restricted Weapons" definitions is very exciting, especially the definition for Traditional Archery. We definitely need to change this from "restricted weapons" to "traditional weapons" or something along those lines. Hunters hate the idea of being "restricted" or limited or having anything taken away and by calling these "restricted weapons" it is going to create unnecessary opposition and confusion. I know it's just a word but I have already seen many hunters having a hard time looking past that "R" word. The truth is that these will be the tools that can be used to expand hunting opportunities and lessen the negative impact on our resources simultaneously. Traditional Archery has extreme potential to positively impact the entire hunting community if it is implemented into game management in a broad and meaningful way. I have spent a lot of time gathering public input and looking at the potential for Traditional Archery to be used as a game management tool and would love to have the opportunity to discuss further. I genuinely feel like this is something that could be hugely beneficial for the entire hunting community and should not be overlooked.

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April 5, 2023 4:56 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

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

Show us where the deer populations have grown in the SE unit over the last 3 years. Buck to doe ratios are stagnant. There is no reason to increase tags with a winter that has never been this bad in the last 70 years!!!! There is no evidence to support your decision

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Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

Why no illuminated reticle for crossbows? We are very limited in sights/scopes for these. Finding a no magnification scope without illumination is almost impossible. And it also has to be able to handle reverse recoil. I have contacted vortex and they do not offer anything that has zero magnification without illumination. And no open sights are offered that I can find.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

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

Southern Region Units listed are increasing 2525 permits even though most of them are under objective or just at objective. This is being done after the longest, coldest, wettest, winter in Utah History. Why???? This is when tags should be decreased due to the likelihood that many of the bucks that were counted could have died after losing their horns during their most vulnerable time of winter February - April when at the weakest!!!! Don't let them kill the bucks this year when in reality they don't have any idea what survived after February. These counts are done prior to that right??? If they all lived we should have plenty of feed to hold them over due to all the water in the hills until 2024. This is not stockpiling, this is common since!!!! CONSIDER WAITING A YEAR TO INCREASE TAGS AFTER WE KNOW THE FULL EFFECT TO OUR DEER AFTER THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WINTER ON RECORD!!!! INSTEAD DECREASE TAGS FOR THE TIME BEING!!

Beaver under objective 3 year - Pahvant in objective parameter - Monroe Under Objective 3 year
Dutton under objective 3 year - Zion in objective parameter - Pine Valley in objective parameter

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I really like the increases that were made for the Pine Valley and Zion units. I can support what they were increased to. I know Pine Valley has always been a unit of contention when a tag increase is proposed. I probably spend as much time or more than anyone else that hunts there and I like seeing big deer just the same as the next person. But right now, the odds to draw that tag if you were to start with 0 points last year. It would take 15 years to draw the second rifle hunt. That's not what we want to see for a GS deer unit. The deer are down right now but I still seen good bucks last year. They are still there. I just had to work a little harder to find them. PLEASE!! Don't decrease the tags lower then what the proposed numbers are. Thanks for your time

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? I wish the presentation had a more detail on why a unit is being increased or decreased from the previous year.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? I really appreciate all that was involved in restructuring the elk hunts. I think this is a great step to having options to be able to increase tags over the next few years.
I would like to see more tags issued on the Beaver unit. Last year it was increase by 27 tags and the average age still went up. With it being 1.4 years over the objective I believe it could be raised up closer to 85-90 tags and still be just fine.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

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

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I was one that was in favor of scopes on muzzleloaders. I think we made a mistake by allowing that. I would like to see it go to open sights only. Utah is one of the last states now to allow a scope on a muzzy. The same reason tags were cut on the early rifle elk hunt is the same reason to go back to open sights on muzzys. That hunt will still be a very high success rate as long as we allow scopes to be used. Also, when the late season muzzy deer hunts were passed there was no scopes allowed. I believe that hunt would have never pass today with the way muzzleloaders can shoot with a scope.

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Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?

