

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck pronghorn permit recommendations?

I'm concerned with the weapon percentage on the parker. They want to try a higher split. giving 60 archery permits is not good. You bow hunt antelope different than any other species. Have that many permit holders fighting for water holes will be a nightmare. Going from 14 archery permits last year to 60 this year is definitely not a good thing for archery antelope hunting on that unit.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Administrative Rule R657-5?

Strongly agree

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

Strongly agree

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

These recommendations are in line with our objectives and thus should be accepted without argument.

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

Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the once-in-a-lifetime species permit recommendations? (Mention the species, if applicable.)

Please consider increasing the possible allotment of sheep tags for the areas that are being affected by disease. As some have discussed, let's make sure if a sheep heard is going to be wiped out from disease we can have hunters accompanied by a division member or guide be able to be called up and be allowed to shoot animals that are coughing. They would have to be okay with not being able to choose which ram and have to shoot only the sick coughing rams. If we just allow for the sheep to die knowing the herd is sick, we are wasting so much time and money on the sheep, and if your young like me it will take 50+ years to even have a shot at a tag.

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

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck pronghorn permit recommendations?

Please keep an eye on harvest success on the Parker mtn with the increase in archery tags. Maybe there's some potential for some general season archery opportunities with increased archery tags in certain areas if success rate drop a little. I hate having to choose between mule deer or pronghorn in my own state. I have to hunt pronghorn out of state where as non residents can apply for both deer and pronghorn if they want.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? (Mention the species, if applicable.)

I would love to see a slightly larger increase in cow tags for the manti unit. Elk are doing very good on the manti and seem as if maybe they are having an impact on deer carrying capacity. Maybe that's incorrect but multiple canyons on the skyline have hundreds of elk in them with only a handful of deer. They might not eat the same plants but the deer eat a more specific type of feed and with that many elk you can't say they're not trampling down and affecting deer feed.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-55?

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Administrative Rule R657-5?

Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to Administrative Rule R657-5?

Youth hunters should by all means be able to draw a tag period. We can't get our youth interested if we can't hunt or carry a weapon !

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

Somewhat agree

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

Areas need better management. 3 point or better etc. close areas for a few years that are over hunted like timp and heber surrounding areas.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

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

The amount of elk on certain units is crazy. They over range the deer out and should be any bull units for a select amount of tags every so often

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Administrative Rule R657-5?

Somewhat agree

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

Strongly agree

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

What makes a unit a 15-17 vs 18-20 population objective? In theory is a unit with a 15-17 ratio more productive? Also, it looks like our friends in Southern Utah, Pine Valley, got their way.

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

Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the once-in-a-lifetime species permit recommendations? (Mention the species, if applicable.)

Make these random. Let us put in for all of them.

I am in my mid 30s and will never reach max points on anything I'm interested in.

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

Strongly agree

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

It's good to see our tag numbers mirror the way elk are currently thriving. Utah LE Elk hunts are great quality!

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

Strongly disagree

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

I vehemently opposed pulling the Cedar mountains from the West Desert West. The Cedars are FAR different than the Stansbury mountains. The deer populations on the Cedars are minuscule compared to the Stansbury mountains. There aren't 1150 total deer, including does, on the Cedars. To take the overall total number of hunters that could potentially hunt that range from 450 to 1150 is absolutely idiotic, and I feel like it will lead to irreparable harm to that deer population. All of the units that were affected by these boundary changes had combined permit numbers of 2757 for 2024. Deducting the Cedars from the West Desert took 50 total permits away from that unit. By that logic, there were actually 2357 total tags allocated to the Cedar/Stansbury/Oquirrh/Tintic cluster. There are 3600 total for the Cedar/Stans and Oquirrh/Tintic hunts now. Anyone that's spent any amount of time on any of those units knows that deer numbers haven't rebounded enough to justify a 1300 permit increase. I get that the rhetoric coming out now is that buck numbers don't drive population numbers. That's fine. I do want to point out that you do actually need a few bucks to make sure all the available does are actually bred, though.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the buck pronghorn permit recommendations?

Anyone that's been out on any pronghorn unit in the state can tell you guys that you're dead wrong if you think pronghorn bucks achieve full growth within 3 years of age. You guys need to up the age objective to 4-5 and allow some bucks to actually achieve some age class. I won't apply for a pronghorn permit in the state of Utah until there are changes. The west desert units have suffered, between overharvest of bucks and winter kill. The majority of bucks that I've seen since these changes have happened are 10" bucks and under.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? (Mention the species, if applicable.)

