|  | ovember 2021 RAC Proposals Feedback<br>ovember 2, 2021 1:23 pm   |  |
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| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes?               | Somewhat agree   |  |
| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed waterfowl hunting<br>changes?            | If the second dark goose split is set to open on a Sunday, my proposition<br>would be to keep the hunt open the first 9 days of the season, then open<br>the second split on a Monday as proposed. Then, we wouldn't lose a day.   |  |
|  | I personally want to see more geese around, and as such, I question the need for a 5 goose bag limit. I can support it if populations are growing too high.  |  |
| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Strongly disagree  |  |
| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | Maximum point holders already have a bigger advantage in the draws than<br>those coming up behind them will ever get. I disagree with increasing the<br>allocation of permits to maximum point holders to 60%. I don't see why we<br>should skew the odds even more in the favor of a few who are already<br>heavily advantaged, at the expense of the vast majority of applicants who<br>are already dealing with poor drawing odds. Especially with once in a<br>lifetime hunts - there simply aren't enough tags that this proposal will ever<br>help the vast majority of the public - just a select few at the top who might<br>draw a little faster. |  |
| Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?                | Strongly agree   |  |
| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the recommended big game<br>season dates?             | Has the division considered selling over-the-counter permits for extended archery areas?   |  |

## Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Please please please do not move to a draw. While the online process has been frustrating, it's still better than a draw. Tags were available well into the evening on Day 1 of sales. I would suggest there's enough data now after 2 years of online sales to upgrade the system to handle the expected load. From my experience, having a second device open saved my bacon. My "primary" device froze and lost my place in line, while my backup device kept me in the game. Without a more robust system, a backup device is absolutely necessary.

There is also no cap on non-resident tags. Before forcing the tags to a draw, please consider capping the number of non-residents. This should be done to optimize opportunity for residents. In 2021, Idaho reduced the number of non-resident tags to do exactly this. In order to keep the revenue stream constant, they increased the non-resident fee proportionally. I would like to see Utah prioritize resident opportunity in a similar way. Even with the recent price increases for non-resident tags, they are roughly half the cost of Idaho or Wyoming, about 2/3rds the cost of Colorado. There is room to increase the price here.

# Which best describes your position<br/>regarding the proposed changes to the<br/>big game hunt drawing?Strongly disagreeDo you have any additional comments<br/>about the proposed changes to the big<br/>game hunt drawing?Please do not remove this opportunity from residents! This is the one hunt<br/>we can still do each year as a family. These general season elk tags should<br/>be available for residents before non residents. Let the residents purchase<br/>these tags OTC for a week and if any are left then have a draw for the non<br/>residents! This is the last remaining OTC option for big game, please dont<br/>take it away from us!

| Which best describes your position<br>regarding the proposed waterfowl<br>hunting changes?         | Neither agree nor disagree  |
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| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Somewhat agree  |
| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | Instead of putting the General Elk tags in the draw, you should make<br>hunters choose to hunt only one species. Bull Elk or Buck Deer, not both.<br>Also if you buy a Bull Elk Tag, or Draw a Buck Deer tag, you can't put in<br>and draw an Antler less Elk tag.                    |
|  | Also:<br>Please make these changes to the dedicated hunter program.   |
|  | Only 1 buck harvest in the 3 year period.   |
|  | \$300 price for the 3 year period.  |
|  | Continue with the current service project requirements.   |
|  | With the deer population suffering, and tag reductions, I believe we need to<br>make these changes to the dedicated hunter program. Dedicated hunters,<br>should be more selective with the animals they harvest. These new<br>requirements should appeal to those selective hunters. |
| Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?                | Somewhat agree  |
| Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?                     | Neither agree nor disagree  |

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I could not disagree any more than I do with putting the general season elk permits into a draw system. This is the one single over the counter big game hunting opportunity that remains in this state, and now the DWR wants to take it away because their system is insufficient and previous management decisions have put an extra strain on the permit sale system.

If the system is overloaded with people wanting permits, that is a good thing. The problem is not the demand. The problem is the system itself. If you want to reduce the strain, then you fix the system where there is the bottle-neck, not some other symptom of the actual problem. It would be a very plausible coding change to not allow anyone to login to their account on more than one device at one time. I've talked to software coders about this very thing, and they say this is very possible. There are some VERY simple fixes to the poor system the DWR uses to sell permits that would alleviate the strain on the system without having to remove the one final over the counter big game hunting opportunity we have left in this state.

Another problem I have with the proposal is that the DWR acknowledges that going to the multi-season hunt has been a contributing factor in the demand for these licenses. Another easy fix is to simply remove that option and go back to people picking their weapon of choice. If archery hunters that already have the benefit of unlimited permits switching over to multi-season permits has caused a strain on the system as was stated in the presentation, a very easy fix to that strain would be to eliminate multi-season permits. I know they are popular among a segment of hunters, but we can't continue to cater a small segment of hunters in Utah in all management decisions. That seems to be how this always works, leaving the masses holding the bag without a tag in their hand on basically every other type of hunt. Please do not take away this last remaining over the counter opportunity to hunt in Utah.

This is being presented as a trial period while they analyze data and work with the elk working group to come up with a permanent solution. Why not wait on any permanent changes until that is already done? If this "trial period" is adopted, there is no way it will ever go back to how it was. There is simply no way the Division is going to recommend giving up the application revenue they receive from this "trial period" of general season over the counter permits going into the draw.

Again, I oppose this as strongly as any proposal I have ever heard from the Division. Making general season elk permits into draw permits would be an abomination to the heritage of hunting in our state, which there is very little of that left for us.

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| Which best describ<br>regarding the propo<br>hunting changes?   | •  | Strongly agree   |
| Which best describ<br>regarding the propo<br>big game hunt draw | osed changes to the  | Strongly disagree  |
|   | dditional comments<br>I changes to the big                       | Keep our general elk OTC!!!!   |
| game hunt drawing   | ?  | Keep the split 50/50 for bonus and random tags. That's fair for everyone |
| Which best describ<br>regarding the recor<br>season dates?      | •  | Strongly agree   |

### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

This is the last of the family hunt left to draw over the counter. You guys acknowledged this has been an issue for several years, there is no reason it should take 3 years to fix this issue. In the private sector this would never fly. I have been involved long enough to know things rarely get changed back. Please don't take away our last remaining family hunt!

### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Completely overhauling the way we apply for elk permits because the DNR has contracted a cheap and clearly inferior software system SHOULD NOT be any reason why this needs to go to a drawing. That's the problem. This kind of comes across as strictly a money grab to get an extra application fee out of people. I don't buy the one year trial run only business, once the state goes down this road, it's not turning back. If there truly are that many people applying, how many are residents vs out of state? This is the UTAH DNR, please take care of your own residents first and if we need to cut off non-residents in order that our residents obtain their permit (on an already very tough hunt with very little probability of success as it is), then so be it. Also, wasn't the discussion last year that we should go to an unlimited entry for general season? Now a complete 180 degrees to make it super inclusive. You can't make this stuff up.

