Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Do I need to stick to the 100m buffer assigned to my GPS location?
 - a. It is expected that you find a suitable camera trap location within 100m of your assigned GPS locations. However, sometimes this may be unfeasible due to terrain, land ownership, etc. These issues arise due the random process used to determine GPS locations. Exceptions to the 100m buffer should be handled on a case-by-case basis with Austin Green (austin.m.green@utah.edu or 801-577-6548).
- 2. If there are more than one suitable camera trap locations within 100m of my assigned GPS coordinates, how do I know which one to choose?
 - a. In the case of multiple potential camera trap locations, priority should be given to the one that will maximize animal capture rates. This includes intersections between trails, roads, streams, or any combination of the three. If it is unclear which of the candidate areas will maximize animal capture rates, choose the spot that maximizes detection distance (can be positioned to capture the largest area of animal travel path). Other things to consider when weighing multiple locations are the straightness and diameter of each tree (trees that are relatively straight and approximately the diameter of the camera are preferred), the amount of shade in the area (more shade is better), the amount and possible growth of understory vegetation in immediate area (less dense and smaller chances for extensive growth are preferred), and the amount of human traffic in the area (less human traffic is preferred).
- *3. Do I have to participate in both camera station installation/maintenance and data entry for this project?*
 - a. It is not required to participate in both camera installation and maintenance for this project, and we encourage volunteers interested in either or both aspects of the project.
- 4. Where can I go to receive training for photo upload and data entry?
 - a. Anyone interested in participating in the data entry and upload aspect of this project should check out the training videos posted on the <u>Wasatch Wildlife</u> <u>Watch BLOG page</u>. You can also check out the <u>eMammal training page</u> for links to video trainings as well.
- 5. How do I log hours for America the Beautiful and the DWR's Dedicated Hunters Program?
 - a. Log your volunteer hours on the datasheets and send this information directly to Mary Pendergast at Wild Utah Project (<u>mary@wildutahproject.org</u>).
- 6. How do I access the photos from my camera if I choose not to upload them to eMammal?
 - a. Anyone interested in viewing the photos from their camera should contact Austin Green after the field season is over. He will send you instructions on how to access your photos.

- 7. What if I have additional questions?a. Anyone with additional questions should contact Austin Green.