DEER - There should not be a single doe deer hunt until the entire state is at or above population objectives. Period. If there are agricultural issues, focus on deer proof fencing rather than harvest. It's fine to say that there are only 340 doe permits. How many additional depredation/mitigation permits are issued on top of that, though? These animals belong to the people of the State of Utah. If landowners are having issues with them, the emphasis should be put on fencing and nonlethal management instead of letting landowners, their family or employees just shooting them.

ELK - The units I elk hunt in, elk numbers are down. Period. We've been killing way too many cows for way too long. A big herd of elk on the Manti is 10 elk. Growing up, there were herds of 100s. Private-lands only permits should NOT have seasons that are as long as they are. Season dates should correlate with dates for the archery, general season and muzzleloader elk hunts. In no way, shape or form should dates go until the end of January.

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

Do you have any comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I think it's a stupid idea to sell more deer tags we get a winter with little winter kill and you want to sell more tags let the deer come back I would like to see a 4 point or bigger in the west desert tintic area or shorten the hunt out there

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

Do you have any comments about the buck deer permit recommendations? I wish we'd cut back on our LE deer tags. I drew in 2022 so don't have much skin in the game either way but all of our LE units seem to be declining. Wish we could have a higher standard for these units and manage them for better trophy quality.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Administrative Rule R657-5?

Somewhat disagree

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

Strongly disagree

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

I am amazed at the blatant disregard this recommendation has for many hunters, wildlife and our future hunting opportunities. At the 20:03 there is a slide showing "Permits at various buck to doe ratios". This slide is the one that speaks volumes to what is really going on. This upsets me more than I can express in a comment here.

I truly believe that there have been some good, if not great, things happening with regards to our deer population. I feel that some of the programs to reduce predation and to improve habitat is starting to help our overall population. We've had some more favorable winters, and good moisture. It is a slow process and takes time, I understand this.

However, the new deer plan and these recommendations to increase tags this much is very sad. It seems as though the DNR cares much more about making money than it does about managing the resources in a responsible manner. By lowering the Buck to Doe ratio, from 18-20 to 15-17 on many unit, you are definitely going to increase some revenue for the short term. But I have noticed recently, in wildlife meetings etc., several mentions of 10 bucks per 100 does or less is sufficient. To me, the DNR is slipping in these numbers in to make it seem like they have discussed this for a certain amount of time in order to further lower buck populations in the future. This concerns me!

Additionally, I find it very interesting that all other species of big game are managed for a certain age objective, all except deer (though the age classes have been drastically reduced lately as well). Why is this? I think it is because the DNR knows they are mismanaging our deer. I feel that managing for a 3 year old average age on all general unit would be a much better approach, for Premium units there is an age class that is managed for. Why not general units. Is it because the DNR knows their plan is about making money and not for the best interest of the deer herd?

The overall increases in deer tags, though I agreed with it last year, I feel are too great this year. I have deep reservations about the swiftness the DNR is increasing tags.

One other point, it concerns me that units "primarily units with private lands", still are managed for 18-20 buck to doe ratio. Is this because they are primarily CWMU units? It sure appears that way. This is another thing that upsets me.

Please consider not increasing tags until the population objective represents the same amount of increase.

Which best describes your position regarding the once-in-a-lifetime species permit recommendations?	Somewhat agree
Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk permit recommendations?	Somewhat disagree
Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations?	Neither agree nor disagree
Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations?	Neither agree nor disagree
Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?	Strongly disagree
Do you have any comments about the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations? (Mention the species, if applicable.)	I am exasperated with the DNR with regards to the disproportionate ratio of buck/bull permits compared to antlerless permits. This flabbergasts me. CWMU's have so many favors given to them from tag numbers to season date, to other even more favorable rules. This should change.
Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-43?	Neither agree nor disagree
Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-55?	Strongly disagree
Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-55?	The expo tags are the biggest sham. I DO NOT support taking this number of tags out of the regular draw or adding this nubmer of tags to benefit special interest groups.
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed South Sanpete Valley WMAs Habitat Management Plan?	Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the South Sanpete Valley WMAs Habitat Management Plan?

I know that habitat work is essential, I see the work and the progress. I am hopeful that we will reap the benefits before too many more years.

Final thoughts: I understand I am only one comment. I love the opportunity to hunt, I would love the opportunity every year, but I know this is not likely. I would like to see the deer maintained at a little better quality. I think some of the restricted weapon plans will be helpful. I am excited to see the results on the units these strategies have been implemented. I don't mean to complain, but hunting is important to me and the direction the DNR is going is contrary to my personal thoughts of what is best. When blatant statements are made and most likely implemented, it really bothers me.

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

Somewhat disagree

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

The overall population numbers for the nevo are still down due to the 22-23 winter. Adding bumping the tag numbers up by 10% will not help the population. For the last 8 years I've watched the population get fewer and fewer in spots that used to hold, and that still have the capacity to hold many deer. I honestly think when doing buck to doe counts, the one and two year old bucks shouldn't be counted. They're not mature enough to reproduce so they're more of a doe than a buck. I don't really know the best way to explain that but hopefully you get what I'm saying.

