



26 December 2024

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
C/O Cougar Rule Amendments 2025, R657-10
Main Office
Box 146301
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Re: Cougar Rule Amendments 2025, R657-10

Dear Wildlife Board Members and Director Shirley:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Cougar Rule Amendments, contained in R657-10.

The proposed 2025 amendments to the Cougar Rule, contained in R657-10, generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of cougars while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. SCI supports the flexibility of allowing green pelts to be sold by hunters and trappers and allowing the limited use of rimfire cartridges and ammunition to take cougars caught in traps.

Further, SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including carnivores such as cougars, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Cougar Rule Amendments, contained in R657-10. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Division and the Wildlife Board. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer
Safari Club International