



Modernize hunting with electronic tagging option

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has received many requests from Utah hunters who want the option of tagging the animals they harvest with an electronic device, such as a smartphone. Currently, hunters attach DWR-issued, paper-based tags to animals they harvest. Those tags provide proof that the hunter had a valid permit and the animal was harvested legally. Allowing hunters to use an electronic tagging option could result in new benefits for both hunters and wildlife managers.



How would electronic tagging work?

This bill expands the definition of a tag to allow for electronic tags — and other documents — at some point in the future. The specific technology and details of implementation would be handled by the DWR in its public rulemaking process.

Will hunters be required to use electronic tags?

Hunters are already required to tag their harvested animals, but this bill would allow them to use electronic tags once a process is in place.

What are the benefits of this new approach?

With this flexible new approach, the DWR would use innovative technologies to deliver better customer service. This option could also increase the accuracy and efficiency of hunters' harvest reporting and provide timely, robust data for wildlife management decisions.

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