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Dear Commissioners,
I would like to give my opinion on trail cams. I think they are a great resource that gets people outdoors, stimulates the economy with gas to the hunting area, hotel rooms, eating out or even if they camp they are enjoying the outdoors!!!

On the other hand I hear the argument...unethical, no longer fair chase, they can sell the photos to clients....

I disagree. It is away of gathering information, the same as sitting on a hillside with a spotting scope glassing a valley or ridge line. The camera does not pull the trigger, I still have to practice good hunting skills watch my wind and get within range to make a good shot. As far as selling the photos to clients they can do that with a standard digital camera.

Lets face it technology has changed, we now have range finders accurate to the 1/2 yard, compound bows with 80% let off and high power rifles capable of 1000 yard shots.

I also do not believe they are making a huge impact on the success rate...here are some statistics I pulled off of NDOW web site, this is for antlered deer rifle, muzzleloader and archery

2009had 29% success with 43% 4 pt or bigger
2003had 28% success with 32% 4 pt or bigger
That is a 1% increase on success and 11% on 4 pts or bigger
Know is that from trail cameras or all the other technology that we use!!!!

I'm sure there is areas that get more use than others but I spent 10 weeks last year scouting for my archery deer tag in area 22 and I saw 0 cameras in that unit besides mine !!!

I think trail cameras are a great tool and should not be regulated by ... what cameras can be used, how many in the field or seasonal bans!!!

Thank you,
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