

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?

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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?

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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?

Somewhat agree

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

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?

I'm concerned with the weapon percentage on the parker. They want to try a higher split. giving 60 archery permits is not a good thing. 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 buck deer permit recommendations?

Strongly disagree

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

I know I didn't hear you say "we didn't get the increases we needed in previous years" for the beaver unit. 90% of everyone I know has quit hunting the beaver because of how terrible this deer population has been. We're FINALLY seeing the herd come back (still not even close to 10 years ago) and you're doubling the tags? RIDICULOUS!!! The beaver west needs to start at 500 tags anything more than that is a disaster for this new unit. Start it at 500 and go up/down from there I'm considering running a petition to bring into the rac meeting for you to drop the tags. I know plenty of people disgusted with this starting number. The sw desert number is probably good right there it's just getting hard to draw from all the people leaving the beaver unit for the better quality deer herd in the sw desert.

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

Strongly disagree

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

The southwest desert used to be a coveted tag. Doubling the tags from just 5 years ago has definitely done a number on the trophy quality here. It's hard to find any bulls over 340". Please consider ending spike/cow elk hunting on the sw desert north it's open country and has a pretty low population if you want to continue to raise permit numbers that's fine but you can't kill 50 bulls a year (spikes included) and only recruit 10/20 when there's only 60-80 to begin with. The math doesn't math. PLEASE CONSIDER IT this hunt is awesome and I want it to be successful and around for a long long time!

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Strongly disagree

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

BEAVER EAST COMMENT.

It's interesting to see that on the now Beaver east unit how good the deer hunting was in 2014-2017. Then permits were drastically increased and then hunting AND deer numbers flat out sucked. Now you are doing that same thing for 2025? Would it not be alright to mange the deer so we can have a steady population instead of highs and lows? I understand there's weather patterns but why do you decimate the buck population after a little bit of an increase in deer herds? Let the population as a whole rebound more then slowly increase the tags and adjust accordingly by smaller portions. That doesn't require any studies or knowledge. That's just common sense. Look, I've hunted that unit for a decade now and I have other family and friends that have been there 2x or 3x longer than I have. The stories I hear of how many deer there were back in the day is both amazing and saddening to see what it could be. Yes there was tons of hunters too but there were just tons of deer. I was all for the beaver split thinking the division would just split the tags. I should have known better...the Beaver as a whole is struggling....sure it's had a very slight uptick in deer numbers but please let those young bucks live a little longer before you wipe them all out. Get a steady population then give out a steady number of tags. I understand it's 15-17 bucks per 100 does....but when the doe herd is so minimal it's ridiculous to kill them.

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

Strongly agree

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

Yes keep increasing elk permits and cow permits. Maybe the less elk on the Landscape will bring back deer herds.

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.)

Increase more cow permits on the beaver

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?

Get rid of the expo tags entirely in matter of fact get rid of all auction tags...more money clearly does not mean better deer herds....put back all those tags back in the public draw and do what utah does best....give opportunity.

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

Strongly disagree

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

The southern Utah sportsmen all voiced strong concern about reducing the buck to doe ration down to 15-17 per 100 doe from the previous 18. As I look at the Beaver unit this has caused a huge percentage increase in hunter tags of over 50%. I know the RAC also voted to keep the 18-20 bucks per 100 doe.

Time after time after time I have been to these meetings and heard the strongest factor in increasing or decreasing the deer herd is weather related. When weather is good, habitat is good and deer increase. When weather is dry and hot the opposite happens and deer decrease.

So as we look at this past winter we see that this year southern Utah has not had any significant moisture, which according to your statements every year should mean deer numbers will decrease. Remember your statement of shoot them while the weather window is good, otherwise they just die due to weather.

Well here we are in a down weather year and we are raising the tags in the Beaver units by over 50%. Looks like to me that we shoot them when the weather is good and then lower the buck/doe ratio and shoot even more when weather has a down year.

This increase in tags is sure a good way to get rid of all the bucks, if that is your goal. That many tags will kill off all the bucks on the Beaver East. It is open sage country and the bucks will have no way to avoid this kind of increase in tags.

I implore the Southern RAC to not accept such a large recommendation.

I also thank you for your previous votes not to decrease the buck to doe ratio.

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

Strongly agree

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

I love the idea of more opportunities at hunting even if that means having a hard hunt. I just hate the fact that I can't hunt my home unit more consistently instead of have a rifle tag once every 4 years. I can't really go back and that bothers me. I fully support the increases and hope that we can work our way to more, responsibly of course.

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.) I'd like to see a doe permit issued to the Fishlake/100 lakes area. we have seen a lot of does in that area for the last few years.

