



**BACKCOUNTRY
HUNTERS & ANGLERS**

**2018 NORTH AMERICAN POLICY STATEMENT:
FAIR CHASE USE OF GAME CAMERAS**

Purpose: The intent of policy statements are to provide a formal mechanism for Backcountry Hunters & Anglers to engage in specific conservation issues while establishing clear policy direction that not only defines the parameters of our position statements but the relevance to our mission. As declarations of policy, statements do not direct specific actions, establish policy priorities or allocate BHA resources.

Sponsored by: Originally proposed by the Colorado and Nevada Chapters of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, this policy statement reflects revisions and additions made by the 2018 policy review committee.

North American Board Action: Adopted on February 4, 2019

North American Policy Statement:

To safeguard fair chase standards, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers supports efforts to enact regulations that prohibit the in-season use of live-action game cameras for the purpose of hunting and/or harvesting wildlife and address pre-season use of cameras on public-access lands where there is intent to provide information on animal location and movement that will be sold for the purposes of hunting and/or harvesting wildlife. Furthermore, where state regulations do not apply or are limited in scope, BHA encourages the adoption of ethical policies and regulations for the use of game cameras that support fair chase and advocate for voluntary practices in the interim.