

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, Roger Wiesehan, Dick Welle and Franklin Maduzia. As you can see the list of volunteers is shorter than in recent years. These surveys are time consuming and not the most fun. I really encourage other landowners to volunteer and experience one of these spotlight surveys.

Included in this packet are:

1. 2024-2025 YOLA Wildlife Regulations
2. 2024-2025 Hunting Quotas
3. 2024-2025 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 them and communicate them to your family members and guests.**

As you will see in the Plateau Survey Report, our numbers are all over the place 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 believe the Fallow numbers are significantly off on this year's survey. As you will notice we have added a Fallow doe tag this year. Based on the survey I know the science does not support that but, between personal knowledge and observation the Wildlife Committee believes this will not harm the Fallow numbers.

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 mothers as the last few weeks have been really hot.

Quota Info

Please note in your quota that we again are emphasizing **WHITETAILED** to be harvested and a **ZERO DOE QUOTA ON SIKA 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 get back to those levels.

One Blackbuck buck and one Blackbuck doe as well as a Fallow doe has been set per landowner. Similar to last year, Aoudad will not be unlimited. We are issuing Aoudad tags for both Rams and Ewes.

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 2023-2024 hunting season.

Axis Update

To date we have introduced 25 Axis (22 does and 3 bucks) into the ranchlands. To date most were released on the western to central area of the Ranchlands. I have had sightings from landowners on the far eastern side of the Ranchlands, so we know they are moving around. All of the Axis have blue tags on their ears, and remember, these remain off limits.

Wildlife Chair

Chris Conrad