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Utah Enacts Temporary Ban on Trail Cameras to Preserve Wildlife Habitat

[Salt Lake City, Utah] – In an effort to protect and preserve the state's diverse wildlife populations and their habitats, Utah has implemented a temporary ban on the use of trail cameras from August to December. The ban, which goes into effect this year, seeks to strike a balance between outdoor recreation and the conservation of Utah's rich natural heritage.

The decision to restrict the use of trail cameras during the critical months of August through December was made after careful consideration by the Utah Department of Natural Resources and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. This move aims to reduce human disturbance in wildlife areas during sensitive times such as the breeding and migration seasons, ensuring that animals can thrive without unnecessary interference.

Effective July 31, 2023, the ban will remain in place until December 31, 2023, during which the use of trail cameras for scouting and monitoring wildlife will not be permitted. This prohibition applies to both public and private lands in the state of Utah.

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