Neither agree nor disagree

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

i hunt the la sal mtn unit for elk every year, i don't understand why you are proposing an increase in elk permits when the population number is below objective, i noticed there are several units where this is the case, what is the reasoning behind those numbers?

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly agree
Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations?	Thank you for being so transparent and taking the time to educate us on why and how you make the decisions you do.
Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat agree
Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?	This is water under the bridge but I do not agree with the multiseason going away on the any bull units. However, I am very glad to see an increase in the Limited Entry bull tags.
Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations for 2023?	Somewhat agree
Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?	I do not think that it is productive to make it appear like the CWMU's are making this great sacrifice to allow so many of there antlerless tags to go to the public. No one, including the CWMU's, cares about the antlerless tags. It is not an olive branch or a bargaining chip for either side. Nor does it make how many antler tags they get palpable. These tier of tag splits still need to be reviewed and fairly adjusted to reflect the modern hunting world we live in.
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed CWMU rule change?	Somewhat agree
Do you have any additional comments about the proposed CWMU rule change?	I am still waiting for the DWR to fulfil their reasonability and complete a comprehensive review and recommend changes to the CWMU Rule. I would be willing and very interested to participate in such a process any way I can. Please feel free to reach out to me.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes? I hope that more people will take seriously checking to make sure they did not wound an animal by following these new rules.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? I feel like this is far less aggressive then what SFW proposed and I am very grateful for it.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I disagree and recommend that the proposal to prohibit two way radios or communication devices while stalking an animal be removed. It may on the surface feel that only archery is being targeted with this one but it applies to both rifle and muzzleloader hunting and the rule will only bring about challenges and accidental/ non intentional criminalization of individuals. Likewise it will not be enforceable at the level that would be required due to lack of resources and division officers and can and will turn into a finger pointing, he said she said scenario for anyone that is disgruntled over another hunter who then can falsely report an unverifiable infraction. I support the division consistently on proposal especially when data driven even when others don't. This is not a data driven proposal. Radios are not an unfair advantage between one hunter to another, they are available to all so it is not the same as cameras, and ultimately I really feel like I continue to see my right to hunt, albeit ethically and legally, continuing to get regulated at a level that just doesn't feel right. Thank you for your time and hearing my thoughts on this.

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Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I am ok with the current proposed rules, I do not want to see the scopes removed from muzzleloaders for the regular muzzleloader hunts, and do not want to see that proposed in the future.

I also feel that the technology committee should be focused more on emerging technologies rather than current technology's especially the ones that have been around for a long time.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations? Why don't we just limit weapon types and then we can draw more tags and keep the age class up where we want. Why not take scopes off of Muzzle loaders and limit scopes on rifles We also need to make sending in the teeth mandatory so we we can have a more accurate age of bulls harvested.

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

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed big game rule changes? The harvest reporting will be great once it is implemented on all hunts. Also having to check an area after you shoot at an animal is great as well giving the amount of long ranger shooters and most do not go check the area after they shoot because it is to far for them to walk. It would be better to just get rid of the long range shooting capabilities.

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations? I just don't think you are going far enough. The two way radio restriction is great and will help. There are just so many animals dying at long ranges. when we are trying to create more opportunities and lower point creep for hunters why are we making it so easy to kill anything they see. Muzzle loaders are killing animals at well past 800 yards and rifles out past a 1000 yards now. Why don't we take scopes off of muzzle loaders and at least restrict scopes on rifles. The more animals that survive the more tags that can be issued.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

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

It's time to require the buck/doe ratio and herd size counts to be audited by an independent group(s); fund this with the millions raised on the backs of conservation tag, etc.; could easily be done by a local CPA firm
the current buck/doe ratio management metric needs adjusted for a quality metric (the big came coordinator's noted acceptance of 3/100 ratio doesn't work, find a rancher with a 3/100 ratio); push to change the rule ; evaluate our neighboring state's methods;
specifically too much increase on the Nebo, which is specifically struggling with both counts and ratios

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations for 2023? Somewhat disagree

