

Re: public comments to the commission on proposed 2015-17 hunting seasons.

As a landowner and longtime resident, I'm very familiar with the elk situation in my area. My farms runs near Boise Creek where the local herd moves through. I have very valuable farm stock of champion Mammoth Donkeys, miniature donkeys, and Dexter cows. The last thing I want to see around my property is hunters of any kind. An overshot arrow or any kind of weapon along my property line could mean loss of my stock. There are too many trees and bushes along the property lines of all these farms and homes to properly take a clean shot. After a shot is taken, the hunters must climb over barbed wire fences and trespass in order to follow a wounded animal. Stopping to ask permission to enter a property would mean losing track of the wounded animal. This doesn't make sense.

There should be NO hunting around all these houses. There are just too many new houses and housing developments in this area to allow this to continue. All hunting should be east of the power lines that run off of mud Mountain Dam. There are no houses there and they can actually hunt. The current system is unfair and dangerous. The wildlife agents should be the only ones to handle any elk damage or overpopulation problems.

Thanks for considering my comments.

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