Which best describes your position<br/>regarding the proposed changes to the<br/>big game hunt drawing?Strongly disagreeDo you have any additional comments<br/>about the proposed changes to the big<br/>game hunt drawing?Eliminate the multi season elk tags and Problem solved. No draw for<br/>General Season elk tags.

game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

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Do you have any additional comments

This is just stupid. The real fix is to stop the multi hunt that had screwed rifle and muzzle load hunters! That would cause the archery hunters to stay hunting with the bow and stop taking tags from the other hunts. It would stop the pressure on your computer systems and allow more hunters. It's an easy fix but I am sure the DNR wants the additional \$150 for the multi season and \$10 a piece for the application fee, so this is also a money grab

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| Which best describes ye<br>regarding the proposed<br>hunting changes?       | -  | Strongly agree             |
| Which best describes ye<br>regarding the proposed<br>big game hunt drawing? | changes to the   | Strongly disagree          |
| Which best describes ye<br>regarding the recommen<br>season dates?          | •  | Somewhat agree             |
| Which best describes ye<br>regarding the CWMU an<br>recommendations?        | -  | Neither agree nor disagree |

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Strongly disagree  |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | I don't want to see general elk go to a draw. I'm happy with the way things<br>are. I had a fine experience getting my tag. No issues, no complaints. By<br>moving this into a draw I think it'll create a backup just like there are for<br>general season deer units now. Some units take 3 or 4 points to draw. I like<br>the option of having a chance to buy a first come first serve tag every year.<br>Plus it's frustrating to have to pay another application fee. I would rather<br>have a higher permit fee than another application fee. Thanks for all your<br>hard work. |
| Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?                | Strongly agree   |
| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the recommended big game<br>season dates?             | I like the seasons and the extended archery any bull. I hunted during that season. I did run into youth hunters but didn't feel like there was much conflict. I enjoyed the extra opportunity and even got to help some youth.   |

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Somewhat agree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | Can you please expound on whether or not changing the elk drawing to<br>general season would affect the chances for an individual to apply and<br>draw for a general season buck deer or other species? If this option makes<br>a hunter chose between a general deer and general elk then I cannot<br>support it, but if this allows one to take both a general deer and a general<br>elk, if successfully drawn, then I can support it.<br>Please clarify language and intentions. |
| Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?                | Strongly agree   |
| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the recommended big game<br>season dates?             | I strongly support the 5 day archery extension   |
| Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?                     | Strongly agree   |

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Strongly disagree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | It's already hard enough to hunt elk as it is. We all know what it means<br>when a governmental agency says they will have a "trial" period. Instead of<br>moving all big big game to a lottery for administrative ease, it would be nice<br>see you figure out another way to keep these permits OTC instead of<br>further restricting big game hunting. |

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? | Strongly disagree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big                       | I buy my elk tag based on if I draw for deer or not.<br>I only hunt one or the other species not both in the same year. |
| game hunt drawing?  | Will there be an option to draw for deer first then if I get a deer tag my name be removed from the elk draw?           |

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Strongly disagree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | If we are at this point why are you still allowed to own up to three elk permit<br>per year? That should be changed. If you're going to do this then if a<br>person is lucky enough to draw an elk tag they should automatically not be<br>allowed to apply for antlerless elk. |

#### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Dear Valued Wildlife Management Folks,

My name is Gary Morgan and I would like to submit a public comment on the latest proposal to add the general season elk permits to the big game drawing. I am not, along with the overwhelming majority of hunters I've discussed this with, in favor of adding these permits to the big game drawing. We feel that this is the wrong direction to alleviate a problem that was created out of a response to businesses closing their doors in the spring of 2020 due to Covid. With the majority of Utahns being vaccinated and Covid numbers not affecting businesses being open anymore, I recommend that the DWR just go back to over the counter sales at licensing agents as the primary method of selling these general season elk tags, while maintaining an online site to purchase for those who either cannot physically get to a licensing agent, or are nonresident hunters that cannot simply drive to Utah to purchase a license. Many of my fellow hunters and myself are also concerned that with the addition of another revenue stream from the new application fees for these hunts, DWR will sort of "get hooked" on the new income and decide to continue charging these fees to Utahns and nonresident hunters, and then the days of true OTC elk hunting in Utah will be over. Going back to over the counter sales as a primary method of distributing tags will resolve the website clog that exists every time tags go on sale. Breaking up the spike tags from the any bull tags to go on sale was a good idea, and did alleviate some of the clog. A further recommendation from me would be that if the DWR would like to continue using the online sales system, I recommend that DWR also further break down the online sales between resident and nonresident, with those being sold on different days (with Utah residents being given preference) to help further reduce site lag and traffic to avoid overloading. I fear that every big game tag in this state will eventually become a draw system and would disrupt many annual family hunts that have become a tradition by either preventing people from getting tags or costing families even more money to pursue their outdoor passions.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Gary Morgan Rush Valley, UT

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| Which best describes y regarding the propose hunting changes?          | •   | Strongly agree   |
| Which best describes<br>regarding the propose<br>big game hunt drawing | d changes to the  | Strongly agree   |
| Do you have any addit<br>about the proposed ch<br>game hunt drawing?   |   | I agree with almost everything, however I see that the division stands to make a lot of money from adding the \$10 application fee to general elk tags. That is my only concern. |
| Which best describes<br>regarding the recommo<br>season dates?         |   | Somewhat agree   |

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big de game hunt drawing?

I strongly disagree with the increase of max point allocation to 60% This decreases overall hunter opportunity.

### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Seems to me like you will make a whole lot of money, knowing that you will be getting \$10 from every unsuccessful application, which you didn't get last year. Plus you will be getting an extra \$10 for every successful draw. So rather than upgrading the system, you will shift the burden to another system that will cost people more, make you more money, And take away any incentive to apply early. On 15,000 tags you will make an extra \$150,000 in application fees. Please be transparent about your reasoning.

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| our position<br>changes to the<br>?                               | Somewhat agree  |
| onal comments<br>inges to the big                                 | I think the spike tags need to be split into units so each limited entry bull<br>elk unit has a certain amount of spike tags that way you can control the<br>units that are hurting for big bulls and decrease spike tags for that unit. Also<br>I think every hunt needs to be a mandatory harvest report after each hunt<br>is over. I think more spikes are killed then what they say are. |
| our position<br>nded big game                                     | Strongly agree  |
| our position<br>nd LOA  | Somewhat agree  |
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## Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? It amazes me how Government tries to take all that is good and get rid of it. Stick with your elk quotas, get a better software that can handle the load on the severs and call it a day...of course you won't though because more control is what you want and let's be honest, any software vetting process for government will take YEARS to get a new software that isn't . Keep the OTC. Don't go to a draw. Plus, I have to pay \$100 to hunt birds for 3 days in Idaho. Why are you not charging way more of non-residents to hunt elk? \$10 for us vs \$15 for non-resident? How does that make sense??

