



YOLA LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

My Fellow Landowners,

I would like to start out by thanking the members on the Wildlife Committee and the volunteers for the spotlight surveys this year which have dedicated countless hours of their time over the last year. Those people are John Doggett, Mike Sample, Trent Balke, Kirk Dipple, Tamara Bonning, Dick Welle, Randy Waldrum, Dave Barrett and Franklin Maduzia. I think we can all agree that this year has been trying to say the least. Between Covid restrictions and the freeze in February, I believe we are all looking forward to the re-opening of hunting this season and next year.

Included in this packet are:

1. 2021-2022 YOLA Wildlife Regulations
2. 2021-2022 Hunting Quotas
3. 2021-2022 Harvest Tags
4. YOLA Pig Contest

Plateau Land and Management Survey Report and helicopter survey

Both reports can be found on our YOLA web site. Please take the time to review your package and especially read the wildlife rules and regulations. **There have been changes over the last few years. It is extremely important that you understand them and communicate them to your family members and guests.**

Plateau Land and Wildlife Management has been conducting our animal surveys for quite some time. We renewed the Plateau contract and at the same time have conducted two helicopter surveys. As you review Plateau's report as well as the helicopter surveys you will realize why the quotas have been set the way they are. The Wildlife Committee is mandated by our CCRs to make sure that the population of ungulates, their diversity, and their sex ratio, are regulated so that we have the optimum healthy species that will continue to thrive for our enjoyment. We have been blessed for several years now with incredibly consistent rains leaving the Ranchlands in some of the best shape ever, although this summer has been drier. Supplemental feeding and adequate water being available and staying the course on predator controls, will increase the odds that our fawns as well as our adult ungulates will further enhance our populations.

Quota Info

Please note in your quota that we again are emphasizing **WHITETAILS** to be harvested and a **ZERO QUOTA ON SIKA (DOES AND BUCKS) and AXIS DOES**. We on the Committee would still like to see a significant drop in the Whitetail population and an increase in the proportional Axis population. Historically we have strived for a 40% population target for Axis and a 30% for Whitetails and continue to try and work to maintain those levels.

Blackbuck doe quotas have been set at 2 per landowner and Fallow doe quotas have been set at 1 per landowner. We are also asking if you shoot any coyotes and/or shoot or trap any pigs you please drop a note in our collection box or contact me. We are also asking you to throw away any unused tags from the 2020-2021 hunting season.

Hogs and Coyotes

Many landowners still reach out to me stating the number of animals viewed on their respective properties as well as driving the roads is diminished. **We are still concerned with the overall population numbers** and continue discussions with the deepest intent to increase our herd numbers, a big reason we all bought on the Ranchlands.

To date there have been four helicopter hog hunts. Approximately 460 hogs have been removed from the Ranchlands from this effort. These hunts are not a YOLA function, but rather a group of landowners have donated their time to put these hunts together. The Wildlife Committee feels this is a huge step in the right direction for population gains and supports these endeavors by individual landowners as well as the large group of landowners participating. I have personally participated in one of these hunts and can see the results in the hog population within the Ranchlands. Sometime in the coming months Gary Liefer will be contacting each landowner to obtain permission to include your property in the 2022 calendar year. I personally encourage you to participate.

YOLA created a Feral Hog Harvest Contest, which is included in the packet this year. Again, I would ask that you read the contest rules and participate. Every hog removed from the Ranchlands helps us protect our ungulates.

The coyote and pig population affect our deer population. I cannot stress the importance of their eradication. We need to concentrate with all our might in doing so. There will be no reward tag for coyote harvests, but we implore you to take one down every chance you get. This can only help our deer population and is a no brainer.

Chris Conrad

Wildlife Committee Chairperson