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INTRODUCTION

Setting big game controlled hunt tag numbers and developing regulations for the following year's big game seasons involves two major steps.

1. The 2007 Big Game Controlled Hunt tag numbers are adopted as Oregon Administrative Rules by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on June 8, 2007.
2. Recommendations, in concept, are presented for 2008 big game and western gray squirrel season dates, bag limits, and open areas, dates and locations of cooperative travel management areas, and controlled hunts. Final adoption of 2008 Big Game Regulations will occur at the October 12, 2007 Commission meeting.

This document includes tables of controlled hunts with department recommended tag numbers proposed for adoption in June 2007, and a summary of the 2008 Big Game Regulation proposals. It should be noted, the 2008 Big Game Regulations are concepts at this time, subject to revision and further development.

Table 1. Location, date, and time for 2007 Oregon big game public meetings.

City	Date	Time	Location
LAKEVIEW	May 1	6 pm	Eagle's Lodge,-27 South "E" Street
CHARLESTON	May 1	7 – 9 pm	North Bend Public Library 1800 Sherman Avenue
HEPPNER	May 2	6 – 8 pm	ODFW Heppner Office – 54173 Highway 74
ONTARIO	May 2	7 pm – 9 pm	Malheur County Ext. Office 710 SW 5 th Ave
GRANTS PASS*	May 3	7 pm	JJ North's Grand Buffet 1150 NE E St
SEASIDE	May 3	4 – 7 pm	Oregon Convention Center- Seamist Room 415 First Avenue
LA GRANDE	May 8	2 – 7 pm	ODFW NE Region office, 107 20 th St
SALEM	May 8	7 – 9 pm	Chemeketa Comm. College, Bldg 48 Rm 210, 4000 Lancaster Dr NE
SPRINGFIELD	May 8	7 – 9 pm	OR Dept of Forestry Bldg – 3150 East Main St
GOLD BEACH	May 8	7 pm	Gold Beach Fire Hall - 29844 Ellensburg Ave
JOHN DAY	May 9	4 – 7 pm	Grant County Health Dept. – 528 E Main
BURNS	May 9	7 – 9 pm	Harney Co Museum Club Room, 18 West D St
THE DALLES	May 9	7 – 9 pm	The Dalles Screen Shop 3561 Klindt Dr
ALBANY	May 10	7 – 8 pm	Albany Armory 104 SW 4 th St
MEDFORD*	May 10	7 pm	Hungry Woodsman Restaurant, 2260 Biddle Rd
BAKER CITY	May 10	1 – 6 pm	ODFW Baker City District Office 2995 Hughes Lane
KLAMATH FALLS	May 10	7 pm	OSU Extension Service, 3328 Vandenberg Rd
REDMOND	May 10	7 – 9 pm	Redmond High School, Room 37 675 Rimrock Dr Redmond OR
ENTERPRISE	May 11	3 – 6 pm	ODFW Enterprise District Office 65495 Alder Slope Rd
PENDLETON	May 14	3 – 7 pm	ODFW Pendleton office 73471 Mytinger Lane
ROSEBURG	May 15	7 pm	ODFW Roseburg Regional Office 4192 N. Umpqua Hwy
CLACKAMAS	May 16	7 – 9 pm	ODFW NW Region Office, Bldg. 16 17330 SE Evelyn St
NEWPORT	May 16	6 – 8 pm	Hatfield Marine Science Center, 2030 SE Marine Science Dr., Rms 30 -32
CENTRAL POINT	May 24	7 – 9 pm	ODFW Rogue Watershed District Office 1495 E. Gregory Rd.

*Informational meeting only.

GENERAL TOPICS and UPDATES

Starkey Experimental Forest, Major Tag Number and Season Changes

For 2007 the department is proposing significant reduction in tags for Starkey Experimental Forest hunts. Proposals include reducing firearms antlerless elk tags from 55 to 11, and controlled archery tags from 86 to 40.

Staff at the Starkey Experimental Forest are planning for a potential new research project to explore the movement of deer and elk in response to hunters and All Terrain Vehicles. As part of the research several major changes to controlled hunts within the Starkey Experimental Forest are proposed for 2008 including:

- 25 firearms buck deer tags for a five day hunt, tags would also be valid in the Starkey WMU for the remainder of the controlled Buck Deer Season.
- 25 archery elk tags for a five day hunt, bag limit would be “One Bull Elk”. Tags would also be valid during the general archery season.
- 25 firearms elk tags for a five day hunt, bag limit would be “One Bull Elk”.
- The department is proposing that the Starkey Experimental Forest be excluded from the open area for auction and raffle tag holders. This is necessary to eliminate impacts to research results.

Bag Limit During Archery Seasons

In June 2007, the department is proposing units to have an antlerless animal in the bag limit for archers and hunters with disabilities permits for fall of 2008. If the Commission adopts this proposal the department will list the units with an expanded bag limit in the 2008 Big Game Regulations. Currently there are no proposed changes to the list of Units for 2008 (same Units as in 2007).

For 2008 seasons the department is proposing a bag limit change for archery hunters and hunters with disabilities permits on a unit by unit basis as per the following proposed lists (Figure 1):

Factors considered to determine WMUs recommended to have an expanded bag limit include:

- The elk population characteristics in the unit particularly
 - Population level relative to the population Management Objective
 - Recruitment as measured by calves per 100 cows
- The number of antlerless firearms tags authorized in the unit
- The distribution of firearms tags in the unit

Figure 1: For General Season Archery Hunters and Hunters with Disabilities Permits the proposed 2008 bag limits in the following units are:

One Pronghorn Antelope
 All buck only hunts

PRONGHORN ANTELOPE BAG LIMIT CHANGE APPLIES ONLY TO DISABILITIES PERMIT HOLDERS

One Deer During Buck Seasons

Aalsea
 Biggs
 Columbia Basin*
 Hood
 Indigo
 Maupin
 Mckenzie
 Melrose
 Saddle Mt.
 Santiam
 Scappoose
 Siuslaw
 Stott Mt.
 Trask
 White River**
 Willamette
 Wilson

<u>Antlerless OR Legal Bull Elk During Bull Seasons</u>	
Aalsea	Northside
Applegate	Ochoco
Beatys Butte	Owyhee
Beulah	Paulina
Biggs	Pine Creek
Columbia Basin*	Rogue
Desolation	Saddle Mt.
Dixon	Santiam***
Evans Creek	Scappoose
Fort Rock	Silvies
Fossil	Siuslaw
Grizzly	Sled Springs
Hood	Steens Mt.
Imnaha	Stott Mt.
Indigo	Sumpter
Juniper	Tioga
Lookout Mt.	Trask
Malheur River	Wagontire
Maupin	White River
Mckenzie	Whitehorse
Melrose	Willamette
Murderers Creek	Wilson

* Portions of the unit are closed to bowhunting (see pages 54-55 of the 2007 Oregon Big Game Regulations).
 ** Outside the National Forest.
 *** Within the exterior boundary of Mt. Hood National Forest, antlerless elk cannot be harvested. (Bag limit: one legal bull).

Ban Internet Hunting

Technology is available to offer on-line, remote controlled hunting. With this technology a person could use the internet from anywhere in the world and operate a pan/tilt/zoom camera and fire an associated firearm. Two years ago, an operator in Texas offered such an on-line service that allowed the user to remotely control a weapon for target shooting. The operator also planned to offer a similar service for shooting mammals. In response to concerns about internet hunting, at least 25 states, including Texas, have adopted legislation or rules that prohibit the use of the internet to hunt or take animals by remotely controlled weapons. In June, the department will propose regulations to ban electronic hunting, including hunting over the internet.

Rifle Scopes with Laser Rangefinders

Currently it is illegal to use a laser sight or any other sight which projects a beam to the target for hunting in Oregon. Under this regulation the use of scopes which incorporate an internal laser rangefinder is illegal. The department will be considering whether or not to propose changing this regulation.

New Point of Sale (POS) System

The department is working on the final details of a new point of sale system which is scheduled to be implemented during summer 2007.

- Hunters may notice the new system prints faster.
- When the new system is in place, tags, including the “Combined Angling Tag”, will no longer be placed in protective plastic “pouches”, the new system uses a thin, tough, water resistant paper.
- During installation individual license agents should be inoperational for only one to two hours to switch from the old equipment to new equipment.

Hunter Harvest Surveys

The new POS system will be connected to the new hunter harvest survey system. Hunters will be able to provide harvest information by phone or internet. Implementation dates of survey systems have not been identified but they should be in place to collect information from 2007 hunts.

Hunter Recruitment and Retention

Proposed Regulation Change for Adult Participant During Youth Hunts: Currently, youth tag holders must hunt with an adult who cannot hunt, even if the adult has a tag for a season concurrent to the youth's tag. This rule contradicts efforts to encourage hunting as a family activity. The department will propose a rule change to eliminate this rule for the group of 2007 youth hunts for deer in western Oregon that are concurrent with the Western Oregon General Buck Deer Season. To reduce barriers to hunting, the department is considering extending the same regulation change to Spring Bear hunts or all youth hunts.

Preference Points for Youth too Young to Hunt: Beginning hunters for big game may be discouraged by the need to have several preference points to be certain of drawing a tag for many hunts. The Youth “First Time” Program, which has been very successful, was developed to assure youths of being able to acquire tags without accumulating preference points.

As the department continues to look for ways to remove obstacles for potential new young hunters; one concept being considered is revising the administrative rules governing preference points to allow youths to begin accumulating preference points before they are old enough to hunt. The idea is that youths could have points accumulated when they become old enough to hunt, reducing the time they would need to wait before drawing a tag. Details of the mechanisms and rules necessary to make the concept operational would be presented for Commission consideration in October.

Significant Proposed Boundary and Description Changes for 2008

The department proposes a change to the Hart Mountain hunt description to indicate that the area is 98 percent public lands. The change will clarify that there are private lands within the boundaries of the Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge.

The department is proposing to include the Columbia Basin WMU in the West Blue Mountain antlerless deer hunt (649B) in 2008 to increase harvest of the expanding white-tailed deer population.

The department proposes a change to the boundary of the Silvies –North Juniper antlerless elk hunts (271A and 271B), that would add approximately 56 square miles to the northeast portion of the hunt area to address damage.

A boundary change proposed for the West Rogue antlerless elk rifle and bow hunts (230A and 230R) is designed to focus hunters more on private lands where damage is occurring. The description change would result in a slight reduction in total area of the hunt.

The department is proposing to increase the area of the Cavitt Creek Youth Elk Hunt (222T1) by adding 103 square miles (60 percent) to the hunt which is currently 172 square miles.

The department is proposing to change the boundary of the Upper Rogue River Extended Cougar Season Area. The area would be increased by about 15 percent. The new area will encompass private lands where damage has occurred and increase hunting opportunity.

2006–2007 Emergency Hunt Summary

The department relies heavily on District-approved emergency hunts to solve severe animal damage situations. District Emergency Hunts are implemented on the recommendation of the local biologist with authorization from the Regional Manager or Watershed Manager. This process allows the local biologist to respond to severe damage situations quickly and effectively. Districts are allocated 250 emergency hunt tags per county. Once the allotment of tags is exhausted, biologists must request a Director-Approved Emergency Hunt.

During 2006–2007, 23 district emergency hunts were authorized, 13 for elk, 3 for deer, 1 for pronghorn, and 6 for turkey (Table 2). As a result, 173 hunters harvested 63 elk, 31 deer, 4 pronghorn, and 5 turkeys. Compared with 2005–2006, the number of emergency hunts decreased 32 percent, participating hunters increased 41 percent, elk harvest increased 50 percent, deer harvest increased 138 percent, pronghorn harvest decreased 60 percent, and turkey harvest increased 25 percent.

Table 2. 2006-2007 EMERGENCY HUNT SUMMARY

REGION/ DISTRICT	COUNTY	HUNT AREA	HUNT DATES	NUMBER OF HUNTS	MASTER HUNTERS		LOP HUNTERS		OTHER HUNTERS		TOTAL	
					NUMBER	HARVEST	NUMBER	HARVEST	NUMBER	HARVEST	HARVEST	SPECIES
NW REGION												
NORTH COAST	CLATSOP	Astoria ODF	01/06/07-03/15/07	3	2	0	0	0	28	12	12	Elk
NORTH COAST	CLATSOP	Camp McGregor	01/06/07-02/25/07	2	1	1	8	6	29	26	33	Elk
S WILLAMETTE	LINN	M. Fork Santiam Watkins	03/17/07-03/31/07	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	Elk
S WILLAMETTE	BENTON	Emergency Hunt Oak Hill Drive,	09/18/06-10/14/06	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	Turkey
S WILLAMETTE	LANE	Eugene	09/09/06-03/02/07	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	Turkey
SW REGION												
UMPQUA	COOS	Sandy Creek	03/05/07-04/06/07	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	Turkey
HIGH DESERT REGION												
DESCHUTES	DESCHUTES	Sabine Emerency Hunt	10/14/06-11/15/06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Deer
DESCHUTES	CROOK	Wolf Creek	08/23/06-09/17/06	1	4	2	5	2	0	0	4	Pronghorn
DESCHUTES	WASCO	Pleasant Ridge	08/5/06-08/27/06	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	Elk
MALHEUR	MALHEUR	John Stoddart	09/23/06-11/30/06	1	6	6	0	0	14	13	19	Deer
NE REGION												
JOHN DAY	WHEELER	Toney Butte	08/05/06-08/26/06	1	15	10	2	0	0	0	10	Elk
GRANDE RONDE	WALLOWA	Duncan	01/18/07-02/15/07	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	Elk
GRANDE RONDE	WALLOWA	Prairie Creek	10/31/06-12/31/06	1	0	0	1	1	3	2	3	Elk
GRANDE RONDE	WALLOWA	Bowman	08/02/06-08/31/06	1	0	0	1	1	3	2	3	Elk
GRANDE RONDE	WALLOWA	Carman	09/02/06-11/30/06	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	Elk
GRANDE RONDE	BAKER	Hunt Mountain	08/15/06-10/31/07	1	11	5	6	2	0	0	7	Deer
GRANDE RONDE	BAKER	Hunt Mountain	12/13/06-03/31/07	1	1	0	13	5	0	0	5	Deer
TOTAL ELK												
				13	24	11	15	9	65	43	63	Elk
TOTAL DEER												
				3	18	11	19	7	14	13	31	Deer
TTL PRONGHORN												
				1	4	2	5	2	0	0	4	Pronghorn
TOTAL TURKEY												
				6	8	5	0	0	1	0	5	Turkey
GRAND TOTAL												
				23	54	29	39	18	80	56	103	Total

Landowner Preference Program

Since its inception in 1981, the landowner preference (LOP) program has been liberalized to allow property owners more flexibility. Tag exchanges continue to be very popular and effective for participating landowners. Exchanges continue to work well for addressing some hard-to-solve deer and elk damage situations by providing landowners more options to utilize harvest as a damage management tool.

