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## MEMORANDUM

Date: November 15, 2024

To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Jason Robinson, Tooele District Biologist, UDWR

Subject: West Desert Deer and Elk Unit Management Plans

The attached documents summarize the DWR's recommended changes to the West Desert deer and elk unit management plans.

### Recommended changes by species:

#### Deer

1. Manage the West Desert area as a single West Desert Deer Complex (units 18 & 19) with 4 management units:
  - a. West Desert, Swasey
  - b. Cedar/Stansbury
  - c. Oquirrh/Tintic
  - d. West Desert, Vernon (no change)
2. No proposed change in overall deer population objectives. Arrange current population objectives according to the new proposed unit boundaries.

#### Elk

1. Manage the West Desert area as a single West Desert Elk Complex (units 18 & 19) with 4 management units:
  - a. West Desert, Deep Creek (no change)
  - b. Cedar/Stansbury
  - c. Oquirrh
  - d. House/Tintic
2. An overall proposed population objective increase of 150 elk within the West Desert Complex.