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

give the archery guys a chance, the late season goat and bison hunts dates are very punitive and can be unsafe; the obvious anti-archery comments by RAC and Board members is frustrating and reducing opportunities overall.
the once-in-a-lifetime management is superior to the management of elk and deer

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?

push the Director and committees to increase the overall elk objectives, the Director has stated an anti-elk growth stance multiple times in board meetings - please hold him more accountable as a public trustee
increased permits as proposed are not sustainable without really hurting quality even as they claim otherwise (25%+ looks more like a money grab);
increase opportunity and revenue by increasing carrying objectives closer to a reasonable carrying capacity will help increase opportunity not at the direct expense of quality

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations for 2023? Strongly disagree

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

increase elk objectives while the opportunity is here; slow the increase in killing cows
please vote against increases on the Manti specifically, the 565 count increase is a bad decision (from 275-790 plus 50 more on private lands), please don't allow this (a repeat over the Fish Lake management mistakes made in years past); increase the private lands if necessary, don't increase the draw; this unit is 2.5% over the objective (way below a sustainable capacity) and the proposed increase is closer to 5% of the total population

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

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the technology recommendations for 2023?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

can the RAC's propose the board report on the camera rules and how the change has increased opportunity or quality?
the RAC's proposed the elimination of transmitting cameras and the board overreached; have them evaluate the actual results with data
two-way radios have a major safety component, especially with youth and less experienced hunters

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

Which best describes your position Strongly disagree
regarding the technology
recommendations for 2023?

Do you have any additional comments about the technology recommendations?

I have two concerns, one is the archery portion and the use of communication devices.

As for communication devices, i strongly disagree with the proposal. I do fully understand that success rates are improved with radios, however i see the benefit using radios has on allowing more people-particularly children to be involved more with other peoples hunts. I went back over the last 8 year and hunts myself and my 12 & 16 year old kids have been able to be a major part of due to radios and helping and it is substantial. We as a family have gone on 9 different hunts that we assisted friends and neighbors with that my kids and wife loved being a part of. The level of involvement was different with each hunt, but the main connection was the ability to help via the use of radios. 80% of these hunts we were helping families that other children had the tags. We have been the direct connection via radios to direct hunters to the correct location at times and other literally sat back and watched and just used radios to pick up folks after walks. The point i make is my kids love to go help now as much as they do hunt with their own tags. with out the ability to use radios for "stalking" it can limit the involvement of others (especially children). I believe in and practice my own definitions of fair chase and do believe we need to regulate things, however i have a hard time with radios. I have personally seen the benefits my kids and other children have had by being able to be a part of a hunt through the use of radios. Furthermore, in the last 3 years, i was involved with 3 hunts that i personally was able to assist the hunters in either locating downed game after a shot or help stay of the wounded animal that re-joined the herd after the shot. A cow bison hunt on the Henry mountains last fall is prime example of both of my concerns. We had the opportunity to assist a youth hunter by spotting and directing them to a herd of Bison. After the shot the wounded cow gathered back with the herd, the hunter nor her father could tell which animal was wounded. I had a different vantage point that allowed my to stay on the correct animal and guide them to a follow up shot on the correct animal. Had i not been there and had the ability to help via radio she may have lost the bison or accidentally shot a different one. One other cow was coughing blood that confused the hunters. Lastly regarding radios, the enforcement side is a concern to me. If radios are still allowed in the field but not during stalking, this creates a challenge to enforce. Most of us will still use them for safety, to find each other, etc and that opens the concern for interpretation. Please re consider this portion.

As for a 25 year archer who recently (two years ago) switched to an electronic site, i disagree with this proposal. i mostly hunt with a rife/muzzleloader and agree with those weapons but not with Archery. In switching i have not personally gained any distance or greater effective shooting. It simply makes it funner and slightly quicker. I shoot a lot but don't archery hunt a bunch. Archery is still a very limited distance weapon and removing the electronic site does not change this that much. Thank you for your time, effort and consideration.