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| Which best describes y<br>regarding the proposed<br>hunting changes?      | •   | Neither agree nor disagree |
| Which best describes y<br>regarding the proposed<br>big game hunt drawing | d changes to the  | Strongly agree             |
| Which best describes y regarding the recommendates?                       | •   | Somewhat agree             |
| Which best describes y regarding the CWMU a recommendations?              | •   | Strongly disagree          |

#### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? You cant have a draw and call it general any bull. A draw is no different than limited entry. We already have too much limited entry. This is the last over the counter big game tag in the state! Keep it that way! Make in person tag sales require proof of ID. No party buying of tags in person. You had 2 years to fix the tag sales system! So now when the sh hits the fan you panic and throw it in a draw? Come on! Piss poor planning has lead to piss poor results.

### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? We have the best drawing system in the world. We reward people who wait in line, but still allow for some random chance and luck for those at the beginning of the line. It has worked well for decades. Everyone knows the system and I have never heard a complaint about our draw system and the 50/50 split of the permits. Why in the world would we want to "fix" something that isn't broken. Please leave the allocation at 50 percent for those with max points and 50% allocated randomly. Those with max points are favored for the first 50 percent and also the second 50 percent because they have more numbers in the draw.

I'm also opposed to the draw for any bull and spike elk. These particular hunts are the single and very last option we have in Utah to hunt together as a family. All that is needed now, is to plan and purchase permits together on the day they open. If we go to a random draw without points, those options are no longer available. Why remove such a fun family option?

| Which best describes your position<br>regarding the proposed changes to the<br>big game hunt drawing? | Strongly disagree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing?    | I see this as a way of just getting another \$10 application fee for the division |

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Somewhat disagree  |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | Not allowing people to apply in a group of 4 if there is to be a draw for general elk.     |
|  | Getting rid of the multi season elk tag and go back to picking one of 3 weapon type hunts. |

## Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? To whom it may concern. I do STRONGLY DISAGREE with the any bull elk permits being put in the draw system. This is one hunt that my family and i can count on experiencing together each year. My kids are old enough to spend the time in the mountains hunting but, not old enough for tags themselves. Being able to purchase a tag over the counter allows me the ability to take them out. I put in for all other hunts, both antlered and antlerless, and sometimes have to wait a year or two before we head out. I don't think that putting the tags in the draw is the answer to the problem of high demand and a bogged down system. You have asked for the system to be more robust, and that may or may not help. I feel like this will be taking a chance from not only my family but many others as well. Some people rely on these tags as a source to feed their families each year. The draw may impact their ability to do so. I will strongly ask that you reconsider putting the over the counter tags in the draw. Allow hunters/families/ and the DWR to deal with the demand and slow system for another year until the system is more robust and can better handle the challenge of so many people trying to buy at once.

I would like it to be said that I do understand the reasoning of why this has come up. The frustration of dealing with a slow system is minimal for a hunter compared to a hunter that may not draw a tag that was over the counter the year before. I just think that there are other options at hand.

Thank you for your time.

#### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? The spike elk and any bull elk hunts like you said have been the same for thirty years. Most issues my family and I have seen are from the multi season tags it seems on every hunt there are more people than elk vs. Four years ago when you could look on a ridge and see elk instead of orange. In my opinion this is one of the worst proposals the dwr has come up with. Instead a better proposal would be to end the multi season tags and put muzzleloader rifle and archery tags for sale online on different dates.

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Somewhat disagree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | <ol> <li>Stop the multi-season general elk tags. This tag allows more hunters in each season that normally would not be there if they had to choose. If it's a revenue issue then increase the tag fees for individual seasons. Once the multi season tag is off the table, change the days that archery, muzzleloader, and rifle permits are purchased and this would decrease the traffic to the site. Only at that point would I be in favor or moving the hunt to a draw if still necessary.</li> <li>Keep the guaranteed tag for youth! It's hard to get kids into hunting when they don't have a chance to get a tag.</li> <li>I support the raise to 60% tags for max points holders.</li> </ol> |
| Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?                | Strongly agree  |
| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the recommended big game<br>season dates?             | All for these changes.  |
| Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?                     | Neither agree nor disagree  |
| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the CWMU and LOA<br>recommendations?                  | Raise the public percentage of tags to 30% instead of 14-15% of tags.<br>CWMU operators can afford to give more tags to the public draw,<br>especially those premier CWMU that sell their tags for thousands.   |

## Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? While I agree that something has to change so there is not the mad rush to buy tags I don't believe that the problem is a huge spike in demand I believe the problem is the multiseason elk tags. In the proposal it was mentioned that 42% of the tag sales that went to the quota were multi season tags. That seems like a large portion and I wonder if we are seeing more archery hunters purchasing the multi season tags because they can. As I have talked to other hunters in the field most the hunters that I have talked to about that tag say they use to be archery hunters but they now buy the multi season tags of the spike and any bull tags be allocated as multi season tags and the remainder of the elk tags stay as over the counter tags.

As for the allocation of 60% of the tags to the max point holders. I am very torn on this one I personally have 15 points for multiple species and like the idea of potentially drawing faster. But I also defied the odds as a 14 year old and drew a moose tag with zero points. I think that cutting into the 50 50 split will deter new hunters since they will feel that it is so unlikely to get their name drawn. Point creep is a real thing. Good luck with your decision.

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Somewhat disagree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | Is there some way to authenticate that the people purchasing general season bull elk permit are actually going to use them cause I'm sure that there is people buying them up so that the people that are trying to actually get an animal and go in the field to hunt don't get hosed by the ones that are just buying permits to make it unavailable for the ones that want to hunt? But as to putting it to a draw I see some benefit but to the ones that have purchased an elk permit for the main point of harvesting for the meat and plan on it every year would make it where we would start looking to go out of state to participate in the elk hunt |
| Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?                | Somewhat agree  |
| Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?                     | Strongly agree  |

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Strongly disagree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | I strongly favor keeping the general elk permits on a first come first served<br>basis. If people plan to hunt elk they should also plan to purchase permits<br>on the day they go on sale. If these permits go to the draw system it will<br>also add the \$10 charge to those applying for the permits. For those of us<br>on a fixed income, adding the application charge will just add to the cost of<br>obtaining a permit.   |
| Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?                | Strongly disagree   |
| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the recommended big game<br>season dates?             | I strongly favor keeping the general elk permits on a first come, first served<br>basis. If people are planning to hunt elk they should also plan to buy a tag<br>when they go on sale. Also, by putting the general elk tags in the drawing<br>we would be forced to pay the additional \$10 application fee. Although you<br>might think this \$10 fee is nothing, to those of us on a fixed income it adds<br>an additional burden at a time when the cost of living has increased<br>significantly. |