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

Somewhat disagree

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

I am all for more opportunity but if we keep giving more opportunities out to the public we will have no deer left. Its a continued downward trend that the west has been seen for quite some time. There are many things that factor deer survival from what was specified but when are we going to realize that buck numbers are in decline. I am out in the hills and mountains enough that I do not think that the buck to doe ratios are accurate. To be honest I think the real number would be more like 5-10 bucks per 100 does. I think these buck to doe ratios that the DWR supposedly gathers are more of an exaggeration than real data. Why not just be honest and say hey we need more money because we upped the price of tags for non residents. If we don't start using our heads and looking at the real problems there will be nothing left for future generations.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Administrative Rule R657-5?

Strongly agree

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

Somewhat disagree

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

Some of the permit recommendations makes no sense at all regarding some of the northern general deer units. For example East Canyon you are recommending 1900 permits with a population of 2400 deer on the unit. The unit is predominately private land and the public land gets hammered. I took a youth hunter on this unit last year, into an areas I have hunted for over a decade. It was horrible, the deer are not there. The DWR is selling a lot of tag in this unit knowing that the harvest will be extremely low on public land with very few deer to hunt. If the unit was at population objective then it would support 1900 permits but until then the DWR is selling a bill of good on the unit and that is dishonest. Permit allocation should reflect population to some extent and not just buck to doe ratios. Units with large amounts of private land should have private land only permits and public land only permits allocated proportionate to the land available to hunt similar to what Colorado does with units with large amounts of private land. I can't figure out why this cannot be fixed. I have never seen the East Canyon unit in such poor shape with low satisfaction rates and here you are increasing tags to 1900 permits. Tell me how this makes any sense other then your inflated buck to doe ratios due to the private land sanctuaries. Go do a population count and buck to doe ratio on public land and see if your Conscience can still sell permits to public land hunters in this unit.

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

Strongly agree

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

Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-43?	Strongly disagree
Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-43?	If they do not meet the criteria for a CWMU then they should not be allowed to circumvent that program by adding this. It is not fair the the CWMU operators that meet the criteria, this undercut them.
Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-55?	Somewhat agree
Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-55?	Do not pull another dishonest award of the next contract like you did with the last contract. If they miss the RFP deadline they are not eligible for the award of the contract. RMEF got hosed last time and everyone know it. People should have lost their jobs over that situation.
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed Little Montes Creek WMA Habitat Management Plan?	Strongly agree
Which best describes your position regarding the proposed Willow Creek WMA Habitat Management Plan?	Strongly agree

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

Strongly disagree

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

My opinion is based on last year, I hunted and was in the field for over 30 days between archery muzzleloader and the rifle hunt on the manti and Nebo unit (for myself and helping family). I agree our buck numbers are doing well, but I disagree that all buck can breed a doe. A yearling buck up to a two year old buck is not able to breed a doe, the height difference would not allow that. That's like saying a corgi could breed a black lab. I feel this needs to be taken into consideration.

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

Somewhat disagree

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

Too many bull and cow tags are being given out o the premium units. The herds on these premium units are struggling. Also, please change the youth any bull tag allocation numbers. Resident youth are given 750 tags and non-resident are given 250. I feel that it should be more in line with other non-resident allocations and should be 900 resident and 100 non-resident. Thanks!!

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-43?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-43?

Thanks for working with landowners on these issues. There was an abuse of the program last year though with both deer and elk tags. Landowners were selling their vouchers but not allowing the purchaser to hunt on their private land. This was forcing the hunter to go find other land or trespass on land they didn't have permission to hunt. I think that if a landowner sells a voucher, it should be mandatory that the hunter purchasing the voucher should be allowed to hunt that landowners property. It would also be helpful to make the laws more strict for trespassing violations. Thanks!!

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

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any comments about the once-in-a-lifetime species permit recommendations? (Mention the species, if applicable.)

I disagree with recommendation of allocating two desert bighorn permits on Dirty Devil to the nonresidents. They should stay the same as last year with 1 permit. Don't let the residents suffer. It is hard enough to draw a permit for sheep. Residents should have the opportunity over nonresidents.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Administrative Rule R657-5?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to Administrative Rule R657-5?

evidence of sex at time of harvest- it is 2025 a photo on the phone should suffice

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

Somewhat agree

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

smaller units to help with management. Gives more oversight, more opportunity to focus on localized areas, will disperse hunters,

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

Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the once-in-a-lifetime species permit recommendations? (Mention the species, if applicable.)

realizing feeding is a very controversial topic- people populations and densities will continue to increase, feds pondering selling off federal lands to privates, are there areas being studied and identified which might serve as feeding areas with the goal of keeping animal/human conflicts at bay as opposed to increasing permits to resolve those conflicts?

