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MEMORANDUM

TO: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Councils

FROM: Kent Hersey, Big Game Projects Coordinator

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SUBJECT: R657-5, Taking Big Game rule amendments related to antler point restrictions and using GPS collar data to aid in hunting.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is recommending the following changes to R657-5:

1. Antler point restrictions
 - a. Define 3-point and 4-point antler point restrictions.
 - b. Outlines the Wildlife Board's authority on how and when huts with antler point restrictions can be implemented.
2. Using collar data to aid in hunting
 - a. A person may not use any protected GPS location data or protected radio collar data to locate, track, take, or retrieve or attempt to locate, track, take, or retrieve big game or their parts.
 - b. For the purposes of this subsection, "protected" means "records classified as protected under the Government Records Access and Management Act, Utah Code Ann. §63G-2-305."

UDWR is also recommending adding the "Using collar data to aid in hunting" language stated above to R657-6 (Upland Game), R657-9 (Waterfowl), R657-10 (Cougar), R657-11 (Furbearers), R657-33 (Bear), and R657-54a (Turkey). Language will be adjusted to be specific for each species or program.

For additional details, please see the redline versions of proposed rule changes included in the RAC packet.