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?  | Somewhat disagree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing?<br>Which best describes your position | Has the division ever though of making the points system just big game<br>points for limited entry? Allow a person to decide if they want to apply for<br>dee or elk. One year I may want to try deer the next maybe elk? As a<br>person that only got into elk hunting maybe 10 years ago but having put in<br>for deer most my life I sit on 23 points for deer and am stuck holding out for<br>a premium tag and I would much rather hunt elk. At this rate being almost<br>50 I will likely never get to hunt a mature bull elk unit. |
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| regarding the recommended big game season dates?   |   |

#### Which best describes your position Strongly disagree regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Do you have any additional comments Strongly disagree with changing to a draw system for the general any bull about the proposed changes to the big elk and spike elk hunts for the purpose of improving the experience for game hunt drawing? obtaining a permit. Whether the system remains as is or changes to a draw system, hunters who do not obtain a permit will be unsatisfied. Hunters who really want a permit will access the current system early to obtain a permit. The hunters who wait 8-10 hours after the permits go on sale obviously weren't too concerned about obtaining a permit. Strongly disagree with changing the ratio of max point holders from 50% to 60%. Which best describes your position Strongly agree regarding the recommended big game season dates? Do you have any additional comments In particular, strongly agree to accept the proposed Archery Any Bull Elk about the recommended big game season dates of Aug 20 - Sep 21 for the 2022 season to evaluate archery season dates? elk hunter satisfaction with the addition of 5 days at the end of the season.

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Strongly agree  |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | Even though I do not like the idea of more draws, this seems more fair. For those that work jobs that cannot be on a computer at the start of the application time, it puts getting a permit in jeopardy. I also understand that I may not get a permit in the draw but I do like the idea of not having to worry about racing to a computer and hoping that the system does not crash. |

# Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I agree with this proposal. Either way the number of general season tags are still limited and I can see how by putting them into a draw system it will help keep everything more organized and less chaotic. I hope I am not going into a tangent but the increasing demand for hunting tags in Utah is something that has been on my mind for a long time. Obviously everyone wants to have the opportunity to hunt every year. The best option that I can see helping increase hunting opportunity for all big game species would be to increase incentive and opportunity for hunters to move to weapon options that require a higher skill level. For example; opening a traditional archery season. This would create a brand new category by separating compound bows from traditional bows. Since a traditional bow limits a hunters odds of success significantly vs a compound bow, it will allow for more hunters to be afield without decimating animal populations. As more and more people have the desire to hunt every year the best way to accommodate MORE hunters will be to have more archery hunters. This will allow Utah to sell more tags and create more opportunity for hunters and simultaneously maintain harvest objectives. Popularity for archery hunting is already high and I believe that now is a great time to gravitate even more hunters into archery. Opening a new category of traditional archery will create new opportunity and new challenge. I believe that what would happen is a gravitational flow of some compound archers moving towards traditional archery and rifle hunters migrating towards compound archery. from what I have seen on Utah's extended archery units, that remain archery only all year, is that even a small area can accommodate a relatively large number of archery hunters with an extremally long window to hunt and remain highly productive.

| Which best describes your position<br>regarding the proposed changes to the<br>big game hunt drawing? | Strongly disagree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing?    | Don't make elk hunting a draw. Upgrade your server capacity. Or, change<br>the permits so that general season bull permits are tied to a specific unit.<br>Those units could go on sale on different dates to spread out server<br>demand. Harvesting an elk on a general season unit is already a lottery,<br>please don't make it a lottery to even get to try. |

Somewhat agree

### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? It is obvious to me that a change needs to be made. Demand far outweighs the supply. If we are going to have to apply for any elk tag, then I feel we need to make it to where you can apply for one elk tag (like Colorado does) You get one "elk point" a year. No more seperate pools for limited entry and antlerless. If you want to put in for a Limited entry bull, you do not get another "first choice" with an antlerless or general bull application. Guys who like to hunt elk every year would likely get their chance because the huge pool of guys with lots of bonus points would not want to waste points on a general bull or antlerless tag. The tough choice would have to be made, apply for the highly sought after tag, and wait maybe years to hunt, or apply for antlerless or general bull and hunt likely every year. This would likely cause "leftover" tags (like Colorado) which could then be opened to "first come first served." But before the leftovers all applicants would have gotten their shot at their one "first choice".

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

To be honest, this feels like a money grab. By adding an 'application fee' they are collecting an additional \$10 per permit and not addressing the true problem regarding the poor application performance and infrastructure performance. That is the only quantifiable argument for moving to a draw, and one that any team of competent development engineers and infrastructure engineers could solve.

There is no data represented indicating the increase in demand that was cited as the second reason. That felt like conjecture, and you can't use how quickly the permits sold out to indicate demand. The poor system architecture and performance created a artificial urgency that drove people to purchase day of sale in 2020. When you couple that with the Online Only sales model from 2020 and it quickly becomes something you can't truly quantify regarding demand.

If the multi season tag is so popular, perhaps we need to re-evaluate if all the tags need to be multi-season. As a counter proposal, make the Multi-Season permit a draw with limited numbers. But keep OTC opportunity. If I draw a multi-season voucher, I would still need to purchase an elk permit when the OTC permits go on sale. (this keeps the Any Weapon and Muzzleloader Quota the same). Just last year, unlimited permits were proposed, so we know that the units can support it.

By moving to a draw, my odds decrease to hunt in my home state. I can guarantee hunts in Colorado, Idaho and Montana. So I'll give my money to them knowing I have certainty in those states. Utah is pushing out it's residents by managing hunters, rather than managing the resource.

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Neither agree nor disagree  |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | I think that you should eliminate the 3 season hunt. It would solve the selling out fast and the fact that it has total ruined the archery hunt. It has put a massive amount of people in the wood that have basically no bow shooting skills. At least remove the archery from the 3 season. Just make a general for rifle and muzzleloader not that a muzzleloader is any different than a rifle now days.  |
| Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?                | Neither agree nor disagree  |
| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the recommended big game<br>season dates?             | we are the only state that I know that gives rifle hunters peak elk hunts and<br>archery the hardest hunt. the extra 5 days is nice but we really need to join<br>the other states that go from sep 1st until end of September the archery<br>hunt already deals with all other archery hunts. shotguns grouse hunting<br>and the last couple years bear hunters running dogs. it is kind of ridiculous<br>that the most primitive weapon get the worst hunt. not to mention the<br>massive amount of sheep and sheep dogs still on the mountain during the<br>hunt |

# Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Don't ruin the last opportunity to obtain general season tags for hunting! The rapid sellout of general any season tags can be attributed to the rule change to add a multi-season option at \$150 and not cap those tags. For those that didn't know, in years prior to this hunt change, archery tags were never capped, and rifle and muzzleloader tags were. When the rule changed, almost all the previous archery only hunters that I spoke to purchased the multi-season tag. The multi-season tags counted against the general rifle quota- and they were not capped. The first year this rule was rolled out was 2017. Notice in the summary of the article they mention that they sold out rapidly in 2019 because hunters hadn't figured it out, until they got burned by the rule change. Then in 2020 and 2021 it was game on in the first hours they opened up for sale. The solution is a simple supply demand problem. The multi season tag should be viewed as a draw only and capped at 5000 tags, charge \$300 or more for those tags and a drawing fee. The remaining Elk tags should be a choose one season only, sold over the counter at \$50, unlimited archery tags and cap general rifle and muzzleloader seasons.