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

Neither agree nor disagree

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

In the Idaho hunting reg booklet is an easy to read follow season layout. It is a challenge to have all the overlays of species and season dates in the utah book.

Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? (Mention the species, if applicable.)

if a land owner receives depredation monies or special permits- that land should be accessible the following year for open walk in hunting

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Administrative Rule R657-5?

Strongly agree

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

Strongly agree

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

Please approve all recommended increases. We have cut permits very aggressively the past few years and need to reverse that trend.

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

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the once-in-a-lifetime species permit recommendations? (Mention the species, if applicable.)

I strongly oppose the ways in which the Division is attempting to allocate nonresident once-in-a-lifetime permits. In the past, nonresident permits were spread out fairly evenly among hunts and appeared to generally follow a 90/10 split as closely as was possible. This year, it appears that the Division arbitrarily picked certain hunts and recommended to offer a large percentage of total permits to nonresidents. For example, bison hunt BI6537, Book Cliffs Little Creek/South - the Division is recommending 10 total permits on the hunt with 5 of those allocated to nonresidents and 5 allocated to residents. Why are we allocating 50% of the permits on this hunt to nonresidents? This isn't even close to a 90/10 split, and it will have a meaningful impact on draw odds for resident hunters who apply for that hunt.

This method of allocation prioritizes nonresident hunters with max points over resident hunters hoping to draw a random tag. Example - the Escalante East desert sheep hunt has 7 recommended permits with 5 recommended for residents and 2 for nonresidents (29% of total permits - once again not even close to 10%). This would result in 3 resident bonus permits, 2 resident random permits, 1 NR bonus permit, and 1 NR random permit. If we instead allocated 6 permits to residents and 1 to nonresidents, the split would be 3 resident bonus permits, 3 resident random permits, and 1 NR random permit. What the Division's recommendation essentially does is take away a random permit from a lucky resident and give it to a nonresident with high points. This privileges a very select few nonresident applicants over the thousands of us who were born too late to ever be at max points and are just hoping for a lucky draw. I don't support that. The bonus point system is already a lopsided pyramid scheme that never should have been implemented for OIAL species, and we shouldn't be doing anything to give an even bigger advantage to the few who have already enjoyed an immense unfair advantage in the draws for decades.

As closely as possible, please follow the 90/10% permit split by hunt code as well as by species so our resident hunters don't see their draw odds unreasonably impacted if they happen to apply for one of the hunts the Division decided to allocate a high percentage of nonresident permits.

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

Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the bull elk permit recommendations?	I'm excited to see the strategies from the new elk management plan start to come to fruition.
Which best describes your position regarding the buck pronghorn permit recommendations?	Strongly agree
Do you have any comments about the buck pronghorn permit recommendations?	I'm happy to see opportunity to hunt pronghorn expanding in Utah.
Which best describes your position regarding the antlerless permit recommendations?	Strongly agree
Do you have any comments about the antlerless permit recommendations? (Mention the species, if applicable.)	<p>Is the antlerless elk hunt EA1282, Ogden North (season dates December 16 - January 31) really intended to be an archery hunt? That seems like an unusual and very difficult time of year to successfully hunt cow elk with a bow.</p> <p>I like the creative strategies being employed to manage hunting pressure on the Parker Mountain pronghorn hunts. I think archery and muzzleloader doe pronghorn hunts could be a good strategy to get a few more people out hunting each year.</p>
Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?	Somewhat agree
Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-43?	Somewhat agree
Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-43?	I think this is a reasonable approach that allows landowners to benefit from wildlife if they are also willing to contribute to wildlife.
Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-55?	Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-55?

Please keep the application fee at \$5. Taking 200 permits out of other draws is a significant sacrifice on the part of the public, and we need to acknowledge and remember that. Please avoid doing anything that will further price the public hunter out of applying for as many of those 200 permits as (s)he wants to.

If swan tags replace big game tags, where do those big game tags go? If they go back to the draw, I support including swan tags in the expo draw - and while we're at it, let's include sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, and sandhill crane tags. If replacing big game tags with swan tags means that more big game tags get sold to the highest bidder instead of going back to the draw, I don't support it.

Eliminating nonresident only tags and adding stipulations that guarantee more money goes back to Utah wildlife are steps in the right direction.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-55?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-55?

I normally can't attend the expo due to work but I would like the opportunity to still buy a tag but I've never been able to since I can't attend in person except for the year during covid. This could be a way to generate more income and if needed you could charge an extra fee or an entry fee in order to apply remotely.
Thanks!
