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RE: Notice of Intent for 2025-2027 Hunting Regulations and Seasons

Dear Commissioners and Acting Secretary Bosworth:

On behalf of Safari Club International, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2025-2027 Hunting Regulations and Seasons Notice of Intent.

SCI generally supports the proposed changes contained in the 2025-2027 Hunting Regulations and Seasons Notice of Intent and specifically the changes related to the Legal Firearms for Primitive Firearms Seasons. These proposed changes would allow for the use of products such as the FireStick and other safety advancements in muzzleloading technology. The FireStick system, for example, allows for safe and easy removal of an unfired charge, reduces risk of over or undercharging the firearm to virtually nothing, reduces the potential for hang fires and wounding loss, all while still maintaining the single projectile loaded through the muzzle requirement. Allowing for technological advancements also promotes growth in youth and newcomers to the muzzleloading community and brings more hunters to the field in a safe environment.

SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on 2025-2027 Hunting Regulations and Seasons Notice of Intent. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Agency and the Commission. SCI is always First For Hunters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Laird Hamberlin", written over a horizontal line.

W. Laird Hamberlin
Chief Executive Officer
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