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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 20, 2021
To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members
From: Riley Peck, Once in a lifetime species coordinator
Subject: Once in a lifetime season dates and hunt structure

Big game season dates and hunt structure are reviewed annually. These recommendations are traditionally presented during the November RAC and Board. In an effort to simplify the November meetings, we are recommending once in a lifetime species hunt structure and season dates in September.

Recommended changes for bison:

- New units in the book cliffs
 - The south portion of the Bitter Creek unit including the Roadless area. This new boundary will be called the Book Cliffs Little Creek/South.
 - The remaining portion of the Book Cliffs, everything to the north of that boundary, will be called the Book Cliffs Bitter Creek.
- The season dates for the bison hunts are recommended to be similar to last year and only adjusted to the new calendar year.

Recommended changes for bighorn sheep:

- Combining the Zion bighorn hunts
 - This change is due to decreased permit numbers and results in a longer season for sheep hunters.
- The season dates for the bighorn sheep hunts are recommended to be similar to last year and only adjusted to the new calendar year.
- As a general reminder, per our agreement with Nevada, 2022 will be their turn for the Pilot Mountain bighorn sheep permit.

Recommended changes for moose and mountain goat

- There are no recommended changes for moose or mountain goat.
- Season dates for both species have been adjusted for calendar year.

