

**DEER MEETING
NOTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024
SPRING CREEK ASSOCIATION OFFICE
401 FAIRWAY BLVD., SPRING CREEK, NV 89815**

Community Members Present: Scott, Don, Tam, Kelly, Paddy, Jessie

Notes: Don noted some changes he made on the deer plan. The group present were good with the notes and updates. There was discussion regarding remove, eradication and liability of trapping deer using Lamoille as an example. The goal through September will be to help educate the community with the steps below. In September, we will re-evaluate with the group and NDOW on what is working or not and any modifications. The document will be shared with the BOD for the February meeting to get approval and move on the action items.

Action Items:

1. SCA will email out all those who responded to deer survey regarding the February 2024 BOD meeting to provide comments and thoughts.
2. SCA has made a google doc to track any complaints regarding deer where residents can call or file online complaints. This can be looked at by NDOW and SCA at all times. If there is an urgent matter, someone feeding deer directly, we need to contact NDOW right away and document.
 - a. Map of deer complaints: SCA will update a map of complaints monthly. Everyone will have a link to see the map of complaints if they are concentrated in an area.
3. Feeding Deer enforcement process COA and NDOW:
 - a. Courtesy Notice regarding deer complaint sent from COA
 - b. Second Notice - 30 Days later – if no response, will send third notice 15 days later.
 - c. Third Notice – 10 days to respond – if no response, will be sent to next COA meeting via certified letter.
 - d. COA meeting – if they do not respond or go to the meeting, they will be sent to the Board of Directors.
 - e. NDOW Intervain – at this point, we would ask NDOW to go to the Property Owners address to educate first and document
 - f. Board of Directors – if they do not respond or go to the board meeting, they will be sent to legal to be fined or next steps.
 - g. NDOW Issue Citation – issue citation and or fine if not resolved.
4. Marketing – SCA will monthly put out information regarding deer issues IE what unintentional feeding looks like, how to prevent deer in your yard etc.
5. Fencing Rule: the COA will be adding a revised rule to allow fences up to 8 feet. Here is the current rule: Intentional feeding of big game mammal is strictly prohibited per NRS 501.382. "Intentionally feed" means to supply, provide or otherwise make available any salt, grain, meat or other form of nourishment with the intent to attract or feed a big game mammal.

Commented [JB1]: NDOW and all, please review document does it work? Note any changes.

Commented [JB2]: NDOW, please confirm this process works for you

Commented [JB3]: NDOW, who can we work with to get monthly marketing material and eblast, radio etc?

NDOW NRS 501.382 Unlawful feeding of big game mammal; penalties; exceptions.

1. Except as other wise provided in subsection 3, a person shall not intentionally feed any big game mammal without written authorization for the Department.

2. A person who violates subsection 1:
 - a. For a first offense, must not be cited or charged criminally but must be informed, in writing, of the behavior that constitutes the violation and the penalties prescribed by this section for any subsequent violation of this section.
 - b. For a second offense, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250.
 - c. For a third or subsequent offense, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500
3. The provisions of this section do not apply to any employee or agent of the Department or the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of United States Department of Agriculture who, while carrying out his or her duties, intentionally feeds a big game mammal for any purposes.
4. As used in this section:
 - a. "Big game mammal" means:
 - (1) Any pronghorn antelope, black bear, mule deer, mountain goat, mountain lion or Rocky Mountain elk; or
 - (2) Any of the following subspecies of bighorn sheep:
 - (I) Nelson bighorn sheep;
 - (II) California bighorn sheep; or
 - (III) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.
 - b. "Intentionally feed" means to supply, provide or otherwise make available any salt, grain, meat or other form of nourishment with the intent to attract or feed a big game mammal. The term does not include any incidental or unintentional feeding of a big game mammal, including, without limitation, any such feeding associated with:
 - (1) Any accepted agricultural or livestock practice;
 - (2) Any planting or maintenance of any shrub, tree or other landscaping for any residence, property or area; or
 - (3) Any sporting event or outdoor activity at which food is served or consumed.