The 2003 Oregon Legislative Assembly adopted a bill that directed the Commission to implement a LOP pilot project for elk in southwest Oregon. The Commission adopted rules in November 2003 to implement the pilot project.

The SW Oregon Pilot Project was authorized to occur on private lands in Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry and Douglas counties between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2008. The 2007 Legislature has extended the Pilot Project through June 30, 2014. The project is intended to demonstrate the department's commitment to solving damage by:

- allowing the landowner to personally select damage hunt participants,
- increasing public access to elk through LOP tags and redistribution of animals,
- reducing or eliminating some damage hunts,
- becoming less time consuming for landowners to participate.

The new rules provide landowner preference tags to landowners where elk are currently causing damage, where there has been a history of damage coupled with actions to alleviate elk damage, or where elk are located in an "elk de-emphasis zone".

Following is a summary of LOP tag exchanges and LOP damage tags issue during 2006–2007 (Table 3). The summary and the table are comprised of three parts, the "standard" LOP program for the entire state, the Southwest Oregon Pilot Project which is for elk only, and combined Grand Totals.

Under the statewide LOP program, which includes SW Oregon:

- 859 LOP tags (incl. 180 in SW) were exchanged for 1,304 damage tags, 238 for deer, 1,066 for elk.
 - 414 tags (incl. 180 in SW) were exchanged "1 for 1" and 445 exchanged "1 for 2".
- Landowners can exchange unused controlled hunt tags "1 for 1"
 - 7 controlled deer tags and 169 controlled elk tags (incl. 82 in SW) were exchanged.

In the SW Oregon Pilot Project in categories not authorized for the statewide LOP program:

- An additional 171 elk tags were issued
 - 41 new tags
 - 130 unused general season tags were exchanged.

Statewide Grand Totals:

- 1,651 LOP tags were issued for damage, an 9 percent increase from 2005–2006.
- A total of 814 animals were harvested
 - 161 deer, a 52 percent increase from 2005-2006.
 - 653 elk; a 6 percent increase from 2005–2006.

Table 3. Summary of Landowner Preference (LOP) and Controlled Hunt tags exchanged for antlerless deer and elk tags to address deer and elk damage.

Region		# Unused Lop exchanged 1:1	# Unused Lop Converted 1:2	Total Lop Tags	Controlled Tags Converted 1:1	Total Harvest
Watershed District	Species					
Northwest Region						
North Coast	Deer	3	3	9		1
North Coast	Elk	46	94	234	35	143
North Willamette	Deer		1	2		1
North Willamette	Elk	6	8	22		10
South Willamette	Deer		1	2		2
South Willamette	Elk	4	31	66		20
Southwest Region						
Umpqua	Deer	7	23	53		28
Rogue	Deer					
High Desert Region						
Deschutes	Deer	32	35	102	4	74
Deschutes	Elk	41	89	219	12	78
Klamath	Deer		1	2		2
Klamath	Elk				3	
Malheur	Deer	6	2	10	2	5
Malheur	Elk	14	22	58	6	14
Northeast Region						
John Day	Deer	4	17	38	1	37
John Day	Elk	56	71	198	29	76
Grande Ronde	Deer		10	20		11
Grande Ronde	Elk	15	37	89	2	56
Totals (Not incl. SW Pilot program)						
	Deer	52	93	238	7	161
	Elk	182	352	886	87	397
Total Deer + Elk (Not Incl. SW Pilot)		234	445	1124	94	558
SW Region ONLY: Pilot Program						
Watershed District	Species	Unused LOP Tags Exchanged	New Tags Issued	Unused General Tags Exchanged	Unused Controlled Tags Exchanged	Total Harvest
Umpqua	Elk	121	18	123	40	178
Rogue	Elk	59	23	7	42	78
SW Pilot Program Totals		180	41	130	82	256
GRAND Total Deer Tags Issued:		245	Total. Harvest:	161		
GRAND Total Elk Tags Issued:		1406	Total. Harvest:	653		

Guide and Outfitter Tag Sales

The Guide and Outfitter (G&O) Tag Allocation program was initiated by statute in 1997. The program allocates 50 percent of the previous year's total non-resident tags drawn for controlled deer and elk to Guides and Outfitters who may sell deer tags for \$451.50 and elk tags for \$660.50, a higher fee than the normal non-resident price.

Beginning in 2006, changes to the G&O program were made to provide more flexibility and allow unutilized G&O tags to be sold. Changes allow all G&Os permitted to guide in an area the opportunity to market tags not sold to clients by the Guide or Outfitter who drew the tag in the drawing. To allow this, the initial tag purchase deadline was changed from April 15 to March 31. Remaining tags are sold on a first-come, first serve basis from April 1- April 15. Up to 5 tags per G&O may be purchased without naming clients, and tag fees are nonrefundable. Outfitter tags not sold by April 15 of each year are returned to the draw for the normal controlled hunt drawing in June.

Thirty-eight percent of available deer tags and 39 percent of available elk tags were drawn during the 2007 G&O drawings (Table 4). Of the tags drawn by G&Os in 2007, 27 percent of deer tags and 42 percent of elk tags were sold by March 31. Sixteen leftover deer tags were sold in 2007. For elk, 42 leftover G&O tags were sold during 2007.

Table 4. Trend in tag availability and sales for guaranteed Guide and Outfitter Tags, 1998-2007.

Year	Deer				Elk			
	Available	Drawn	Sold	Leftovers Sold	Available	Drawn	Sold	Leftovers Sold
1998	897		75		994		114	
1999	1,094		114		1,027		123	
2000	1,119		146		943		141	
2001	1,340		162		1,097		168	
2002	1,423		196		1,102		155	
2003	1,196		165		889		163	
2004	1,409		128		1,049		124	
2005	1,193		139		868		122	
2006 ^a	1,070	402	137	13	923	330	132	25
2007 ^a	1,187	450	123	16	966	372	155	42

^a Guides and Outfitters allowed to purchase tags without clients.

First-come First-served Tag Sales Update

Since eliminating the second chance drawing for under-subscribed hunts (controlled hunts with fewer total applicants than tags, including 1st-5th choice applicants) in 2001, controlled tags leftover after the drawing are sold on a first-come first-served basis. Tags sold in this manner are in addition to tags drawn normally. Last year (2006), 340 deer tags and 593 elk tags were sold in this manner for four deer hunts and 10 elk hunts. With the exception of some hunts with high proportion of private lands, most tags were sold in a matter of minutes. For 2007, 312 spring bear were sold in the first-come first-served process for 5 hunts.

Disability Hunting Permits

The new criteria for Disabilities Permits adopted by the 1999 Legislative Assembly were implemented in 2000. Enrollment in the Disabilities Permit program has subsequently increased from about 600 in 1999 to 20,419, including 1751 participants who have been issued the new "Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit" as of April 25, 2007.

Tag holders with Permanent Disabilities Permits are surveyed separately from the main telephone harvest survey to estimate harvest (Table 5). Between 2000 and 2004 antlerless harvest increased along with the number of hunters with Permanent Disabilities Permits. Following changes to bag limits for hunters with Disabilities Permits in 2005, number of tags sold, total harvest, and percentage of antlerless animals in the harvest declined slightly for deer. For elk, number of tags sold declined for a second year but harvest and percent females in the harvest remained static.

Table 5. Trend in tag sales, harvest, and percent antlerless harvest for deer and elk hunters with a Permanent Disabilities Permit, 2000-2007.

Year	# With Permits	Deer			Elk		
		# Tags Sold	Harv.	% Doe	# Tags Sold	Harv.	% Cow
2000	2,395	2,291	849	47	1,812	405	88
2001	4,683	3,583	1,404	47	2,920	611	84
2002	7,656	4,843	1,735	49	3,965	732	85
2003	10,898	6,215	2,328	49	5,054	955	84
2004	14,482	7,016	2,531	39	5,825	1,004	78
2005	18,252	6,455	1,939	19	4,705	659	67
2006	19,613	6,140	1,520	18	3,652	662	67
2007 ^a	20,419						

^a as of April 25, 2007.

After consideration of recommendations from a second committee and four public meetings, the Commission adopted changes to the Disabilities Permit program in December 2005 including:

- The name of the permit was changed to: “Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit”. Permits are now valid for up to two years, and permit holders must renew biennially to remain current. This change addresses an enforcement problem dealing with the two-year statute of limitations relating to prosecution under false application statutes.
- The Application Form for a permit has been modified substantially to address difficulties Oregon State Police officers have verifying that persons in the field with these permits truly qualify for permits.

The department will continue to monitor harvest by hunters with disabilities.

Big Game Species Management Plans

The department is developing a draft Black-tailed Deer Management Plan. The draft Plan has been provided to a public review committee which will provide comments to the department at a meeting in late May. After revising the draft Plan in response to public review committee comments, public meetings will be held during Summer 2007 to solicit additional comments. The draft Plan is scheduled to be presented to the Commission for potential adoption in Fall, 2007.

Wildlife Health

The issue of wildlife health is playing an ever-increasing role in all department programs and continues to add complexity and challenge to management of Oregon’s wildlife resources. Disease continues to impact wildlife populations and game management strategies. In instances where disease has caused population declines, the department has responded with conservative management in an effort to insure long-term population health and persistence, for example by reducing antlerless deer tags in western Oregon. In other cases, the department has turned to its long time supporters (the sportsmen and women of Oregon) for assistance with funding, logistics, and collection of samples as with ongoing CWD sample collection.

The department’s wildlife veterinarian has taken the lead in developing and implementing protocols for monitoring the health and disease of Oregon’s wildlife. Several notable diseases include deer hair loss syndrome (DHLS), adenovirus hemorrhagic disease in mule and black-tailed deer, bacterial pneumonia in

bighorn sheep, and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). The department's monitoring and surveillance efforts must be vigilant and effective for tracking, detecting and responding to the presence of any disease in Oregon's wildlife.

CWD in Wild Deer and Elk

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) affecting the deer family. CWD is of considerable interest throughout the United States and world due to the impacts to deer and elk populations and fiscal resources tied to monitoring, surveillance, and eradication efforts. The disease has been endemic to Colorado and Wyoming for over 20 years. However, more recently it has been found in free-ranging and/or captive mule deer, white-tailed deer, and elk in Utah, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota, Montana, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, New Mexico, Minnesota, West Virginia, New York, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.

Chronic Wasting Disease has not been detected in any Oregon samples obtained since testing began in 1996. Every year, a large number of samples are collected and analyzed to determine whether CWD is present or absent in wild populations. Samples came primarily from hunter harvested deer and elk. Field staff also

Table 6. CWD sampling effort and results in Oregon, Winters 2002–2006. All samples tested were reported as negative for CWD.

Species	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05	2005–06	2006–07
Black-tailed deer	169	270	333	305	249
Mule Deer	244	311	538	586	453
White-tailed deer	17	22	41	36	40
Rocky Mtn. Elk	290	284	356	357	312
Roosevelt Elk	172	274	361	197	363
Total	892	1,161	1,629	1,481	1,417

opportunisticly sampled animals dying from other causes such as vehicle collisions. Since 2002, the department has attempted to collect a minimum 1,000 samples each year from deer and elk distributed throughout the state. During the 2006 hunting season, 1,417 samples have been tested (Table 6). Information from field checks indicates hunters continue to be concerned about the disease and are cooperative when asked to allow sample collection.

Hair Loss Syndrome in Black-tailed Deer

Deer Hair Loss Syndrome (DHLS) is a condition affecting both black-tailed and Columbian white-tailed deer. First described in Western Washington in 1996, DHLS has now moved southward through Western Oregon to northern California. DHLS has also been observed in the Columbia River Gorge at the White River Wildlife Management Area. The condition produces hair discoloration, hair loss, weight loss, diarrhea, and lethargy. The syndrome can ultimately result in death for some animals, primarily from exposure. Black-tailed deer with DHLS have abnormally heavy infestations of lice. The parasitic louse affecting Oregon's deer has been identified as an exotic species. Fawns are impacted more than adults resulting in poor recruitment and low survival in some areas.

The department is concerned about impacts of DHLS to western Oregon deer populations and management strategies. Deer populations remained depressed in western Oregon and controlled hunt tag proposals for deer hunting, including several new youth hunts for 2007, in western Oregon essentially did not change for 2007 (-0.4 percent).

Adenovirus

Adenovirus (AHD) is one of three viral hemorrhagic diseases known to affect deer. In 2002, the department confirmed AHD had caused an “all age and sex” mule deer die-off of about 500 deer by Nov.–Dec. 2002 from near Crooked River Ranch in the Metolius Unit to as far south as Sun River in the Upper Deschutes Unit and into the eastern portion of the Grizzly Unit. Deer exposure to AHD continues to cause mortality in the affected area. Unfortunately, there is little that can be done to prevent or cure the disease. The department will continue to monitor health of mule deer in this area.

The department continues with surveillance and special carcass disposal restrictions. Any animal showing symptoms of the disease is collected for testing and disposed of within the outbreak area to insure no further spread. Deer have tested positive for the disease based on serum antibody titers in 23 of the 66 Oregon Wildlife Management units throughout the state.

HUNTING SEASONS AND SPECIES SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Controlled Hunt Tag Numbers

Table 7. Summary of controlled hunt tag numbers corrected for non-redemption rate, 2004–2007. The non-redemption rate calculated as the percent of total tags drawn during the June drawing but not purchased in a year. LOP tags are not included in redemption rate calculations.