Also, people are flocking to this hunt because all other hunting opportunities are being choked down so much to drive bigger game which attracts bigger dollars. Big game permits are now twice in a lifetime in my opinion, due to odds, waiting periods, and reduced tags.

## Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I appreciate the effort in which the Division is trying to alleviate the frustration with online sales the public has faced the past few years, however I believe this proposal is counterproductive. We already know the issues of point creep, we know the frustration within the draw process, many hunters dislike how the Division handles it, why would we want to support putting another hunt that provides opportunity, into the already frustrating point system? If online sales are that big of a burden on the Division system, my reccomendation would be to simplify the process and only allow in person sales at licensed agents or at Division offices. Giving opportunity to those who are willing to get up and go get them. It spreads purchases throughout the state and alleviating the pressure on the Divisions online system. I don't believe licensed agents will be upset or burdened by supplying hunters with tags, as most hunters generally like spending money on gear while they are inside stores. I strongly disagree with the proposal to place general season elk tags into a draw.

Which leads to another question, how will it impact applications with LE hunts? You are only allowed to apply for one species in the draw, does this mean you have to choose between a LE elk tag OR a general season tag? Will the general season application be held after the LE tags? Being unable to see the future, I believe this predicament would cause incredible amounts of frustration hunters are already facing when trying to apply for hunts. Again for these reasons I STRONGLY oppose this proposal and hope you would consider my proposal of only in person purchases to licensed agents to help truly unburden the Divisions online sales portal. Thank you

### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? General Season Elk. Yes, it is very competitive and needs some addressing.

1. An application fee?? Really!? If a preference point was given, that would make a little sense. At least I'd know I have a better chance the next year. But this feels more like a money grab raffle.

2. Youth tags. They should or shouldn't come out of the pool for any bull and spike, not one or the other. Make it the same for both. I'd personally like to see youth tags come out of the overall pool. Also, why would a youth put in for an any bull tag? It would be a waste of \$10 if they can just buy a tag in July. It would make more sense to prioritize those who paid the application fee.

3. Archery unlimited tags. With the advances in archery equipment, there seems to be more and more people in the field and seeing success. I'm an archer and think it would be wise to cap these tags. Unlimited seems unwise/unnecessary. And if we are going to draw for rifle and muzzy, we need a draw for archery. Especially if we can hunt some extra days during the rut on any bull.

4. If a draw is in the future, have units broken down similar to other draws (north slope, south slope, wasatch, Manti, etc). Some areas just get pounded with pressure while others aren't as crowded. IE spread the tags around the state.

Limited/Once in a Lifetime.

1. How does that affect units with 2 tags? I think a 50/50 spilt is fair on those hunts. Units that have 10+ tags, the 60/4 spilt makes sense.

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Strongly disagree  |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | It should stay first come first serve. If the computer system can't handle<br>what's it asked to do the fix the system or let local authorized stores sell<br>them. We all know that this won't last for 1 year it will become permanent.<br>So no keep it how it is |

#### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? The ability to obtain general season Elk tags on a first come first serve after drawing for both big game and antlerless draw results allows those who may have missed the early draw applications to still obtain a permit. It also allows families to assess what draws are and were not obtained prior to choosing to obtain a general season tag. Moving this to a tag limits these opportunities. It also minimizes the options of hunters as they are forced into obtaining these tags early when they may draw a limited entry tag (of someone they will hunt with) and would not have purchased a general season tag, therefore limiting opportunities for other hunters. It is in the best interest of the general public to continue selling the general season tags after all draw entries have been completed on a first come first serve basis.

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| Which best describes yo<br>regarding the proposed<br>hunting changes?       | •  | Somewhat agree  |
| Do you have any addition<br>about the proposed wate<br>changes?             |  | I feel most of the Trumpeter swans that are killed are targeted to<br>discourage this behavior you should have a waiting period for those that kill<br>a Trumpeter 3 to 5 years |
| Which best describes ye<br>regarding the proposed<br>big game hunt drawing? | changes to the   | Strongly agree  |
| Do you have any addition<br>about the proposed changame hunt drawing?       |  | If the elk are to be included in the regular draw preference points also need to be part of the opportunity   |

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| Which best describes y regarding the proposed hunting changes?            | •  | Strongly agree    |
| Which best describes y<br>regarding the proposed<br>big game hunt drawing | I changes to the   | Strongly disagree |
| Which best describes y regarding the recomme season dates?                | -  | Strongly agree    |
| Which best describes y regarding the CWMU ar recommendations?             | -  | Strongly agree    |

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Somewhat agree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | I recommend eliminating the Multi season tags. I like the idea of a multi<br>season elk tag but it is part of the problem.<br>I'm an archer and after waiting for hours online in 2020 decided to not do it<br>again in 2021. If issues persist after eliminating then look at draw. And<br>maybe raise the tag limit. |

Strongly disagree

| Do you have any additional comments   | I feel that this tag should remain OTC. This is one of the only tags that is |
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| about the proposed changes to the big | still OTC. I do appreciate the archery will remain unlimited.                |
| game hunt drawing?                    | I also do not think the 50/50 split should be changed to 60/40.              |

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| Which best describe<br>regarding the proposibig game hunt drawi | sed changes to the | Strongly agree   |  |
| Do you have any add<br>about the proposed<br>game hunt drawing? | changes to the big | As long as archery stays unlimited otc I'm alright with this.  |  |
| Which best describe<br>regarding the recom<br>season dates?     |                    | Somewhat agree   |  |
| Do you have any add<br>about the recommen<br>season dates?      |                    | I think archery spike elk tags should be as long of a season as the general season buck deer and limited entry elk tags. |  |

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Strongly disagree

I can only speak to the archery hunt as that is the only hunt I do every year. The family experience that we are able to celebrate annually with our OTC spike only unit archery tag is tradition. With the increasing amount of private land we have already been restricted on the areas we are able to hunt and have had to relocate our camp of 40 years, this will kill a tradition for our family because the hard work and the chance of filling our refrigerators with elk meat is the thing that allows this to happen. The further restriction of only having a chance to try for an elk isn't worth it. Archery is already difficult with a very low harvest percent annually. I agree with the 60/40 for once in a lifetime tags.

| Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?    | Strongly disagree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the recommended big game<br>season dates? | It's hard enough to draw any tags anymore. Over the counter spike elk tag was all I could count on getting to hunt. I'm on computer buying the second it open so why should my hunting opportunity go to crap because people wait until last minute to find out they're sold out I feel like I've gone from a hunter to a point collector It's frustrating and feel my opportunities get less and less every year |

Somewhat agree

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| Which best describes your position<br>regarding the CWMU and LOA<br>recommendations? | Strongly disagree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the CWMU and LOA<br>recommendations?    | Moving general season elk to a draw is just a money grab for all those<br>application fees. If the system is a problem, people can walk into a store<br>and buy the tag easily. Fix the sales system, you don't need even more<br>money from us. It's just an excuse. |

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Strongly disagree  |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | If it's a tech issue than give specific times for specific regions. For instance, if you life in southern region you buy during that time line. This will reduce heavy web traffic. If you miss your time line the tag cost double. This way people can still get a tag if they forget and befits the DNR with more cash. Win, win |

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Just another division money grab! And completely opposite of last years proposal!

# Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I strongly oppose the DWR proposal to move the OTC Any Bull and Spike elk tags to the Big Game Draw for the following reasons:

1. This proposal is in complete contradiction to what the DWR proposed last year. They proposed unlimited tags last year for the sake of Utah's strong family tradition of OTC hunting. Now they are proposing to move the hunt to the draw, which will thus eliminate the last OTC option in Utah and the hunt will no longer be a guaranteed family option. This completely contradicts what was proposed last year. Last year the DWR proposed to remove the guota on rifle Any Bull elk tags and make it unlimited. The reason for doing this was because the rifle bull elk hunt was the last OTC option in Utah for families to go on a general hunt together. 2. The DWR will make over \$300,000 minimum from the new application fees. Based on the complete contradiction to last year's proposal (listed above), respectfully, this really seems like a pure money grab to me. If this is all about money, I would gladly welcome an increase in price to the Any Bull elk permits and keep them OTC. Increase the price to \$75 dollars or even \$200 for the multiseason. Just don't take away the OTC option. 3. I like the OTC option because I don't have to decided until July what season of Utah general elk I will be hunting. By July I will have results from the Utah drawing and other state's big game results and in July I can then decided what season best suites my schedule to hunt the Utah general elk hunt. If it goes to a draw, you will be forced to decide your hunt in March. 4. I know there are problems with the current online system but I have always been able to get my tag the last several years because I put forth a little effort. Several friends this year were having problems with the online portal so they went to their local sporting goods store and bought their elk permit there no problem. The people complaining about the online system are not using all resources available to them.

Please oppose the proposition to move the OTC Any Bull elk hunt into the Big Game Draw. I personally support the previous proposal to make specifically the any bull elk tags unlimited. This is an easy solution to fix the database issues that the DWR is currently having on the busy permit days, because it will eliminate the busy permit days.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments<br/>about the proposed changes to the big<br/>game hunt drawing?Removing or limiting OTC tags lessons opportunity which is the complete<br/>opposite position taken last year by the DWR

### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Archery only general elk tags should NOT be changed or moved to a draw. They should remain unlimited and over the counter. Archery has NEVER been the issue. It wasn't until this multi season hunt came around that we witnessed wave of people flood your system. If it truly comes down to improving your system. Work on that and if it means limiting gun hunting multi season permits I can understand that. Archery should remain the same. It should be otc and available for anyone that wants a tag. Leave something for the people to enjoy. Every big game hunt is a draw in this state. Archery elk can be that one thing that remains available for all. It's the only guaranteed hunt we can look forward to each year.

Strongly disagree

| Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?    | Somewhat disagree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the CWMU and LOA<br>recommendations? | I don't really like the idea of losing the over the counter elk tags. I get why they're doing this for one year but I don't want it to stay that way. |

#### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Don't change the whole hunt structure because of incompetence with software and servers. Keep the elk hunt over the counter and fix your system. This is the last hunt in Utah that we can do as a family (the argument made my UDWR last year to make tags unlimited). Just get a competent software and hardware engineer.

Also, please don't change the 50:50 split to 60:40. Utah has the best system in the west. We all know the system and we all have been applying for years under the current system. Quit taking hunts away from the average Joe!

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes?            | Neither agree nor disagree |
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| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? | Strongly disagree          |

Strongly disagree

| Do you have any additional comments   | Limit the number of elk hunts in the draw to a limited quota for out of state |
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| about the proposed changes to the big | hunters. Half the issue with the elk draw is so many people are moving to     |
| game hunt drawing?                    | Utah and also lots of out of state licenses given.                            |

# Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? It seems like a money grab to me. Especially last year when it was proposed to go to unlimited any bull elk tags. Please just fix your system. So that there aren't issues going forward.

Also consider going to a draw for the multi season permits. Have a set quota of tags available. Make it so that if you apply for the multi season permits you are unable to buy an archery, riffle or Muzzeloader tag. That also seems like a good compromise to me.

| Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?    | Strongly disagree   |
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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | Who comes up with these ideas? Changing from 50/50 is only proposed<br>by someone who will benefit from that change. It is not beneficial to the<br>vast majority of hunters.<br>Get rid of the multi season tags and the problem will be solved. I like the<br>multi season tags and I am willing to go without if we can keep the general<br>elk hunts. |
| Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?                | Somewhat disagree   |
| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the recommended big game<br>season dates?             | Give the youth back their elk hunt. What a joke to observe the camoed archers, breaking the law of required orange, messing up youth hunters. Another special interest group benefiting at the expense of others.   |
| Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?                     | Somewhat disagree   |
| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the CWMU and LOA<br>recommendations?                  | Public draw hunters need more time. 3 days or 5 days is not enough.   |

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|  | ibes your position<br>posed changes to the<br>awing? | Strongly agree  |  |
|  | additional comments<br>ed changes to the big<br>ng?  | I agree with the changes, elk should be part of the draw going forward.   |  |
|  | ibes your position<br>ommended big game              | Somewhat agree  |  |
| Do you have any<br>about the recomn<br>season dates? | additional comments<br>nended big game               | I don't love the length of the archery and rifle any bull hunts. I feel like they take days away from other hunts, so they don't over lap and allow an extended amount of pressure on our help herds, making it very difficult. |  |

# Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I am Totally against placing the general elk tags into a drawing. This is the last "over the counter" tag available in Utah and I don't want it to go away. The only thing putting the general elk tags into a draw will do is to make them harder to get. Once you institute a draw then you have to give points and then all of a sudden we are only getting permits every other year. The other down side for hunters is the additional \$10 application fee. We are nickeled and dimed to death as it is. Please leave the General elk permits like they are.

I do not like the idea of giving 60% of tags to high point holders. All applicants have applied under the 50/50 split since the draw was initiated and it is very fair. Changing now just penalizes the majority of hunters since the majority of hunters do not have anywhere near max points. There are way more people applying with less than max points than those that have max points. To be honest, Max point holders are not guaranteed anything. They are given a better chance to draw by since they are eligible for 50% of the tags. changing to 60% isn't going to all of a sudden make the points problem go away, but it will hurt the majority of hunters who are already only getting a chance at half the tags. If anything, the majority of tags should go to the Random draw. If you look at each individual point level. the lower point groups all have more applicants than the next higher point level. Point creep is here to stay unless we start growing more critters. fancy math and shell games do nothing.