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

Strongly disagree

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

In general I agree with the permit recommendations with exception to deer permit numbers on the Beaver units. I have spoken to the biologist that made these recommendations and the thought process that was applied but do not agree. Historically I've seen boom or bust management of this unit and just does not work. At present it appears that we want to boom - issue unrealistic numbers of permits - 110% increase for Beaver East. Rather than doubling the number of tags in one season; why not step back just a bit, do smaller but systematic increases over a few years, monitor the situation, and adjust as needed? In addition, why was Beaver West spared from this flood of permits? Is a bias being applied to restricted weapon units?

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 don't see an issue with the permit numbers in general. However, there are instances where resident and non-resident permit numbers are shifted - taking permits from residents and giving to non-residents. Why is this the case? It seems that state wildlife management and permit numbers should always side with the residents.

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?

As a resident of Alton and a member of the Alton Town Council, I strongly support the use of hunting within the fence to help mitigate antlerless deer. Deer that get into the fence, and the fawns that are born inside the fence, often do whatever it takes to get back inside the following year. This puts more stress on the fence where they push through or underneath the fence, making trails that others follow later, which compounds the problem for years to come. I would love the opportunity to hunt does inside the fence in order to reduce the number of deer that would ultimately have to be removed anyway. The division has always been so great to work with in the past, and I really appreciate the division's thoughtful consideration of our little town's situation.

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Strongly disagree

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

Please please please stop lower the buck to doe ratios. I listened to why you think we need to continue to lower the buck to doe ratios but we are the only state in the west that has them so low and love to get as close to killing every buck we possible can and for what reason? Other states keep their buck to doe ratios higher on general units and it's a much better experience for the hunter when you get to actual see some decent bucks and be selective on harvest. The push for more opportunities is just making the experience awful because of crowding of people and every buck just getting slaughtered. Why not try to have a few extra bucks survive so that we have an opportunity at a decent mature buck? Utah wants to charge more for non residents but yet offer an even worse experience when you continue to lower buck to doe ratios. Please try something knew for our deer herds age class vs just continue to kill them every opportunity you can. If it's money thays needed raise the residents buck tag but please give us a better experience on general season units. Killing more bucks and sening out more hunters is not the answer.
Thanks

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to Administrative Rule R657-5?	Strongly agree
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Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to Administrative Rule R657-5?	We really need relief from the damage done by deer within Alton town. Your help in reducing the number of deer roaming around town is very appreciated.
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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?

The deer that get into Alton do a lot of damage to fruit trees, gardens, and the hay fields. I strongly support being able to shoot antlerless deer that continue to come into town and into our gardens. Thanks for your consideration.

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Strongly disagree

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

It is completely ridiculous to watch certain units constantly getting tag increases when they deer are not doing well in that area especially after our winter 2 years ago and in elk recommendations seeing units with declining age class and under objective getting permit increases we have som many units with some awesome potential but with all iff these ridiculous recommendations year after year are just not allowing these units reach their potential the elk objective on the boulder is ridiculously low and could support a much larger objective and the new restricted weapons generla deer on the boulder has so many people extremely upset we have hunted this unit our whole life and do not wish to hunt anywhere else and all off our rifles and muzzleloaders are useless to us now I just want the dwr and our biologist and wildlife board to for once takes some accountability for the obvious mis management that the large majority of us hunters that actually care and pay attention to management plans see

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

Strongly disagree

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

It's pretty obvious that the way elk are being managed these days is a giant failure when you see our top tier units not producing the giants that we have seen in the past the boulder in particular is hurting in a major way I spend more time on this unit than any of these biologists do working with an outfitters I am hunting and watching these elk from July all the way through November and there are no cows !! We see bulls fighting over a group of 2 or 3 cows and in other areas elk are leaving the area searching for cows because there is none this unit is so far under objective in my opinion compared to what you guys are claiming

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.)

Why are we killing so many cows !!! I'm not just some random guy that doesn't know what I'm talking about i spend 150+ days a year on the boulder elk are my life that all I do and the cow elk on boulder almost seem non existent on the west side when the rut rolls around herd bulls are fighting of every bull on the mountain over 3 or 4 cows this is just ridiculous to be increasing cow permits like this and the claims that we are within objective on the boulder is the biggest lie I've ever heard

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Strongly disagree

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

Because of the drought that hit this region this year let's let be aware of this and leave the East side of the Braver with at least a reasonable amount of tags, goodness let's use a little common sense. Too many tags for the West side for a first time experience 500 tags is more than plenty. If we want to give opportunity lets just open it up to 4 point or better and let everyone hunt, if its not the bucks that increase the deer herd we should not be worried by leaving the 2 and 3 points to do the job. But [REDACTED] what do I know I have only been hunting the Beaver for 60 years and since it has went to management by formula's it has gone way down hill, never will get it back