Species/Hunt Type	2004 tags	2005 tags	2006 tags	Proposed 2007 tags	Percent Change ^a
TOTAL DEER	86,192	81,614	80,313	80,463	0%
Buck	66,172	64,448	64,533	64,987	+1%
Bow/Muzzleloader	3,313	3,023	3,154	3,113	-1%
Antlerless Incl. Additional	18,380	13,232	11,652	11,044	-5%
Youth	1,043	944	974	1,319	+35%
TOTAL ELK	54,558	50,411	54,356	53,851	-1%
Bull/Either Sex	37,480	35,289	38,698	38,409	-1%
Bow/Muzzleloader	4,231	3,595	4,318	4,280	-1%
Antlerless	12,087	10,800	10,622	10,418	-2%
Youth	760	721	718	745	+4%
BIGHORN	79	86	82	92	+12%
MT. GOAT	5	6	6	7	+17%
TOTAL PRONGHORN	2,816	2,920	3,029	3,094	+2%
Rifle Buck/Either Sex	1,518	1,665	1,780	1,828	+3%
Bow/Muzzleloader	1,009	1,005	1,016	1,020	0%
Doe	265	208	205	215	+5%
Youth	24	28	28	29	+4%
Spring Bear				Proposed 2008	Percent Change^a
Controlled Spring Bear	6,480	6,778	7,283	7,375	+1%
Youth Spring Bear	201	198	201	198	-1%
Grand total tags	150,331	142,013	145,270	Proposed 2007 tags 145,089	0%

^a Percent change calculated for the difference between 2006 and 2007 tags for all species except bear which is calculated for the difference between 2007 and 2008.

Table 8. General season dates and bag limits in place for 2007.

Species/Season	Bag Limit	2007 Dates
DEER		
Coast Buck	Buck, 2 point+	Sep 29 – Nov 2
Cascade Buck	Buck, 2 point+	Sep 29–Oct 19 & Oct 27–Nov 2
BEAR (Cubs, sows with cubs protected)		
Western Oregon	1 Bear	Aug 1 - Dec 31
SW Additional Bear (Units 20 – 30)	1 Bear	Aug 1 – Dec 31
Eastern Oregon	1 Bear	Aug 1 – Nov 30
COUGAR (Spotted kittens, Females with spotted kittens protected)		
Statewide	1 Cougar	Jan 1 – May 31, Aug 1 - Dec 31
Blue Mountain Additional Tag	1 Cougar	Jan 1 – May 31, Aug 1 – Dec 31
Private Land Extended Season (NOTE: Season restricted to specified hunt areas)	1 Cougar	Jan 1 – Dec 31
ELK (Note: Antler restrictions apply in certain units)		
Coast First	Any Bull ^a	Nov 10 – Nov 13
Coast Second	Any Bull or Spike ONLY ^a	Nov 17 – Nov 23
Cascade	Any Bull ^a	Oct 20 – Oct 26
Rocky Mt. First	Any Bull ^a	Oct 24 – Oct 28
Rocky Mt. Second	Any Bull or Spike ONLY ^a	Nov 3 – Nov 11
Columbia Basin - E Biggs	One Elk	Oct 24 – Nov 30
ARCHERY (Note: Antler restrictions apply in certain units)		
Western Deer	Buck, 2 point ^{+b}	Aug 25 – Sept 23
Saddle Mt. Deer Late Season	Buck, 2 point ^{+b}	Nov 24 – Dec 9
NW Deer Late Season	Buck, 2 point ^{+b}	Nov 17 - Dec 9
SW Deer Late Season	Buck, 2 point ^{+b}	Nov 10 – Dec 2
Eastern Deer	Buck, visible antler ^b	Aug 25 – Sept 23
Elk	Legal Bull, (varies by unit) ^b	Aug 25 – Sept 23
Western Elk Late Season	Antlerless	Nov 24 – Dec 9
WESTERN GRAY SQUIRREL		
West & S Central Oregon	5/day - 15 in possession	Aug 25 – Nov 7
Hood & White R. Units	3/day - 6 in possession	Sep 8 – Oct 16

^a Bag limit for archery hunters and hunters with disabilities permits may be changed to include antlerless elk. See pages 5.

^b Bag limit for archery hunters and hunters with disabilities permits may be changed to include antlerless deer. See pages 5.

Table 9. Proposed general season dates and bag limits for 2008.

Species/Season	Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Dates
DEER		
Coast Buck	Buck, 2 point+	Oct 4-Nov 7
Cascade Buck	Buck, 2 point+	Oct 4-Oct 17 & Oct 25-Nov 7
BEAR (Cubs, sows with cubs protected)		
Western Oregon	1 Bear	Aug 1 - Dec 31
SW Additional Bear (Units 20 – 30)	1 Bear	Aug 1 – Dec 31
Eastern Oregon	1 Bear	Aug 1 - Nov 30
COUGAR (Spotted kittens, Females with spotted kittens protected)		
Statewide Tag	1 Cougar	Jan 1 – May 31, Aug 1 - Dec 31
Additional Statewide Tag	1 Cougar	Jan 1 – May 31, Aug 1 – Dec 31
Private Land Extended Season (NOTE: Season restricted to specified hunt areas)	1 Cougar	Jan 1 – Dec 31
ELK (Note: Antler restrictions apply in certain units)		
Coast First	Any Bull ^a	Nov 15 – Nov 18
Coast Second	Any Bull or Spike ONLY ^a	Nov 22 – Nov 28
Cascade	Any Bull ^a	Oct 18 – Oct 24
Rocky Mt. First	Any Bull ^a	Oct 29 – Nov 2
Rocky Mt. Second	Any Bull or Spike ONLY ^a	Nov 8 – Nov 16
Columbia Basin - E Biggs	One Elk	Oct 29 – Dec. 5
ARCHERY (Note: Antler restrictions apply in certain units)		
Western Deer	Buck, 2 point+ ^b	Aug 30 – Sept 28
Saddle Mt. Deer Late Season	Buck, 2 point+ ^b	Nov 29 – Dec 14
NW Deer Late Season	Buck, 2 point+ ^b	Nov 22 - Dec 14
SW Deer Late Season	Buck, 2 point+ ^b	Nov 15 – Dec 7
Eastern Deer	Buck, visible antler ^b	Aug 30 – Sept 28
Elk	Legal Bull, (varies by unit) ^b	Aug 30 – Sept 28
Western Elk Late Season	Antlerless	Nov 29 – Dec 14
WESTERN GRAY SQUIRREL		
West & S Central Oregon	5/day - 15 in possession	Aug 30 – Nov 12
Hood & White R. Units	3/day - 6 in possession	Sep 13 – Oct 21

^a Bag limit for archery hunters and hunters with disabilities permits may be changed to include antlerless elk. See pages 5.

^b Bag limit for archery hunters and hunters with disabilities permits may be changed to include antlerless deer. See pages 5.

Proposed 2008 Application and Tag Sale Deadlines

Controlled hunt application deadlines are set to occur the same date each year (Table 10). Since 2000, tag sale deadlines (Table 11) have been set at 11:00 pm the day before each respective season opens, except general bear and general cougar tags which have the same tag sale deadline as for buck deer.

Table 10. Controlled hunt application and tag sale deadlines proposed for 2008.

Controlled Hunt Drawing	Application Deadline	Tag Claim Deadline
Spring Bear Draw	February 10	Day Before Hunt Opens
Big Game Draw ^a	May 15	Day Before Hunt Opens

^a Excludes Spring Bear.

Table 11. General season tag sale deadlines in place for 2007 and proposed for 2008.

Species or Season	2007 Deadline	2008 Deadline
Bear	Sep 28	Oct 3
SW Additional Bear	Sep 28	Oct 3
Cougar	Sep 28	Oct 3
Additional Cougar	Sep 28	Oct 3
Deer & Elk Bow	Aug 24	Aug 29
Western Deer Rifle	Sep 28	Oct 3
Cascade Elk	Oct 12	Oct 17
General Coast 1 st Season	Nov 9	Nov 14
General Coast 2 nd Season	Nov 16	Nov 21
Rocky Mt. 1st Elk	Oct 23	Oct 28
Rocky Mt. 2nd Elk	Nov 2	Nov 7

Bear Season Summaries and Recommendations

Overview

Bear populations remained stable throughout Oregon with some local population increases. The number of damage complaints recorded for black bear remained stable at 293 for 2006. The majority of complaints continue to be in direct association with people (e.g. nuisance, human safety, pets, garbage, or structures). The corresponding number of bears killed as a result of damage or human safety concerns declined 29 percent to 219 in 2006. Most damage related mortality (94 percent) continues to occur in western Oregon where bear populations are highest.

2006 Spring Bear Harvest

A total of 5,893 (+11 percent) controlled spring bear tags were sold during 2006. Leftover tags sold first-come first-served accounted for 312 of these tags. Telephone harvest surveys indicate 307 bears were taken by 4,146 hunters during the 2006 controlled spring bear seasons for an average success rate of 7 percent (Table 12). Most of the bears harvested were males (70 percent).

2006 General Bear Seasons

Although Sport Pac license sales continued to increase slightly, the number of general season black bear tags issued changed very little, increasing 3 percent from 41,255 tags in 2005 to 42,540 tags in 2006. Harvest surveys suggest 71 percent of tag holders hunted and took 989 bears. Two-thirds of the bears were taken in Western Oregon and 67 percent were males. Continued monitoring of harvested bear ages suggests bear populations are not being over-harvested. Median age of harvested bears in 2005 was 4 years, which is consistent with the bear plan. A total of 334 teeth were returned by bear hunters in 2006 (Table 12).

Table 12. Recent trend in bear tooth reporting compliance in Oregon, 1993–2006.

Year	Spring			Fall			Total		
	Harv.	Teeth	%	Harv.	Teeth	%	Harv.	Teeth	%
1993	167	78	47	1,179	418	35	1,346	496	37±3
1994	200	83	42	1,250	338	27	1,450	421	29±2
1995	62	20	32	624	165	26	686	185	27±3
1996	127	58	46	880	199	23	1,007	257	26±3
1997	163	56	34	649	124	19	812	180	22±4
1998	217	85	39	834	208	25	1,051	293	28±3
1999	181	57	31	856	353	41	1,037	410	40±3
2000	246	103	42	977	311	32	1,223	414	34±2
2001	263	123	47	621	239	38	884	362	41±2
2002	244	105	44	904	293	32	1,148	398	35±3
2003	300	105	35	829	192	23	1,129	312	26±3
2004	^a	96	^a	^a	211	^a	^a	337	^a
2005	371	126	34	716	195	27	1,087	318	29±3
2006	307	111	36	989	223	23	1,296	334	26±2

^a No harvest survey was conducted for bear seasons during 2004.

Black bear tooth return rates have been below the 30 percent level since 2003 (Table 12). As directed by the Bear Plan, if the department receives teeth from less than 30 percent of hunter-killed bears for two consecutive years, a mandatory check-in may be required. The estimated tooth return rate for 2006 of 26 percent is the second consecutive year with a return rate below 30 percent; the return rate was also below 30 percent in 2003 which makes three consecutive years of data with tooth returns below 30 percent. Bear seasons were not surveyed in 2004. Therefore the department will be developing a plan for mandatory return of teeth from harvested bears for implementation beginning in spring 2008. The department will develop a process for consideration by the Commission during the fall Big Game Regulations hearing in October.

Teeth from harvested bears are examined to determine the age of each bear taken. The age structure of the harvest used to evaluate the level of harvest of the population. Receiving teeth from harvested bears is even more critical in conjunction with the Black Bear Tetracycline Marking Study described on page 20.

2007 Spring Bear Season

Proposed controlled spring bear tag numbers continue to be adjusted to compensate for un-redeemed tags by the 4-year average rate of non-redemption for each hunt. Additionally, tags for under-subscribed hunts were sold first-come, first-serve beginning March 15, 2007 at 10:00 am. Sales data indicate that in total, 6,324 tags were sold from the main spring bear drawing and 312 tags were sold first-come first-served for 2007. This represents a 13 percent increase in number of spring bear tags sold compared to 2006.

2008 General Bear Season Recommendations

The department recommends no changes to season dates. Proposed general season dates will be August 1 – November 30, 2008 in eastern Oregon, and August 1 – December 31, 2008 in western Oregon. The department recommends maintaining the second general bear opportunity with the SW Additional Bear tag valid in 10 SW Oregon Wildlife Management Units. Hunters wishing to purchase bear tags, including the SW Additional tag, must purchase both tags prior to the proposed tag sales deadline of October 3, 2008. The department will continue mailing letters to all 2008 tag holders and continue to use tooth collection and check-in sites at local SW Oregon businesses in an effort to maximize tooth return rates.

Black Bear Tetracycline Marking Study

In 1999, the department's research section began evaluating use of tetracycline as a way to permanently mark black bear teeth. Using the ratio of marked and unmarked teeth provided by hunters and collected through other forms of mortality the bear population can be estimated for an area. The technique relies heavily on number of teeth returned. Beginning in 2005 the department began implementing this technique statewide. However, it will take a number of years before information is sufficient to develop the estimates.

2008 Spring Bear Season/Tag Recommendations

The department proposes no area changes for existing spring bear hunts in 2008 (Table 13). In October the department will be proposing a 1 percent increase in spring bear tags from 2007 levels to 7,573 tags for 2008.

Table 13.

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR
SPRING BEAR**

Table 13. Recommendations for Controlled Spring Bear: 2008 Tags and 2008 Hunts
Bag Limit: One Bear, except cubs less than 1 year and sows with cubs protected

2008 Hunt #	2008 Hunt Name	07 Tags	Corrected 07 Tags	Proposed 08 Tags	Corrected 08 Tags	2007 Dates	Proposed 2008 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
Western Oregon								
712A	Wilson-Trask	400	444	400	440	April 1 - May 31	April 1 - May 31	
716A	N Cascades	350	389	350	385	April 1 - May 31	April 1 - May 31	
717A	Alesea-Stott Mt	200	222	200	218	April 1 - May 31	April 1 - May 31	
722A	SW Oregon	3,000	3,333	3,250	3,575	April 1 - May 31	April 1 - May 31	
	Western OR Total	3,950	4,388	4,200	4,618			
Eastern Oregon								
731A	South Central	200	222	200	220	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
742	Hood Unit	50	56	50	53	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
746A	S Blue Mts	250	278	250	275	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
749A	W Blue Mts	175	188	175	184	April 1 - May 31	April 1 - May 31	
752A	Starkey Unit	200	222	200	220	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
756	Wenaha Unit	225	250	225	248	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
757A	Sled Sprs-Cheshimnus	250	278	250	275	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
759A	Snake R	600	667	500	550	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
760A	Minam-Imnaha	225	250	225	248	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
762A	Pine Cr - Keating - Catherine Cr	400	440	400	440	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
764	Lookout Mt Unit	40	44	40	44	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
	Eastern OR Total	2,615	2,895	2,515	2,757			
Youth Hunts								
756T	Wenaha Unit	50	56	50	55	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
757T	Sled Sprs-Cheshimnus	80	89	80	88	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
760T	Minam-Imnaha	50	56	50	55	April 15 - May 31	April 15 - May 31	
	Youth Total	180	201	180	198			
	Grand Total	6,745	7,484	6,895	7,573			

* Tag numbers corrected up by each hunt's 4-yr average unredeemption rate to compensate for un-redeemed tags (max correction - 10%).