I would also like to leave the draw system and timing the way it is. Getting Draw results mid May is great. Moving to a Hard date of May 31st makes it difficult for people that apply for other states for permits.

# Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

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2. The DWR will make over \$300,000 minimum from the new application fees. If this is all about money, I would gladly welcome an increase in price to the Any Bull elk permits and keep them OTC. Increase the price to \$75 dollars or even \$200 for the multiseason. Just don't take away the OTC option. Once government starts receiving money through application fees, I have a hard time believing that they will willfully give that up.

3. I like the OTC option because I don't have to decided until July what season of Utah general elk I will be hunting. By July I will have results from the Utah drawing and other state's big game results and in July I can then decided what season best suites my schedule to hunt the Utah general elk hunt. If it goes to a draw, you will be forced to decide your hunt in March.

4. I know there are problems with the current online system but the people complaining about the online system are not using all resources available to them. Several friends this year were having problems with the online portal so they went to their local sporting goods store and bought their elk permit there no problem.

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Somewhat disagree

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| Which best describes your position | Neither agree nor disagree |
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| regarding the proposed waterfowl   |                            |
| hunting changes?                   |                            |
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| Which best describes your position                           | Neither agree nor disagree |
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| regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? |                            |
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Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? \*\*\*Please Read\*\*\* I will start out by saying I don't have a huge issue with the recommended changes but I do have some concerns surrounding them. They are as follows.

-In regards to the OTC elk hunts going to the draw I think it would be a good way to get some hard data on demand. I'm concerned however that once they go to the draw that they will never again come back to OTC. I also think that if this is a "test" year that the fee for permits should drop to \$40 to make up for the extra \$10 that all applicants are going to have to pay as an application fee. Otherwise it seems greedy that a permit I used to pay \$50 for I now have to pay \$60 because it went to a draw.

-In regards to the moving more permits to high point holder I think its an okay idea but I still have a major unresolved issue when it comes to solving the problem of our point system and that is that nothing is being done to the CWMU program to help with the solution. I would be far more okay with the 60/40 split on the draw if there was serious talk about what could be done with the CWMU program to help solve the problem. As you probably already know (and is indicated on the next video) the majority of CWMU's are doing a 90/10 split on their buck/bull tags. Although the CWMU's have an option to do a different split ratio most of them do the 90/10 split because that is what is of most benefit to them. I should say at this point, I really and truly don't have an issue with the idea of the program. I think its great and I want it to continue. I do however believe that its time for a change. The entire hunting program of the state has been overhauled in the last decade with the exception of the CWMU program. Infact, from my understanding, the tag split for CWMU's has not been addressed since the program was implemented. The public has continued to have to change rules and programs to try to address the high point holders in the point pool. Examples are the 5 year waiting periods, the surrendering of some or all points when tags are turned in, the surrendering of points if a left over permit is bought, starting late season LE hunts on general units, ETC. All in the name of addressing high point holders. The CWMU's although part of our hunting community have not participated in solving this issue. I suggest that the minimum permit ratio for bucks/bulls on CWMU's be moved to 75/25. If this ratio was implemented in 2020 then the public would have had access to 88 MORE LE ELK PERMITS WITH 44 OF THOSE GOING TO THE HIGHEST POINT HOLDERS. They also would have seen 165 MORE LE DEER PERMITS WITH HALF OF THOSE GOING TO THE HIGHEST POINT HOLDERS. Over a 5 year period that would mean 440 more individuals taken out of the point pool for elk and 825 more individuals taken out of the point pool for deer.

I want to say again that I think the CWMU program is a great program. In the beginning land owners needed to be incentivsed to be part of the program. Now, decades later with increasing demand for western trophy hunt, everyone know how much money can be made. We have an issue here with the high point holders and the CWMU program can help solve it. One of my biggest frustrations when I talk to members of the DNR about this is when they say "well we have brought up a ratio change to the CWMU's and they don't want to change it so it probably isn't going to happen." That is a horrible answer and people should be ashamed for saying that. No kidding that the people benefitting the most don't want it to change. Bu this is a STATE DEVELOPED, STATE IMPLEMENTED, AND STATE FACILITATED PLAN THAT SHOULD CHANGE TO THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC. I know that land owners need to see benefit and I want them to make a whole heck of a lot of money. with a 25/75 ratio on buck/bull permits they are still getting the lions share and they are still going to make way more money and have way more opportunities to harvest trophy animals than if they weren't in the program. If they left the program they would be left to what they could draw, what they could get from the LOA and how many people they could cram onto their land in a 10 day hunt. They need to make money and the public sees a crazy amount of benefit from the program. But these CWMU'S see a SUPER CRAZY amount of benefit from a public resource. If you have read this far, I thank you. To sum up, the land owners bring their land to the table and the public brings the animals/permits. The land owners get a 3 month+ season, can hunt with rifles for most of it, get to sell permits for a premium, and have free advice and help from the state for managment and habitat. The public gets 10% of the permits that belong to them anyway, and 5 days at the discretion of the landowner. That doesn't seem all to fair for 50% of the investment. Thank you.

| Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates? | Somewhat agree  |
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| Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?      | Somewhat disagree   |
| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the CWMU and LOA<br>recommendations?   | I made my comments about the CWMU's in the video about the big game draw changes. I know that we as a public benefit alot from the program but the private land owners benefit even more. It isn't fair to the public to have a 90/10 buck/bull permit ratio in favor of the CWMU'S. I propose it be moved to 75/25 in favor of the CWMU's. This would give us alot more permits and give the public more benefit for the 50% value that they are investing into the program. I want the land owners to see alot of benefit but right now the public is taking a beating through this program that is a PUBLIC program managing a PUBLIC resource. Please start the discussion. |

Strongly disagree

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# Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I strongly oppose this proposal for several reasons that I already submitted. Beyond that, I believe the DWR can do as they proposed last year and remove the quota and make even the rifle hunts unlimited. I believe this will actually reduce demand. I believe many of these people are panic buying the permit just in case they want to use it but dont end up using it. They buy the permit when they go on sale simply because they sell out. I believe if there is no panic these people wont buy and they will realize they dont actually have time or desire once the hunt comes.

Unlimited rifle tags will also completely eliminate the problems that the DWR is currently experiencing on the high traffic sales days because there wont be high traffic days any more.

I do not believe that removing the quota and making the tags unlimited will affect the herds. The reason being is the people who kill on this hunt consistently kill. Its not a easy hunt for some new to learn and just luck into success. The people who kill on this hunt are prioritizing as they need to to ensure they get a tag. Meaning they are getting tags regardless of unlimited or the historical quotas.

