



Y O 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 Butch West, John Doggett, Roberto De Hoyos, Roger Wiesehan, Tim Linscott, Dick Welle, Shane Waldrum, Dave Barrett and Franklin Maduzia. I think we can all agree that this year has been trying to say the least. Between drought and the extreme heat, I believe we are all looking forward to the re-opening of hunting this season and next year.

Included in this packet are:

1. 2023-2024 YOLA Wildlife Regulations
2. 2023-2024 Hunting Quotas
3. 2023-2024 Harvest Tags

Plateau Land & Wildlife Management Survey

Plateau's 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 since last year. It is extremely important that you understand and communicate them to your family members and guests.**

As you will see in the Plateau Survey Report, our numbers have dropped from last year. I believe this is just an anomaly associated with the extreme heat we have had this June and July. I believe the animals stayed bedded down later than they may have with cooler weather. Additionally, the animals are staying near feeders due to drought conditions.

I am seeing a great fawn crop this year. We need to do everything we can to protect them. Each of us can help by putting out water, protein and alfalfa to help the fawns and their mother through this drought.

Quota Info

Please note in your quota that we again are emphasizing **WHITETAILS** to be harvested and a **ZERO DOE QUOTA ON SIKA, FALLOW and AXIS and SIKA BUCKS**. We on the Committee would still like to see a drop in the Whitetail population and an increase in the 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.

A quota of one Blackbuck doe has been set per landowner. Similar to last year, Aoudad will no longer be unlimited. We are issuing Aoudad tags for both Rams and Ewes. We have included Blackbuck Bucks on the "Any Buck Tag" this year and removed Sika Bucks from the tag.

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 2022-2023 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 while driving the roads **are** still 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.

We will continue to have the Helicopter hog hunts several times a year. 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 several of these hunts and can see the results in the hog population within the Ranchlands. If you are interested in participating in one of these hunts, please reach out to Gary Leifer. Sometime in the coming months Gary Liefer will be contacting each landowner to obtain permission to include your property in the 2023 calendar year. I personally encourage you to participate.

The coyote and pig populations 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.

Wildlife Chair

Chris Conrad