Cougar Season Summaries and Recommendations

Cougar Management Plan

- In April 2006 the Commission adopted a revised Cougar Management Plan. Major changes from previous management include:
 - Establishing a minimum statewide cougar population level.
 - Modeling the cougar population and establishment of minimum population levels for each cougar management zone.
 - Changing the cougar quota for each zone to include both hunter harvest and cougars taken in damage/conflict situations.
 - A process has been developed to establish “Target Areas” for removing cougars in response to persistent conflict with humans, livestock, or big game populations.

Target Areas

Three Target Areas have been implemented as described in Chapter VI, “Adaptive Management Process” of the Cougar Management Plan. Target Areas were designed to address each of the three major categories of conflict; big game, human safety/pet concerns, and livestock depredation.

Through April 9, 2007, 26 cougars were administratively removed. In Heppner, 18 were removed using dogs, one with a snare, and one using a foot-hold trap. Six cougars were removed from the Jackson County target area, 3 using snares and 3 using foot-hold traps. No cougars have been administratively removed from the East Beulah target area.

Table 14 Cougar management trends in Oregon, 1992-2006

Season	Harvest		Damage		Other		Total Mort.
	Tags	Hrvst.	Comp. ^a	Kill ^b	Sfty. ^c	Misc. ^d	
1992-93	517	187	184	17	3	22	229
1993-94	560	160	276	20	7	21	208
1994-95	588	144	554	28	11	21	204
1995-96	385	34	742	41	22	12	109
1996-97	779	45	840	64	34	25	168
1997-98	935	61	798	82	20	18	181
1998-99	11,761	153	954	93	20	17	283
1999-00	14,564	157	1,072	91	39	25	312
2000 ^e	22,356	136	942	120	25	19	300
2001	28,447	220	829	97	25	23	365
2002	32,126	232	765	111	23	37	403
2003	34,135	248	697	111	28	25	412
2004	35,711	265	545	95	28	35	423
2005	38,079	224	622	125	28	30	407
2006	38,719	289	451	104	28	30	451

^a Number of complaints received during the calendar year.

^b Number killed due to damage during a calendar year.

^c Animals killed due to real or perceived threat to humans or pets.

^d Includes roadkill, accidental, found dead, or illegal kill.

^e Hunting seasons changed to calendar-year.

Population Monitoring

With increased management intensity for cougars in specified target areas, the department also has increased intensity of monitoring efforts. Specifically, the department is in the process of implementing improved form and database for tracking complaints associated with conflict, and known cougar mortality

information is updated weekly to insure no cougar management zone quotas are surpassed. Additionally, the department continues to develop information for hunters relative to how they can help, and how to collect appropriate biological samples from harvested animals.

Population Overview

Population modeling suggests a 3 percent increase in cougar numbers for 2006 to 5,642. The number of damage complaints received declined 27 percent from 622 in 2005 to 451 in 2006 (Table 14). Non-hunting mortalities declined 11 percent to 162 in 2006 (Table 14).

2006 Cougar Harvest

Cougar tag sales continue to increase, up 2 percent to 38,719 in 2006 (Table 14). Harvest increased 29 percent to 289 during the 2006 season. Timing of harvest suggests some hunters continue to hunt specifically for cougars outside the deer and elk seasons when snow conditions allow animals to be tracked (Table 15). Seven hunters took a second cougar during the 2006 season with the Additional tag and one animal was taken during June in the southwestern extended season. Since the department began using quotas in 1995, only animals taken during hunting seasons have counted toward quotas. However, beginning in 2006, all known mortalities count toward zone quotas. No individual zone quotas were met in 2006 (Table 16).

2007 General Season

The 2007 general cougar season runs from January 1, 2007 – May 31, 2007 and from August 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007. An additional cougar tag valid statewide is also available. Season dates in the four extended season hunt areas of SW Oregon are continuous, from January 1 – December 31, 2007. The tag sale deadline for all cougar tags is September 28, 2007. As of April 27, there have been 27,413 tags sold and over 100 cougars harvested.

Table 15. Timing of recent cougar harvest in Oregon, 1998 – 2006.

Season	Monthly Harvest												Total /Year
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2001	27	29	7	16	8	0	2	16	24	30	31	30	220
2002	41	23	12	7	9	0	1	17	35	34	19	32	230
2003	17	23	8	17	15	1	1	21	26	40	37	35	241
2004	40	42	7	10	9	1	0	25	25	41	35	30	265
2005	44	25	8	16	3	2	0	9	16	44	19	38	224
2006	37	28	11	11	17	1	0	13	37	55	42	37	289

2008 Cougar Season Recommendations

The department is recommending no changes to general cougar season dates for 2008. The proposed statewide general cougar season would run from January 1, 2008 – May 31, 2008 and August 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008.

The department also proposes maintaining the extended seasons in SW Oregon from January 1 – December 31, 2008. The area of the Upper Rogue River Extended Cougar Area is proposed to expand by ~15 percent. The recommended tag sale deadline for both tags is October 3, 2008.

Table 16. Cougar mortalities and quotas in Oregon, 2005-2008.

Hunt Zone	2005			2006			2007			2008 Quota
	Mortalities		Hunt Quota	Mortalities		Hunt Quota	Mortalities*		Total Quota	
	Non-Hunt	Hunt		Non-Hunt	Hunt		Non-Hunt	Hunt		
A Coast/N Casc.	42	38	132	34	48	120	17	9	120	120
B SW Cascades	42	28	150	37	42	165	10	9	165	165
C SE Cascades	5	19	53	12	22	65	5	11	65	65
D Col. Basin	31	11	19	28	12	62	14	2	62	62
E Blue Mtns.	43	91	139	35	126	245	12	31	245	245
F SE Oregon	20	37	87	16	39	120	7	14	120	120
Total	183	224	579	162	289	777	56	75	777	777

*As of May 8, 2007

Bighorn Sheep Season Summaries and Recommendations

Management Activity

Oregon conducted one California bighorn transplant in winter 2006–2007. Twenty-one animals were captured from the Deschutes and John Day River herds and released on the Fish Creek Rim area southeast of Steens Mountain. An additional 48 bighorns were captured on Steens Mtn. and released after blood and tissue samples were collected. Research also continued on Rocky Mountain bighorns with active participation in the Hells Canyon Bighorn Sheep Restoration Initiative. Most efforts continued to be focused on maintaining and monitoring nearly 300 radio-collared sheep in the tri-state (OR, WA, ID) area.

The department is grateful to the numerous individuals, businesses, and organizations who supported Oregon’s bighorn sheep program during 2006 including: Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (National, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and Iowa Chapters), Oregon Hunters Association, Safari Club International, and Shikar-Safari International. These generous donations of time, effort, and money provide a great deal of benefit to bighorn sheep in Oregon.

2006 Bighorn Harvest

Oregon bighorn hunters continued to enjoy high success rates. Eleven Rocky Mountain bighorn hunters harvested 11 rams (100 percent) and 70 California bighorn hunters harvested 63 rams (90 percent). Six of the 82 bighorn tags (7.3 percent) were issued to non-resident hunters. The special bighorn auction tag holder harvested a California bighorn ram in the John Day River hunt area. The special raffle tag holder hunted exclusively with archery equipment and did not harvest an animal. Two tags were authorized for tribal hunters from the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and both hunters were successful. One tribal hunter from the Umatilla Tribe harvested a ram in the Lookout Mountain herd and one harvested a ram from the Burnt River herd.

2007 Bighorn Tag Recommendations

The department is proposing 92 Bighorn Sheep tags (80 California, 12 Rocky Mountain) in 47 hunts (39 California, 8 Rocky Mountain) for 2007 (Table 17). This is an increase of 10 tags from 82 in 2006 in response to gains made in several California bighorn herds. Six tags (one Rocky Mountain, five California) are proposed for non-resident hunters.

In addition to department proposals: as in recent years, the department anticipates a request from the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon for two bighorn sheep tags, one in the John Day River Canyon and one in the Deschutes River Canyon.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation has authorized three tags for bighorn sheep; one each in the Burnt River, Lookout Mountain and Wenaha hunt areas.

2008 Bighorn Season Recommendations

The department will propose standard calendar shifts for most bighorn sheep hunts. Two new hunts for California bighorn would be created by the proposed combining of the three existing Hart Mountain and Poker Jim hunts into a single hunt period in each area. Additionally, the department proposes to move two non-resident hunting opportunities. The non-resident tag from Hart Mountain #3 will move to East Beatys Butte #2, and the McClellan non-resident tag will move to the South Central hunt.

Table 17.

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR
BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTS**

Table 17. Recommendations for Controlled Bighorn Sheep Hunts: 2007 Tags and 2008 Hunts
Bag Limit: One Ram

2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	2006 Tags		Proposed 2007 tags		2007 Dates	2008 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
		Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident			
Rocky Mountain Bighorn								
558A	Chesnimntus	1		1		Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 13 - Sep 28	
559A1	Snake R # 1	3		3		Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 13 - Sep 28	
559A2	Snake R # 2	1	1	1	1	Oct 13 - Oct 23	Oct 18 - Oct 28	
560A	Hurricane Divide	2		2		Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 13 - Sep 28	Area Change
560B	Bear Creek	1		1		Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 13 - Sep 28	
564A1	Lookout Mt #1	1		1		Aug 25 - Sep 5	Aug 30 - Sep 10	
564A2	Lookout Mt #2	1		1		Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 13 - Sep 28	
566	Wenaha Unit	1		1		Oct 13 - Oct 31	Oct 16 - Oct 31	
	Rocky Mt Total	11	1	11	1			
California Bighorn								
543A1	E John Day R #1	2		2		Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
543A2	E John Day R #2	2		2		Oct 29 - Nov 6	Nov 3 - Nov 11	
543A3	E John Day R #3	2		2		Nov 10 - Nov 18	Nov 15 - Nov 23	
543A4	W John Day R #1	1		1		Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
543A5	W John Day R #2	1		1		Oct 29 - Nov 6	Nov 3 - Nov 11	
543A6	W John Day R #3	1		1		Nov 10 - Nov 18	Nov 15 - Nov 23	
543B1	E Deschutes R #1	2		2		Sep 8 - Sep 21	Sep 6 - Sep 14	
543B2	E Deschutes R #2	2		2		Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
543C1	W Deschutes R #1	2		2		Sep 8 - Sep 21	Sep 6 - Sep 14	
543C2	W Deschutes R #2	Est 1		1		Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
546	Murderers Creek	2		2		Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 6 - Sep 21	
546A	Aldrich	2		2		Aug 18 - Aug 29	Aug 16 - Aug 27	
546B	McClellan	1	1	1	1	Aug 18 - Aug 29	Aug 16 - Aug 27	move NR to 575A
551A	Burnt R Canyon	1		1		Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 13 - Sep 28	
566A1	Riverside #1	1		1		Aug 18 - Aug 31	Aug 16 - Aug 29	
566A2	Riverside #2	1		1		Sep 4 Sep 17	Sep 2 - Sep 15	
567A1	Lower Owyhee #1	2		2		Sep 1 - Sep 14	Sep 1 - Sep 14	
567A2	Lower Owyhee #2	2		2		Sep 15 - Sep 28	Sep 15 - Sep 28	
568A1	Up Owyhee #1	2		2		Sep 1 - Sep 14	Sep 1 - Sep 14	
568A2	Up Owyhee #2	2		2		Sep 15 - Sep 28	Sep 15 - Sep 28	
568B1	E Trout Cr Mts #1	3		3		Sep 1 - Sep 14	Sep 1 - Sep 14	
568B2	E Trout Cr Mts #2	2		2		Sep 15 - Sep 28	Sep 15 - Sep 28	
568C1	Alvord-Buckskin #1	2		2		Aug 18 - Aug 31	Aug 16 - Aug 29	
568C2	Alvord-Buckskin #2	1		1		Sep 4 Sep 17	Sep 2 - Sep 15	
568D1	Sheepshead Mtns #1	1		1		Aug 18 - Aug 31	Aug 16 - Aug 29	
568D2	Sheepshead Mtns #2	2		2		Sep 4 Sep 17	Sep 2 - Sep 15	

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Table 17: Recommendations for Controlled Bighorn/Sheep Hunts: 2007 Tags and 2008 Hunts
Bag Limit: One Ram

2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	2006 Tags		Proposed 2007 tags		2007 Dates	Proposed 2008 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
		Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident			
569A1	Steens Mt # 1	2		2		Aug 18 - Aug 31	Aug 16 - Aug 29	
569A2	Steens Mt # 2	2		2		Sep 4 Sep 17	Sep 2 - Sep 15	
569B	N Catlow Rim	1		2		Sep 4 Sep 17	Sep 2 - Sep 15	
570A1	Hart Mt # 1	1		1		Aug 22 - Aug 31	Delete in 2008	Replace w/ Hart Mtn
570A2	Hart Mt # 2	1		1		Sep 1 - Sep 9	Delete in 2008	Replace w/ Hart Mtn
570A3	Hart Mt # 3	0	1	0	1	Sep 12 - Sep 21	Delete in 2008	" ", move NR tag to 570B2
	Hart Mountain			Est 2 Tags			Sep 1 Sep 14	Replaces Hart Mtn #1 - #3
570B1	E Beatys Butte # 1	3		3		Aug 18 - Aug 31	Aug 16 - Aug 29	
570B2	E Beatys Butte # 2	3		3		Sep 4 Sep 17	Sep 2 - Sep 15	
570C	Coleman - E Guano	1		2		Aug 22 - Sep 4	Aug 20 - Sep 2	
571A1	Poker Jim # 1	1		1		Aug 22 - Aug 31	Delete in 2008	Replace w/ Poker Jim
571A2	Poker Jim # 2	0	1	0	1	Sep 1 - Sep 9	Delete in 2008	Replace w/ Poker Jim
571A3	Poker Jim # 3	1		1		Sep 12 - Sep 21	Delete in 2008	Replace w/ Poker Jim
	Poker Jim			Est 3 Tags			Sep 1 - Sep 14	Replaces Poker Jim #1 - #3
574	Warner Unit	3		4		Aug 22 - Sep 4	Aug 20 - Sep 2	
575A	S Central	4		6		Aug 22 - Sep 4	Aug 20 - Sep 2	
	California Total	65	5	75	5			
	Grand Total*	76	6	86	6			

Non-res % = 6.52

Rocky Mountain Goat Season Summaries and Recommendations

2006 Rocky Mountain Goat Seasons

Last year (2006), the Commission authorized six Rocky Mountain goat tags in five hunts. All six hunters harvested goats. The Rocky Mountain goat raffle tag holder was successful in the Elkhorn Mountains. The required field orientation provided by biologists continues to be useful for all hunters and appears to be helping to minimize harvest of female goats.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation issue one Rocky Mountain goat tag for the Elkhorn Mountains. The hunts did not hunter did not harvest a Mountain goat/

2007 Rocky Mountain Goat Tag Recommendations

The department is proposing seven Rocky Mountain goat tags in six hunts (Table 18).

