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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 20, 2023

To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Blair Stringham, Assistant Wildlife Section Chief

Subject: Technology Recommendations for Muzzleloaders and Archery Equipment

The Technology Committee met early this fall to discuss several changes to weapon types and made two recommendations for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) to consider. The DWR supports the committee's recommendations and is presenting the following recommendations for consideration:

Airgun, Archery, and Crossbow Recommendation

1. Remove the length restriction for arrow length and bolt length.

Muzzleloader Recommendation

1. Prohibit the use of scopes on muzzleloaders for all muzzleloader hunts.
 - a. Only open sights or peeps sights will be allowed,
 - b. Restrictions would apply to all big game muzzleloader hunts (General Season, Limited Entry, Management, H.A.M.S.).
 - c. Scopes will be allowed on muzzleloaders during Any Legal Weapon hunts.
 - d. Visual impairment COR's for scopes will still be allowed.

All changes will apply to R657-5. See the redline version of rule included in the packet for specific changes to rule language.