Lastly I strongly believe that Utah should have ONE guaranteed OTC option that allows you to have ONE guaranteed hunt a year. The days are here that we cant draw tags in our home state every year. Lets at least have one guaranteed OTC option. This is the perfect hunt for that. Don't put the general bull elk hunt into the draw and remove Utah's one OTC hunt.

game hunt drawing?

Strongly disagree

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Consider removing the quotas and having unlimited tags for next year as a solution instead of putting general bull elk in to the big game draw in order to have time to build up the database after the one-year trial. If the tags are unlimited it won't stress the system and the system can be upgraded and then things can be returned to the normal OTC quotas the following year.

Strongly disagree

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| Do you have any additional comments   | OTC hunts continue to drive people to spend money all over the area.    |
| about the proposed changes to the big   | Turning this from an OTC to a draw will adversely effect the areas that |
| game hunt drawing?  | profit or benefit from these hunters.                                   |

Somewhat disagree

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Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? First, I don't believe this change is added for the betterment and welfare of our elk herd, rather the frustration and lack of website capacity. Any change(s) made to our hunting, applications, etc. should have the welfare of our wildlife first and foremost. Second, I agree that we should have a draw for general season elk, but specific units and quotas should be determined prior similar to our neighboring states such as Nevada, Wyoming, Colorado and Arizona. Thank you.

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Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? Making these proposed changes simply because of failing technology is NOT wildlife management. It is not fair to 20,000 plus of Utah's Hunter to drastically change the tradition of the only OTC hunt in Utah because of failing technology. That is outrageous to me and definitely is not wildlife management. They need to get their technology systems up to speed so they can manage the wildlife.

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| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the proposed changes to the big<br>game hunt drawing? | The DWR is doing complete opposite of what they proposed last year.<br>More study and research needs to be completed before harsh quick<br>decisions. This is not good for conservation, nor is it good for encouraging<br>hunting activities. |

Somewhat disagree

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Strongly disagree

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| Do you have any additional comments   | I do think we should cap archery tags as well. It will improve the quality of |
| about the proposed changes to the big   | the hunt. And Utah can be competitive with wyoming and Idaho's general        |
| game hunt drawing?  | elk experiences.  |

#### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed waterfowl hunting changes?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed waterfowl hunting changes? Changing the bag limit to 5 geese per day per person I strongly don't agree with. If you have 4 geese and feel the need to get 1 more then you're not respecting the resource and need to find a gold star somewhere else. In the group of buddies I hunt with, if you added the extra 1 bird per day you would loose a lot more geese to breed and build the population the following year. We're blessed to hit our limits with several guys on several hunts a year on geese. So do the math (Ex. 7 guys limit 10 times. 7x10=70 extra geese dead, and that's just from the added 1 bird per day). I know we are not the only guys finding this kind of success, 70 birds is more then some people will kill in a lifetime. So keep it at 4, that's plenty to appreciate, when the numbers get better then recommend that. But I am telling you, they're not getting better, not to much getting worse but the numbers are aren't getting better! Thanks

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? It's getting ridiculous that guys are killing multiple animals in the same year in this state while a lot of us don't draw any tags for multiple years in a row.

## Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? We don't mind the commotion to get a tag. What we want is to always have a tag that we can count on especially since deer is getting harder and harder to draw. I couldn't on my archery elk tag every year. This is a money grab being you will charge a fee to apply and keep the fee. That's all this is. No one wants to try and draw one of the hardest most unsuccessful hunt in the west. Leave it be and follow the promises of last year and Utah's history.

# Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? The any legal weapon hunt and multi season hunt for any bull and spike bull should absolutely not go to a draw. The difficulty and low quality nature of this hunt does not align with what is typically a draw hunt. The rapid increase in popularity hit when the multi season tag was introduced. This tag can also place undue pressure on elk in some areas due to the multi season hunters being in these areas from August to November. There has also been a large increase in muzzleloader hunters using very advanced muzzleloaders and sometimes even bolt action rifles comverted to muzzleloaders that allow a very high muzzle velocity and increases the range to that of what a typical center-fire rifle hunter can take game at. Some of these ML hunters have also been using smokeless powder in these advanced MLs, which is illegal per the regs and increases their effective range even more. An alternative to moving all of the bull tags to a draw would be to remove muzzleloaders and any legal weapon from the multi season tag and add primitive muzzleloaders (flintlock and percussion cap of 19th century design) to make it an archery/primitive muzzleloader combo tag. Another alternative to moving all of these tags to a draw would be to spread the online sales out over a certain number of days only within a couple of times windows so that hunters must go to tags selling locations to purchase them. Or, eliminate online sales if this tag altogether.

If these tags go to a draw, an unlimited OTC flintlock only season should be started, possibly in place of the regular muzzleloader season. This will give hunters that want to rifle hunt a definite way to get a rifle tag, but should keep crowding low. Quite frankly, something should be done about the muzzleloader season. It is now basically a second rifle season.

A final alternative is to do nothing. The hunters that are serious about getting their any legal weapon tag for any bull or spike bull will make sure they are available to wait online or go to a store. I would rather use a day of PTO every year to get my tag, than have to apply for a draw for a general season tag.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended big game season dates?

Strongly agree

| Do you have any additional comments<br>about the recommended big game<br>season dates? | The any bull elk archery dates should remain the same after this year,<br>especially if the any legal weapon hunt is taken to a draw. In return for the<br>possibility of not being able to get an any legal weapon tag, the archery<br>hunt should increase in quality by allowing this later end to season date<br>remain. |
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| Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU and LOA recommendations?         | Neither agree nor disagree   |

## Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? There are better ways to mitigate the demand for this over the counter tag while it mitigating the demand - it could have more counter sales (and less online), there could be a 48 hr time frame to apply for it and a simple random lottery applied, or the units involved could be increased. This is one of the only tags of its kind and is a big draw for the local Utah hunting community, and losing it to a lottery would hurt the local community and the state's hunting image.

Strongly disagree

 Which best describes your position
 Somewhat disagree

 regarding the recommended big game
 season dates?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments<br/>about the proposed changes to the big<br/>game hunt drawing?What you should do is make non residents apply for the any bull units.

Strongly disagree

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Which best describes your position<br/>regarding the proposed changes to the<br/>big game hunt drawing?Strongly disagreeDo you have any additional comments<br/>about the proposed changes to the big<br/>game hunt drawing?I would like to continue to be able to buy the tags so my family can continue<br/>elk hunting every year.

#### Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing?

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the big game hunt drawing? I love both of the proposed changes! I would love the archery any bull to stay going longer and overlapping youth and bull. Gives you a chance to hunt the rut in the uintahs! I had the multi season this year and killed one on the rifle but it was insanely crowded and had elk getting shot right in front of me. I'd love the new changes. I also agree max point holders should have more opportunities to draw! Thanks guys