In addition to department proposals, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation have authorized two Rocky Mountain goat tags for the Elkhorn Mountains in 2007.

2008 Rocky Mountain Goat Season Recommendations

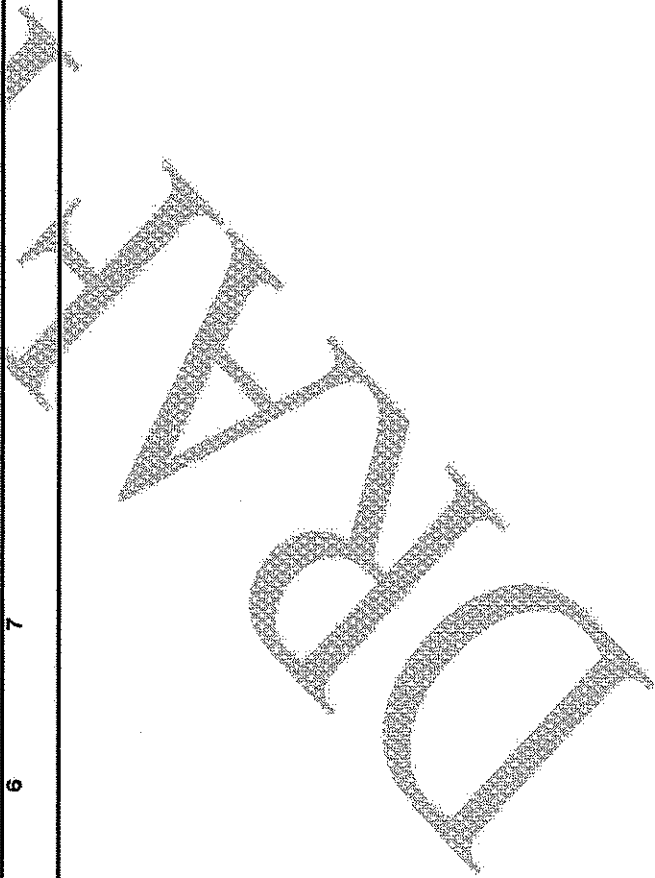
The department recommends standard calendar shifts for existing Rocky Mountain goat hunts in 2008 (Table 18). The department also proposes one new hunt which will add a second hunt period to the Cusick Mountain hunt area.

Table 18.

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR
ROCKY MT. GOAT HUNTS**

Table 18: Recommendations for Rocky Mountain Goat: 2007 Tags and 2008 Hunts
Bag Limit: One Rocky Mountain Goat, Orientation Class With District Biologist Required for successful applicants.

2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	2006 Tags	Proposed 2007 Tags	2007 Dates	Proposed 2008 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
951	Elkhorn	2	2	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 13 - Sep 28	
959A1	Hat Point #1	1	1	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 13 - Sep 28	
959A2	Hat Point #2	1	1	Oct 13 - Oct 23	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
960A	E. Hurricane Creek	1	1	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 13 - Sep 28	
960B	Cusick Mountain	1	1	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 13 - Sep 28	
960C	Cusick Mountain #2	New in '08	Est. 1 Tag	New in '08	Oct 18 - Oct 26	New Hunt for 2008
	Goat Mountain	1	1	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 13 - Sep 28	
		6	7			



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Pronghorn Antelope Season Summaries and Recommendations

Pronghorn Population Overview

Overall conditions continue to be favorable for pronghorn in Oregon, especially in the southeast portion of the state. Fawn ratios, buck ratios, and population trends remain high.

2006 Pronghorn Harvest

Recent population increases have allowed the department to offer more tags (Table 19). Not all hunts were surveyed for 2006. Of those that were, data indicate high success rates for either sex hunters (74 percent), doe hunters had 51 percent success, muzzleloader hunters had 26 percent success, and bow hunters had 16 percent success.

2007 Pronghorn Antelope Tag Recommendations

The department is proposing 3,094 tags in 56 hunts for 2007, representing an increase of 2 percent over 2006 (Table 20). The proposal is a result of increases in fawn ratios and population trends in south-central Oregon.

2008 Pronghorn Antelope Season Recommendations

The department proposes a normal calendar shift for most 2008 pronghorn antelope seasons (Table 21). No new hunts are proposed for 2008. However, the department proposes changing the bag limit for the Maupin-West Biggs #1 hunt from One buck” to “either sex”, and proposes modifying boundaries of the South Fossil and Harney Basin hunts to more effectively deal with landowner concerns.

Table 19. Summary of Oregon pronghorn tag sales (not including LOP), 2001–2006.

Hunt Type/Bag Limit	Number of Tags Sold					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Rifle Buck	817	984	989	1,076	1,165	1,190
Rifle Doe	376	373	378	262	244	177
Rifle Either Sex	426	404	426	364	407	540
Rifle Total (not incl. youth)	1,619	1,761	1,793	1,702	1,816	1,907
Bow Buck	17	16	8	20	20	20
Bow Either Sex	505	511	466	488	473	557
Bow Total	522	527	474	508	493	577
Muzzleloader Either Sex	91	101	128	149	167	129
Muzzleloader Buck	27	30	33	30	49	93
Muzzleloader Total	118	131	161	179	216	222
Youth Total	16	24	25	24	27	26
Grand Total	2,275	2,443	2,453	2,413	2,552	2,706

Table 20. Proposed 2007 pronghorn antelope tag numbers by weapon/bag limit.

Weapon / Bag Limit	# Hunts	# Tags
Rifle Buck	25	1,247
Rifle Doe	7	216
Rifle Either Sex	6	581
Bow Buck	1	20
Bow Either Sex	10	756
Muzzleloader Buck	1	64
Muzzleloader Either Sex	4	181
Youth	2	29
Total	56	3,094

Table 21

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR
PRONGHORN ANTELOPE
HUNTS**

Table 21. Recommendations for Controlled Pronghorn: 2007 Tag Numbers and 2008 Season Dates/Bag Limit: One Pronghorn as Specified.

2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	2008 Tags	Corrected 2006 Tags	Proposed 2007 Tags	Corrected 2007 Tags**	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007 Dates	Proposed 2008 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
433	Paulina Unit	15	16	20	20	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
436	Maury Unit	25	26	30	31	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
437	Ochocho Unit	90	93	90	93	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
438	Grizzly Unit	25	28	15	17	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
440A1	Maupin-W Biggs # 1	5	5	5	5	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	Bag Change in 08
443A2	Columbia Plateau # 2	10	10	10	10	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
446	Murderers Cr Unit	60	64	60	64	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
451A	N Sumpter	5	5	5	5	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
451B	S Sumpter	8	8	8	8	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
463	Keetling Unit	5	5	5	5	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
464	Lockout Mt Unit	12	12	12	12	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
466A1	Maiheur R # 1	100	105	100	104	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
466A2	Maiheur R # 2	100	103	100	102	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 29 - Sep 6	Aug 27 - Sep 4	
469A	Steens Mt	120	125	120	125	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
470A	E Bealys Butte	110	113	110	113	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
470B	W Bealys Butte	60	64	65	68	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
470C	Hart Mt	25	26	30	31	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Sep 15 - Sep 21	Sep 13 - Sep 19	Boundary Clarification
471A	Juniper	90	93	100	102	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
472A1	Silves # 1	40	44	40	42	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
472A2	Silves # 2	40	42	40	42	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 29 - Sep 6	Aug 27 - Sep 4	
473A	N Wagontire	30	32	35	36	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
473B	S Wagontire	55	57	50	52	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
474A	Warner Unit #1	55	57	60	62	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
474B	Warner Unit #2	55	56	60	62	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 29 - Sep 6	Aug 27 - Sep 4	
476A	E Ft Rock-Silver Lake	35	37	35	36	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
Total Buck, Horns-Ears		1,175	1,228	1,205	1,247					
465	Beulah Unit	125	133	125	134	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
467	Owyhee Unit	100	107	100	108	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
468A1	Whitehorse Unit #1	110	116	125	131	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
468A2	Whitehorse Unit #2	110	116	125	129	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 29 - Sep 6	Aug 27 - Sep 4	
475A1	E Interstate #1	25	27	25	27	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
477A	E Slope	50	55	50	55	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 11 - Aug 19	Aug 16 - Aug 24	Success Note in Regs
Total Either Sex		520	554	550	581					

Table 21. Recommendations for Controlled Pronghorn: 2007 Tag Numbers and 2008 Season Dates/Bag Limit: One Pronghorn as Specified.

2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	2006 Tags	Corrected 2006 Tags	Proposed 2007 Tags	Corrected 2007 Tags**	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007 Dates	Proposed 2008 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
440A2	Maupin-W Biggs # 2	5	6	5	6	Doer/Fawn	Doer/Fawn	Aug 29 - Sept 6 Delete 2nd Period Oct 13 - Oct 21	Delete in 08 Oct 18 - Oct 28	
443A1	Columbia Plateau # 1	30	33	30	33	Doer/Fawn	Doer/Fawn		Aug 16 - Aug 24	Boundary change, New Name in '08: S Fossil - Winlock
445A	S Fossil	5	6	5	6	Doer/Fawn	Doer/Fawn		Aug 16 - Aug 24	
446A	John Day Valley	25	28	25	28	Doer/Fawn	Doer/Fawn	Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 6 - Sep 14	
468B	Harney Bash	50	55	60	66	Doer/Fawn	Doer/Fawn	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 6 - Sep 21	Boundary change 08, +73 mi
472B	Riley	30	33	30	33	Doer/Fawn	Doer/Fawn	Sep 8 - Sep 23	Sep 6 - Sep 21	
475A2	E Interstate # 2	40	44	40	44	Doer/Fawn	Doer/Fawn	Aug 29 - Sep 6	Aug 27 - Sep 4	
	Total Homs < Ears	185	205	195	216					
	Rifle Hunt Total	1,880	1,985	1,950	2,044					
Bow Hunts										
436R	Maury Unit	80	88	90	99	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 6 - Sep 14	
438R	Grizzly Unit	20	22	20	22	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 6 - Sep 14	
464R	Lockout Mt Unit	6	7	6	7	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 6 - Sep 14	
466R	Maheur R Unit	60	66	60	66	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 6 - Sep 14	
467R	Owyhee Unit	75	83	75	83	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 1 - Sep 9	Aug 27 - Sep 4	
470R	Hart Mt	20	20	20	20	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 4 - Aug 12	Aug 2 - Aug 10	
470R1	W Beatus Butte	40	44	40	44	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 29 - Sep 6	Aug 27 - Sep 4	
474R	Warner Unit	45	50	45	50	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 8 - Aug 16	Aug 6 - Aug 14	
476R	E Interstate	50	55	50	55	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 6 - Sep 14	
475R1	Gerber Res	200	220	200	220	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 4 - Aug 12	Aug 2 - Aug 10	
477R	E Slope	100	110	100	110	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 30 - Sep 28	Success Note in Regs
	Bow Hunt Total	696	765	706	776					
Muzzleloader Hunts										
470M	E Beatus Butte	60	63	60	64	One Buck Pronghorn	One Buck Pronghorn	Aug 29 - Sep 6	Aug 27 - Sep 4	
473M	S. Wagonfire	35	39	30	33	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 29 - Sep 6	Aug 27 - Sep 4	
475M	Gerber Res	50	55	50	55	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 1 - Sep 9	Aug 30 - Sep 7	
476M	E Ft Rock-Silver Lake	35	39	35	38	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 6 - Sep 14	
477M	E Slope	50	55	50	55	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 1 - Aug 10	Aug 2 - Aug 10	Success Note in Regs
	Muzzleloader Hunt Total	230	251	225	245					
Youth Hunts										
432T	Swan Lake	3	3	3	3	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
475T	Gerber Res	25	25	25	26	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug 18 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	
	Youth Hunt Total	28	28	28	29					
	Grand Total*	2,834	3,029	2,909	3,094					

* Tag numbers corrected up by each hunt's 4-yr average unredeemption rate to compensate for unredeemed tags (max correction -10%).

DEER AND ELK SUMMARIES and RECOMMENDATIONS

General Winter Conditions: Deer and elk herds started winter in fair-good condition. In general, winter ranges had normal winter conditions with cold and wet conditions early (Dec.-Jan.) with a change to mild temperatures later. Overall, deer and elk populations fared well through the winter period. The 2007 spring surveys observed good winter survival in many deer and elk herds. Roosevelt elk in western Oregon continue to do well in most areas.

Starkey Experimental Forest, Major Tag Number and Season Changes

For 2007 the department is proposing significant reduction in tags for Starkey Experimental Forest hunts. Proposals include reducing firearms antlerless elk tags from 55 to 11, and reducing controlled archery elk tags from 86 to 40 to reduce antlerless harvest. This is because:

The Starkey Experimental Forest is beginning a new research project to explore the movement of deer and elk in response to hunters and All Terrain Vehicles. As part of the research several major changes to controlled hunts within the Starkey Experimental Forest are proposed for 2008 including:

- 25 firearms buck deer tags for a 5 day hunt, tags would also be valid in the Starkey WMU for the remainder of the controlled Buck Deer Season.
- 25 archery elk tags for a 5 day hunt, bag limit would change to "One Bull Elk". Tags would also be valid during the general archery season.
- 25 firearms elk tags for a 5 day hunt, bag limit would change to "One Bull Elk".
- The department is proposing that the Starkey Experimental Forest be excluded from the open area for auction and raffle tag holders to eliminate conflicts with the proposed research project.

Deer Season Summaries and Recommendations

The Mule Deer Plan season framework designates the buck deer season will open the Saturday closest to October 1. Many other seasons, including controlled and general seasons were adjusted accordingly to avoid season overlap (Table 9). Tag sale deadlines for all tags, except bear and cougar, will be the day before the season opens. General bear, SW Additional Bear, General Cougar, and "Additional Cougar" tags must be purchased consistent with the general deer tag sale deadline, which is September 28 in 2007 and proposed to be October 3 in 2008.

Black-tailed deer in western Oregon are considered to be in a slow, long-term population decline. Disease and long-term changes in habitat are thought to be two factors of the decline. Black-tailed deer hunter participation increased slightly (+409 hunters) to approximately 74,000. Total harvest declined from 15,000 to 13,500. Overall hunter success rate was 18 percent, down slightly from recent years.

Deer Hair Loss Syndrome is a condition affecting black-tailed deer and Columbian white-tailed deer. First described in Western Washington in 1996, Deer Hair Loss is now found throughout low – moderate elevations (generally below 1800 ft.) of Western Oregon and in the Columbia River Gorge at the White River Wildlife Management Area. The condition produces hair discoloration, hair loss, weight loss, and lethargy. The syndrome can ultimately result in the death of some animals, primarily from exposure. Fawns are impacted more than adults resulting in poor recruitment in some areas. Preliminary findings from research at EE Wilson Wildlife Area indicate that some animals infested with lice recover.

Mule deer populations are still down in many WMUs. Mule deer buck ratios were at or above Management Objective (MO) in 67 percent of units surveyed after the 2006 season (Table 22). The department is proposing a slight increase in controlled buck tag numbers for 2007. Fewer antlerless tags are proposed, primarily in response to poor recruitment in some areas of western Oregon.

Table 22. Percent of Big Game Management Units surveyed for mule deer that were above or below Management Objectives (MO).

	Units at or above buck MO		Units below buck MO	
	Number	Percent ^a	Number	Percent ^a
1991	17	39	27	61
1992	31	65	16	35
1993	24	50	24	50
1994	20	44	25	56
1995	27	57	20	43
1996	27	57	20	43
1997	27	57	20	43
1998	35	74	12	26
1999	39	83	8	17
2000	32	68	15	32
2001	31	66	16	34
2002	23	62	14	38
2003	29	64	16	36
2004	21	45	26	55
2005	34	72	13	28
2006	32	70	15	30
2007	32	67	16	33

^a Percent at or above MO calculated using number of units or areas surveyed in a year which may differ between years.

In 2003, the southwest Oregon population of Columbian white-tailed deer (CWTD) was removed from the Federal Endangered Species List. Biologists continue to monitor the population. CWTD populations have grown at a regular rate since 1975. Buck ratios have been slightly over 20 bucks per 100 does for seven years. Recruitment has been at or above 30 fawns per 100 does for 22 of the last 27 years.

General season deer hunting frameworks (Table 25) encompass all of western Oregon, allowing participation by any hunter who purchases a tag before the tag sale deadline (Table 11). Exceptions include controlled High Cascade buck hunts (with tags also valid during the western Oregon general deer seasons), two controlled buck hunts in the Umpqua drainage, controlled muzzleloader hunts, controlled antlerless or either-sex hunts, and controlled youth hunts.

As specified in the Mule Deer Plan, all firearms hunting for deer in eastern Oregon is conducted under a controlled permit system with tag numbers based on biological assessments of herd trend, post-season buck ratios, and other considerations such as weather, hunter crowding, and hunter success. Rifle hunts for antlerless deer are primarily used to address damage complaints and population control, and tags are allocated by controlled drawing.

Table 23. Primary firearms deer season structure.

Season	Bag Limit	2007	2008
High Cascade Buck (Controlled hunts 119A & 141A)	Buck, not less than a forked antler	Sep 8 – Sep 16	Sep 13 – Sep 21
Controlled Buck (Eastern OR)	Buck, With Visible Antler	Sep 29 – Oct 10	Oct 4 – Oct 15
Coast Buck	Buck, not less than a forked antler	Sep 29 – Nov 2	Oct 4 – Nov 7
Cascade Buck	Buck, not less than a forked antler	Sep 29 - Oct 19 & Oct 27 - Nov 2	Oct 4 - Oct 17 & Oct 25 - Nov 7

2006 General and Controlled Deer Season Harvest

Harvest surveys were not conducted for some 2006 hunts. The department is in the process of replacing the current telephone survey system of harvest data collection.

As measured through tags sales, general season rifle black-tailed deer hunters increased 3 percent from 73,332 in 2005 to 75,367 in 2006. The number of general bow tags and western Oregon antlerless deer tags, including youth tags, also increased slightly. Although not all hunts were surveyed, data from the 2006 harvest survey indicated that the total number of black-tailed deer hunters and harvest in Oregon increased slightly in 2006 but total black-tailed deer success was down (Table 24).

In 2006 a total of 104 hunters participated in Columbian White-tailed Deer (CWTD) hunts. The bag limit was “One white-tailed buck deer having not less than a forked antler or one black-tailed deer”. Hunter success was 44 percent. Of the 61 deer harvested in all hunts 38 were CWTD and 23 were black-tailed deer. The six CWTD hunts included 2 Umpqua hunts (rifle and bow), and 4 North Bank Habitat Area hunts (rifle, bow, muzzleloader and youth).

Table 24. Recent trend in deer hunters, harvest, and success rates.

Hunt/Weapon Type	Hunters		Harvest		Success Rate (%)	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
General Seasons						
Cascade Buck	28,846	31,622	5,218	4,755	18	15
Coast Buck	43,131	42,119	9,196	8,827	21	21
General w/ 119A ^a	1,355	1,626	315	346	23	21
Western Bow ^b	12,940	15,057	1,437	1,960	11	13
Eastern Bow ^b	17,353	17,319	3,685	3,385	21	20
Controlled Seasons						
W High Cascades ^a	1,905	1,959	240	164	13	8
Hood-White Rvr ^a	201	185	72	30	36	16
Buck Rifle ^c	50,665	54,751	22,525	19,244	44	35
WTD Rifle ^d	--	--	775	682	--	--
Western Antlerless ^c	7,900	7,525	2,706	2,942	34	39
Eastern Antlerless	369	485	231	312	63	64
Antlerless WTD ^d	NO Harvest Surveys					
Western M'Loader	1,129	1,207	456	578	40	38
Eastern M'Loader	478	1,092	247	481	51	44
Western Bow ^c	NO Harvest Surveys					
Eastern Bow ^c	312	355	61	93	20	26
Western Youth ^c	541	715	301	428	56	60
Eastern Youth ^c	150	151	119	115	79	76
WTD M'Loader	544	694	238	251	43	36
WTD 600 Series ^c	--	--	--	12	--	--
Disabled Hunters						
Western Disabled	3,184	2,975	988	819	31	28
Eastern Disabled	2,196	2,089	951	701	43	34
Species Totals						
Black-tailed Deer ^c	101,931	105,069	20,857	20,883	21	20
Mule Deer ^c	71,733	76,163	27,891	24,297	39	32
White-tailed Deer	554	694	1,013	945	43	36
Season Type Totals						
General Seasons ^c	103,625	107,743	19,851	19,273	19	18
Controlled Hunts ^c	69,593	74,183	29,910	26,852	43	36
All Deer Hunts^c	173,218	181,926	49,761	46,125	29	25

^a Hunts 119A and 141A are controlled buck hunts valid in seven and two units respectively during an early season, and also valid during the general western Oregon buck deer season.

^b 2,957 archery hunters hunted in both eastern and western Oregon in 2005 and 3,402 in 2006.

^c Not all hunts surveyed in 2005 or 2006.

^d White-tailed deer hunters cannot be estimated for 17 northeastern units where bag limit is any buck with visible antler and both deer species occur.

Proposed 2007 Archery Season Bag Limit

The 2007 archery deer bag limit in western Oregon is “one buck deer having not less than a forked antler”. In eastern Oregon, the general season archery bag limit is one buck with a visible antler. For 2007, the following 17 units are proposed to have bag limits liberalized to one deer during the general archery season: Saddle Mountain, Scappoose, Wilson, Trask, Willamette, Santiam, Stott Mountain, Alsea, McKenzie, Siuslaw, Indigo, Melrose, Biggs, Columbia Basin (in those portions of the unit open to bow hunting), Hood, Maupin, White River (outside the National Forest).

In June of 2007 the department will be proposing Units to have an antlerless animal in the bag limit for archers and hunters with disabilities permits for Fall 2008 hunts. If the Commission adopts this proposal in October, the department will list the Units to have an expanded bag limit in the 2008 Big Game Regulations. Currently there are no proposed changes to the list of Units for 2008.

Controlled Hunt Tag Numbers

In total, the department is proposing an increase of less than one percent in controlled deer tags for 2007 (Table 25). The department is proposing a decrease in controlled antlerless tags.

Table 25. Summary of proposed controlled deer tag numbers for 2007.

Hunt/Weapon Type	Proposed 2006		Proposed 2007		% Change In Tags
	# Hunts	# Tags	# Hunts	# Tags	
High Cascades	2	3,542	2	3,518	-1%
Buck Rifle	56	61,991	56	61,469	-1%
Western Antlerless	30	9,465	30	9,092	-4%
Eastern Antlerless	40	1,692	41	1,473	-13%
Western M'Loader	5	1,434	5	1,421	-1%
Eastern M'Loader	11	563	11	539	-4%
Bow	8	414	8	410	-1%
Western Youth	11	686	18	1,032	+50%
Eastern Youth	10	288	10	287	0%
WTD M'Loader	2	753	2	743	-1%
WTD 600 Series	7	495	5	479	-3%
All Controlled Deer	182	80,313	188	80,463	0%

Proposed 2008 Deer Seasons

Most archery deer hunting is conducted under general season frameworks, which allows participation by any interested hunter. The department is proposing to maintain the existing general season framework (Table 9).

The department is proposing to adjust all controlled buck hunts for 2008 with standard calendar shifts (Table 26). Most remaining controlled deer hunts (antlerless, bow, muzzleloader, youth hunts) will also shift accordingly to avoid overlapping seasons (Table 27).

For 2008, the following changes are proposed to controlled deer hunts. In the Southwest region the North Bank Habitat Area will be replaced with two new controlled deer hunts (North Bank Habitat #1 and #2). The new hunts are designed to reduce competition between black-tailed deer and Columbian white-tailed deer in the North Bank Habitat area. In the High Desert Region, the White River Private Lands Hunt is proposed to be deleted as mule deer numbers continue to decline.

REMINDER: Regarding the North Warner Youth Hunt (674T) and Interstate Unit (675T) youth hunts. In the year 2010 these youth hunts will be changed from 600 Series (which are primarily antlerless deer hunts) to 100 Series (which are primarily buck hunts). The reason for the proposed change is to reduce the number of hunters who have the opportunity to harvest two mule deer bucks in one year. Hunters need to consider the preference point implications of applying for these hunts. Preference points accrued applying for these hunts as 600 series hunts will remain 600 series preference points. After the change these hunts will accrue and use 100 series preference points.

Table 26. Buck
Table 27. Doe

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR
CONTROLLED DEER
HUNTS**

Table 26. Recommendations for Controlled Buck; 2007 Tags and 2008 Hunts.

2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	Proposed 2006 Tags	Corrected 2006 Tags	Proposed 2007 Tags	Corrected 2007 Tags	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007 Dates	Proposed 2008 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
Southwest Area										
123A	Umpqua	20	22	20	22	One Col. WTD buck 2 ppt+ or BTD buck 2 ppt+	One Col. WTD buck 2 ppt+ or BTD buck 2 ppt+	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
123B	N. Bank Habitat	10	10	10	10	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 ppt, or 1 BTD	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 ppt, or 1 BTD	Dec 22 - Dec 28	Dec 20 - 28 2008	
South Central Area										
131	Keno Unit	850	936	850	936	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
132	Klamath Falls Unit	1,100	1,210	1,100	1,210	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
133	Klamath Falls Unit	600	660	600	660	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
134	Klamath Falls Unit	1,500	1,650	1,500	1,650	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
135	Interstate Unit	2,000	2,200	2,000	2,200	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
136	Silver Lake Unit	2,000	2,200	2,000	2,200	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
137	Fort Rock Unit	3,500	3,850	3,500	3,850	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
South Cent. Area Total										
		9,550	10,505	9,550	10,505					
Central Area										
134	Up Deschutes Unit	2,000	2,200	2,000	2,200	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
135	Paulina Unit	3,000	3,300	3,000	3,300	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
136	Mauria Unit	700	770	750	825	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
137	Ochoco Unit	3,500	3,850	3,500	3,850	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
138	Crazy Unit	1,300	1,417	1,300	1,417	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
139	Meloni Unit	500	550	500	550	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
Central Area Total										
		11,000	12,087	11,050	12,142					
Columbia Area										
140	Maupin Unit	350	385	350	385	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
141	White R Unit	2,200	2,420	2,000	2,200	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
142	Hood Unit	750	825	750	825	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
143A	E Biggs	600	660	600	660	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
143B	W Biggs	500	540	500	540	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
Columbia Area Total										
		4,400	4,830	4,200	4,610					
Northwest Area										
144	Columbia Basin Unit	1,900	2,090	1,900	2,090	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
145	Fossil Unit	1,800	1,980	1,800	1,980	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
146	Murderers Cr Unit	1,100	1,199	1,100	1,199	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
147	Northside Unit	1,300	1,430	1,300	1,430	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
148	Hopner Unit	3,000	3,300	3,000	3,300	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
149	Ukiah Unit	2,200	2,420	2,200	2,420	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
150	Desolation Unit	1,800	1,980	1,800	1,980	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
151	Sumpter Unit	2,000	2,180	2,100	2,310	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
152A	Starkey	1,000	1,100	1,000	1,100	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
152B	Starkey Exp For	25	26	25	26	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
153	Catherine Cr Unit	450	477	450	477	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	Descript. Chg.

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Table 26. Recommendations for Controlled Buck: 2007 Tags and 2008 Hunts.

2007 Tunt #	2007 Hunt Name	2006 Proposed Tags	2006 Corr'd Tags	2006 Tag 98's	2007 Proposed Tags	2007 Corr'd Tags	2007 Tag 98's	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007 Dates	Proposed 2008 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
154A	E MR Emily	300	324	300	300	327	300	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
154B	WML Emily	600	654	600	600	654	600	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
155	Walia Mella Unit	250	275	250	250	275	250	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
156	Venatha Unit	450	495	450	450	495	450	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
157	Sled Springs Unit	1,750	1,925	1,750	1,750	1,925	1,750	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
158	Chesnimus Unit	550	605	550	550	605	550	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
159	Snake R Unit	300	330	300	300	330	300	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
160	Irmaha Unit	600	660	600	600	660	600	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
161	Irmaha Unit	750	825	750	750	825	750	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
162	Pine Cr Unit	300	330	300	300	330	300	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
163	Keating Unit	500	545	500	500	545	500	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
164	Lookout Mt Unit	170	185	170	170	185	170	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
165	Baulah Unit	1,700	1,836	1,700	1,700	1,836	1,700	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
165A	SE Baulah	600	648	600	600	648	600	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
Northeast Area Total		25,395	27,819	26,100	26,100	28,607						
Southeast Area												
166	Malheur R Unit	1,900	2,090	1,900	1,900	2,090	1,900	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
167	Owyhee Unit	600	660	600	600	660	600	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
168A	Trout Cr Mts	50	51	50	50	52	50	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
168B	E Whitehorse	250	273	250	250	273	250	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
169A	Steens Mt	250	273	250	250	273	250	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
170A	Beauly's Butte	250	250	250	250	275	250	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
171A	N Juniper	150	162	150	150	164	150	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
171B	S Juniper	100	109	100	100	110	100	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
172	Silvies Unit	1,100	1,188	900	900	972	900	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
173	Wagonfire Unit	275	275	275	275	300	275	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
174A	N Warner	75	80	75	75	80	75	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
174B	S Warner	300	330	300	300	330	300	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
Southeast Area Total		5,300	5,718	5,100	5,100	5,573						
119A	W High Cascade	3,000	3,300	3,000	3,000	3,300	3,000	Buck 2 pt+	Buck 2 pt+	Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 19 - Sep 21	
141A	Hood-White Rvr	220	242	200	200	218	200	Buck 2 pt+	Buck 2 pt+	Sep 8 - Sep 16	Sep 19 - Sep 21	
Rifle Hunt Total		58,895	64,533	59,230	59,230	64,987						

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Table 26. Recommendations for Controlled Buck, 2007 Tags and 2008 Hunts.

2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	2006 Proposed Tags	2006 Corred Tags	2007 Proposed Tags	2007 Corred Tags	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007 Dates	Proposed 2008 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
Archery Hunts										
123R1	Umpequa Bow	50	50	50	55	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pts, or 1 1 BTD	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pts, or 1 BTD	Aug 25 - Sep 9	Aug 30 - Sep 14	
123R2	North Bank Habitat Bow	20	20	20	20	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pts, or 1 BTD	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pts, or 1 BTD	Sep 9 - Sep 23	Sep 13 - Sep 28	
131R	Keno Unit	150	162	150	165	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Oct 27 - Nov 19	Oct 25 - Nov 19	
135R	S Paulina	50	55	40	44	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov 12 - Nov 30	Nov 17 - Nov 30	
139R1	SE Metolius #1	20	20	20	20	One Deer	One Deer	Nov 3 - Nov 30	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
139R2	SE Metolius #2	25	28	25	28	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov 3 - Nov 30	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
168R	Trout Cr Traditional	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 30 - Sep 28	
170R1	Hart Mt #1	30	32	30	31	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Aug 9 - Aug 16	Aug 6 - Aug 14	Bound. Clarification
170R2	Hart Mt #2	45	47	45	47	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Aug 19 - Aug 26	Aug 16 - Aug 24	Bound. Clarification
Muzzleloader Hunts										
100M1	N Muzzleloader	800	880	800	880	One Deer	One Deer	Sep 29 - Nov 30	Oct 4 - Nov 30	
Williamette Unit										
Hood Unit & Hood R Val										
Trask Unit										
McKanzie Unit & N Indigo										
121M	S Indigo	50	55	50	54	One Deer	One Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 23	Oct 18 - Oct 28	
123M1	Melrose - N Sixes	150	165	150	165	One Deer	One Deer	Nov 10 - Nov 18	Nov 3 - Nov 18	
123M2	Muzzleloader	10	10	10	10	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pts, or 1 BTD	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pts, or 1 BTD	Nov 24 - Dec 5	Nov 29 - Dec 10	
128M	Applegate Unit	300	324	300	312	One Deer	One Deer	Dec 8 - Dec 16	Dec 6 - Dec 14	
132M	Klamath Falls	25	26	25	26	One Deer	One Deer	Nov 10 - Dec 2	Nov 15 - Dec 7	
135M	S Paulina	150	165	125	138	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 27 - Nov 4	Oct 25 - Nov 2	
139M1	SE Metolius #1	25	27	25	28	One Deer	One Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 19	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
139M2	SE Metolius #2	20	22	20	22	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 19	Oct 25 - Oct 31	
148M	Ditch Cr	100	110	100	110	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
153M	Union Co.	400	440	400	440	One White-tailed Deer	One White-tailed Deer	Nov 12 - Nov 25	Nov 17 - Nov 30	
166M	N Wenaha-E Sled Spring	275	303	275	303	One White-tailed Deer	One White-tailed Deer	Dec 1 - Dec 9	Dec 6 - Dec 14	
166M	N Malheur	60	66	60	66	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
168M	NE Whitehorse	25	27	25	28	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
170M	Hart Mt	25	26	25	25	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Sep 28 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	Boundary Clarification
171M	Juniper	10	10	10	10	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Nov 24 - Dec 2	Nov 29 - Dec 7	
172M	Silveries Unit	50	54	50	55	Buck with Visible Antler	Buck with Visible Antler	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
175M	Silver Lake/E. Ft. Rock	30	30	30	33	One Deer	One Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 19	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
Grand Total		2,505	2,740	2,480	2,703					
		61,790	67,687	62,080	68,700					

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Table 27. Recommendations for Controlled Antlerless Deer: 2007 Tags and 2008 Hunts.

#	2007 Hunt Name	2006 Tags		2007 Tags		2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007 Dates	Proposed 2008 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
		Proposed	Corrected	Proposed	Corrected					
Northwest Area										
610	Saddle Mt Unit	400	424	300	318	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
611	Scappoose Unit	200	208	150	156	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
612	Wilson Unit	200	216	150	161	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
614	Trask Unit	200	214	150	159	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
615	Williamette Unit	3,000	3,300	3,000	3,300	One Deer	One Deer	Sep 1/07 - Feb 29/08	Sep 1/08 - Feb 28/09	
616A	W Santiam	600	636	600	636	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 27 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
617	Stolt Mt Unit	100	105	70	74	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
618	Alesia Unit	200	210	140	147	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
619	McKenzie Unit	800	856	800	856	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 27 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
619A	Mill Cr	350	378	400	428	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Nov 10-11, 17-18, 24-25 and Dec 1-2	Nov 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30 and Dec 6-7	
619B	Little Fall Cr	50	54	50	53	One Deer	One Deer	Oct 27 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	Bag limit chg 08
620A	N Sluslaw	200	212	140	150	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
620B	S Sluslaw	30	32	30	32	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
620C	Camas Swale	300	315	300	318	One Deer	One Deer	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
Northwest Area Total		6,630	7,160	6,280	6,788					
Southwest Area										
621A	Dorena	300	321	300	318	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 27 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
621B	Calapooya	30	32	30	32	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 27 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
621C	Round Mt	35	37	35	39	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 27 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
621D	Prune Hill	75	83	75	83	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 15 - Nov 26	
621E	Simpson Cr	15	16	15	16	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
622A	W Dixon	30	32	30	31	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 27 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
623	Melrose Unit	250	270	250	270	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
623A	Central Melrose	1,000	1,100	1,000	1,100	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
623B	N Bank Habitat Area	30	33	30	33	Spike or Antlerless BT Deer	Spike or Antlerless	Jan 5/08 - Jan 20/08	Deleted 2008	Master Hunter Only
	North Bank Habitat #1	New in 2008	Est. Tags 20						Jan 3 - Jan 11/08	Master Hunter Only
	North Bank Habitat #2	New in 2008	Est. Tags 20						Jan 17 - Jan 25/08	Master Hunter Only
624A	Tioga Unit	50	53	50	53	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
624B	E Tioga	75	80	75	80	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
625	Sixes Unit	50	52	50	53	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
626	Powers Unit	50	53	50	53	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
627	Chetco Unit	50	54	50	53	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
628A	W Applegate	50	53	50	54	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
629	Evans Cr Unit	35	36	35	36	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct 27 - Nov 2	Oct 25 - Nov 7	
Southwest Area Total		2,125	2,305	2,125	2,304					
Central Area										
638A	Lower Willow Cr Agric	25	27	25	27	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Nov 30	Oct 18 - Nov 30	
638B	Lyle Creek	25	26	25	26	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov 1 - Dec 31	Nov 1 - Dec 31	
Central Area Total		50	53	50	53					

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#	2007 Hunt Name	Proposed 2008 Tags	Corrected 2008 Tags	Proposed 2007 Tags	Corrected 2007 Tags	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007 Dates	Proposed 2008 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
Columbia Area										
640	Maupin Unit	10	11	5	6	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
641A	White R Private	10	11	5	5	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Delete 2008	
641B	The Dales Orchard	25	28	20	22	Antlerless	Antlerless	Sep 8 - Sep 9	Sep 8 - Sep 14	
642A	Hood Unit & Hood R Val	50	55	40	44	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov 17 - Nov 30	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
643A	E Biggs	50	54	20	21	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
643B	W Biggs	50	54	25	27	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 18 - Oct 26	Oct 25 - Nov 2	
	Columbia Area Total	185	213	115	125					
Northeast Area										
644A1	Umatilla NWR #1	15	16	15	15	Antlerless	Antlerless	Sep 15 - Sep 19	Sep 6 - Sep 10	Shotgun-Muzzleloader Only
644A2	Umatilla NWR #2	15	17	15	15	Antlerless	Antlerless	Sep 15 - Sep 19	Sep 20 - Sep 24	Shotgun-Muzzleloader Only
644A3	Umatilla NWR #3	2	2	3	3	One Deer	One Deer	Sep 29 - Oct 3	Oct 4 - Oct 8	Shotgun-Muzzleloader Only
644B1	N Columbia Basin #1	50	54	50	55	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Oct 26	Oct 25 - Oct 31	
644B2	N Columbia Basin #2	50	55	50	54	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 27 - Nov 4	Nov 1 - Nov 9	
644C	S Columbia Basin	20	22	20	22	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
645A	N Fossil	50	54	20	22	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
647A	John Day Val	75	81	75	81	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
648A	Heppner	50	55	20	22	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
649A1	N Ukiah #1	50	55	50	55	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Oct 28	Oct 25 - Nov 2	
649A2	N Ukiah #2	50	55	50	55	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov 10 - Nov 18	Nov 15 - Nov 23	
649B	W Blue Mts	120	127	120	128	One White-tailed Deer	One White-tailed Deer	Nov 21 - Dec 9	Nov 22 - Dec 7	Blow-Muzzle Only, bndry chg (add columbia basin 08)
651A	Sumpter/Unity Agri	10	11	10	11	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
653A	Union Co Agric	270	284	270	286	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 28	Oct 18 - Nov 2	
654A	Rawhide	40	44	40	44	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Nov 4	Oct 25 - Nov 9	
655A	Orchards	20	22	20	22	One White-tailed Deer	One White-tailed Deer	Dec 1 - Dec 10	Dec 1 - Dec 10	
655B1	Walla Walla R #1	40	44	40	44	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 27 - Nov 4	Nov 1 - Nov 9	
655B2	Walla Walla #2	New in 2007		40	40	Antlerless	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	Jan 5/08 - Jan 20/08	Jan 3/09 - Jan 25/09	Bag change 08
657A1	Flora #1	50	54	50	54	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 17	Oct 18 - Oct 22	
657A2	Flora #2	50	55	25	27	Antlerless Mule Deer	Antlerless Mule Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 17	Oct 18 - Oct 22	
657B1	N Wallowa Val #1	75	80	75	82	Antlerless Mule Deer	Antlerless Mule Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 28	
657B2	N Wallowa Val #2	100	110	100	110	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
658A	Swamp-Crow Cfs	75	81	75	82	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
660A1	Up Wallowa Val #1	25	28	25	27	Antlerless Mule Deer	Antlerless Mule Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
660A2	Up Wallowa Val #2	150	165	150	165	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	Antlerless White-tailed Deer	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	

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Table 27. Recommendations for Controlled Antlerless Deer: 2007 Tags and 2008 Hunts.

#	2007 Hunt Name	Proposed 2006 Tags	Corrected 2006 Tags	Proposed 2007 Tags	Corrected 2007 Tags	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007 Dates	Proposed 2008 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
660B	Losline-Aiken Canyon	25	27	25	27	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
663A	Keating Agric	10	11	10	11	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
665A1	Vale Bench #1	75	83	25	28	Antlerless	Antlerless	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
665A2	Vale Bench #2	25	28	25	28	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Oct 28	Oct 25 - Nov 2	
665B	Vale-Ontario Agric	50	55	25	27	Antlerless	Antlerless	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
665C1	Moore-Porter Flat #1	10	11	10	11	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Oct 28	Oct 25 - Nov 2	
665C2	Moore-Porter Flat #2	10	11	10	11	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
	Northeast Area Total	1,687	1,831	1,538	1,684					
	Southeast Area									
665D1	Willowcreek Ag #1	10	11	10	11	Antlerless	Antlerless	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 23 - Sep 21	
665D2	Willowcreek Ag #2	10	10	10	11	Antlerless	Antlerless	Sep 29 - Oct 10	Oct 4 - Oct 15	
667A	Mitchell Buile	10	11	25	28	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Oct 28	Oct 25 - Nov 2	Boundary chg
667B	Rome	10	11	10	11	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Oct 28	Oct 25 - Nov 2	
667C	NE Owyhee	15	15	15	17	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Oct 28	Oct 25 - Nov 2	
679A	Harvey Basin Agric	30	32	30	32	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
	Southeast Area Total	85	90	100	110					
	Youth Hunts									
144T	Coombs Canyon	6	6	Delete 2007	Delete 2007	One Deer	One Deer	Delete 2007	Delete 2008	
610T	Saddle Mountain Unit	Est. Tags 100	100	100	109	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 2	Oct 4 - Nov 7	
611T	Scappoose Unit	Estimated Tags 100	100	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 2	Oct 4 - Nov 7	
612T	Wilson Unit	Estimated Tags 50	50	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 2	Oct 4 - Nov 7	
614T	Trask Unit	Estimated Tags 50	50	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 2	Oct 4 - Nov 7	
616T	SW Santiam	100	110	100	109	One Deer	One Deer	Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 15 - Nov 26	
617T	Statt Mt. Unit	Estimated Tags 30	30	30	30	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 2	Oct 4 - Nov 7	
618T	Alesea Unit	Estimated Tags 60	60	60	60	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 2	Oct 4 - Nov 7	
619T	McKenzie Unit	100	108	100	108	One Deer	One Deer	Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 15 - Nov 26	
620T	N. Siuslaw	Estimated Tags 60	60	60	60	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Sep 29 - Nov 2	Oct 4 - Nov 7	
621T	N Indigo	75	78	75	78	One Deer	One Deer	Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 15 - Nov 26	
623T1	N Bank #1	30	33	30	33	1 Ccd. WFD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	1 Ccd. WFD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	Oct 6 - Oct 21	Oct 4 - Oct 19	
623T2	N Bank #2	30	33	30	33	One Black-tailed Deer	One Black-tailed Deer	Oct 27 - Nov 11	Oct 25 - Nov 9	
623T3	N Bank #3	30	33	30	33	One Black-tailed Deer	One Black-tailed Deer	Nov 17 - Dec 2	Nov 15 - Nov 30	
625T	N Sikes	50	55	50	55	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Dec 15/07 - Jan 1/08	Dec 20/08 - Jan 5/09	
627T	Chetco Unit	Estimated Tags 25	25	25	25	One Deer	One Deer	Dec 15/07 - Jan 1/08	Dec 20/08 - Jan 5/09	
628T	Applegate Unit	25	25	25	25	One Deer	One Deer	Dec 15/07 - Jan 1/08	Dec 20/08 - Jan 5/09	
629T	Evans Cr Unit	50	54	50	54	One Deer	One Deer	Dec 15/07 - Jan 1/08	Dec 20/08 - Jan 5/09	
630T	Rogue Unit	75	79	75	79	One Deer	One Deer	Dec 15/07 - Jan 1/08	Dec 20/08 - Jan 5/09	
640T	Mid-Columbia Private	10	10	5	6	Antlerless	Antlerless	Dec 1-2, 8-9	Dec 6-7, 13-14	

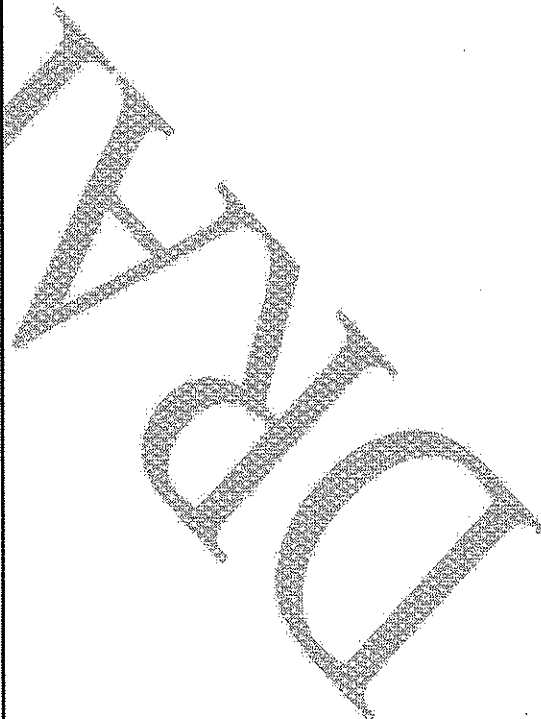
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Table 27. Recommendations for Controlled Antlerless Deer: 2007 Tags and 2008 Hunts.

2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	2006 Proposed Tags	2006 Corrected Tags	2007 Proposed Tags	2007 Corrected Tags	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007 Dates	Proposed 2008 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
644T1	Umatilla NWR	8	8	8	8	Antlerless	Antlerless	Aug 25 - Aug 29	Aug 30 - Sept. 3	
644T2	Umatilla County Private	40	44	40	44	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov 24 - Dec 9	Nov 29 - Dec 14	
648T	Morrow Co	20	22	25	28	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov 24 - Dec 2	Nov 29 - Dec 7	
651T	Maiheuer-Baker	100	109	100	110	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct 20 - Oct 28	Oct 25 - Nov 2	
652T1	Ladd Marsh Bow	5	6	5	6	One Deer	One Deer	Aug 25 - Sep 9	Aug 30 - Sep 14	
652T2	Ladd Marsh	5	6	5	6	One Deer	One Deer	Sep 22 - Sep 28	Sep 27 - Oct 3	
674T	N Warner	20	22	20	21	One Deer	One Deer	Sep 15 - Sep 23	Sep 13 - Sep 21	
675T	Interstate Unit	25	28	25	28	One Deer	One Deer	Nov 10 - Nov 18	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
679T	Harney Basin	30	33	30	33	Antlerless	Antlerless	Sep 15 - Sept 23	Sep 13 - Sept 21	
	Youth Total	389	974	1,253	1,319					
	Grand Total^a	11,671	12,626	11,461	12,363					

^a Most proposed tag numbers corrected up by each hunt's 4-yr average redemption rate to compensate for tags drawn but not sold (max correction = 10%).

^b 2006 total includes 95 tags from 6 hunts that were deleted or replaced in 2007.



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Elk Season Summaries and Recommendations

In 2007, 79 percent of the units surveyed for Roosevelt elk met bull escapement management objective (MO) levels. In 2006, 67 percent of the units surveyed were at or above the bull ratio MO. For Rocky Mountain Elk, 40 percent of surveyed units were at or above MO in 2007, as compared to 48 percent the previous year (Table 28).

Overall, elk populations statewide appear to have remained relatively stable. Populations and calf recruitment remain low in northeast Oregon resulting in decreased hunting opportunity in that area.

Table 28. Recent trend in Roosevelt and Rocky Mountain elk bull ratios relative to established Management Objective.

	Roosevelt Elk Units at or above MO		Rocky Mountain Units at or above MO	
	Number	Percent ^a	Number	Percent ^a
1996	9	39	14	50
1997	15	60	10	36
1998	10	40	12	43
1999	7	25	16	52
2000	13	50	16	50
2001	12	52	13	48
2002	12	75	10	38
2003	13	76	10	31
2004	16	94	12	43
2005	15	79	9	30
2006	12	67	15	48
2007	15	79	10	40

^a Percent at or above MO calculated using number of units or areas surveyed in a year which may differ between years.

There is a mixture of season structures used for elk hunting in Oregon (Table 29). Hunters can participate in general season Roosevelt elk hunting in the Cascades and most of the Coast Range. Limited areas are available for general season Rocky Mountain elk hunting during both the first and second seasons in eastern Oregon.

Controlled seasons are used for many eastern Oregon bull and either sex hunts and some western Oregon bull hunts. Controlled bull hunting is practiced for several reasons, including achieving the bull ratio MO in areas where vulnerability of bulls has led to over-harvest under general seasons in the past; or where hunter numbers are limited to improve hunting quality. All firearms cow elk hunting opportunities are by controlled hunts. Cow hunts are used primarily to address damage and reduce populations which are over management objective.

Table 29. Oregon general elk season structure for 2007 and 2008.

Season	Primary Bag Limit ^a	2007	Proposed 2008
Coast First	Any Bull, visible antler	Nov 10 – Nov 13	Nov 15 – Nov 18
Coast Second	Mixture: Any Bull, visible antler; or spike only	Nov 17 – Nov 23	Nov 22 – Nov 28
Cascade	Any Bull, visible antler	Oct 20 - Oct 26	Oct 18 - Oct 24
Rocky Mt First	Any Bull, visible antler	Oct 24 – Oct 28	Oct 29 – Nov 2
Rocky Mt Second	Mixture: Any Bull, visible antler; or spike only	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16
Columbia Basin	Any Elk	Oct 24 – Nov 30	Oct 29 – Dec 5

^a Antler restrictions may apply in some units.

2006 Elk Harvest

As mentioned previously harvest surveys were not conducted for all 2006 hunts (Table 30). The department is replacing the current telephone survey system with Mandatory Reporting.

Table 30. Recent trend in elk hunters, harvest, and success rates.

Hunt/Weapon Type	Hunters		Harvest		Success Rate (%)	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
General Seasons						
Rocky Mountain 1 st ^a	3,217	916	204	124	6	14
Rocky Mountain 2 nd ^a	11,557	9,613	945	585	8	6
Coast 1 st	8,043	8,680	1,122	924	13	11
Coast 2 nd	6,862	6,745	354	537	12	8
Cascade	14,185	15,582	1,071	898	12	6
Eastern Bow ^b	15,466	13,986	1,683	1,638	11	12
Coast Bow ^b	7,469	8,336	878	1,049	12	13
Cascade Bow ^b	7,802	8,672	349	453	4	5
Controlled Seasons						
Rocky Mountain Bull ^a	12,229	15,590	1,795	2,255	15	15
Rocky Mountain Antlerless ^a	4,386	4,847	979	1,400	22	29
Rocky Mountain Any Elk ^a	4,682	3,510	1,055	910	23	26
Cascade ^a	802	704	209	252	26	38
Coast Cow ^a	2,760	2,741	1,514	1,580	55	58
Coast Bull ^a	3,001	5,980	593	833	20	14
Western Bow ^a	--	--	--	--	--	--
Eastern Bow ^a	--	705	--	118	--	17
Western Muzzleloader ^a	1,360	1,143	191	275	16	24
Eastern Muzzleloader ^a	326	459	62	24	8	14
Western Youth ^a	328	365	104	156	32	43
Eastern Youth ^a	329	204	26	36	8	18
Disabled Hunters						
Western Disabled	2,397	2,318	446	376	19	16
Eastern Disabled	1,532	1,334	213	286	14	21
Sub-Totals						
Rocky Mountain Elk ^a	53,724	51,164	6,926	7,376	13	14
Roosevelt Elk ^a	51,219	61,266	7,461	7,333	15	12
Season Type Totals						
General Seasons ^a	70,961	72,530	7,236	6,208	10	9
Controlled Seasons ^a	33,982	39,900	7,151	8,501	21	21
Total All Elk Hunts^a	104,943	112,430	14,387	14,709	14	13

^a Not all hunts surveyed in 2005 or 2006.

^b 2,218 archery hunters hunted in both eastern and western Oregon in 2005 and 2,580 in 2006.

Proposed 2007 Controlled Elk Tags

Most archery elk hunting is conducted under general season.

In total, the department is proposing a small 1 percent decrease in controlled elk tags for 2007 (Table 31). Proposed controlled Rocky Mountain rifle bull tags will increase 4 percent and either sex elk tags will decrease 18 percent. Rocky Mountain cow elk tags will decrease 3 percent. Roosevelt cow elk tags will increase 1 percent.

Poor cow-calf ratios continue to be a concern in some Eastern Oregon Management Units as well as concerns related to bull ratios; the slight increase in Roosevelt elk antlerless tag numbers are to address damage issues.

Proposed 2008 Elk Seasons

At this time the department is proposing to maintain existing general season structure with standard calendar adjustment to season dates for 2008 (Table 9). The archery bag limit is a legal bull except in units identified by the Commission each year (see Figure 1 on page 5). In units with antler point restrictions on bulls during rifle season and limited branched bull opportunity, the same point restrictions generally apply to bow hunters.

Table 31. Summary of proposed controlled elk tags for 2007.

Species/Hunt Type	2006		Proposed 2007		Percent Change In Tags
	# Hunts	# Tags	# Hunts	# Tags	
Rocky Mountain Bull	56	23,816	58	24,729	4%
Rocky Mountain Cow	69	7,882	69	7,640	-3%
Rocky Mountain Any Elk	26	6,557	23	5,357	-18%
Roosevelt Cow	80	2,740	83	2,778	1%
Roosevelt Bull	11	8,215	10	8,213	0%
Roosevelt Either-Sex	1	110	1	110	0%
Western Bow	2	252	3	362	44%
Eastern Bow	9	1,815	8	1,687	-7%
Cascade Muzzleloader	2	1,296	2	1,302	0%
Western Muzzleloader	4	177	4	150	-15%
Eastern Muzzleloader	6	778	6	778	0%
Western Youth	14	498	15	525	5%
Eastern Youth	1	220	1	220	0%
Rocky Mountain Total	167	41,083	165	40,441	-2%
Roosevelt Total	114	13,288	118	13,440	1%
Controlled Elk Total	281	54,371	283	53,851	-1%

For 2008, the following changes are proposed to controlled elk hunts. Overall, department proposals would delete 8 cow hunts and create 4 new cow hunts (Table 32). One new bull hunt would be created and in the southwest weapons rotation the Elliot Muzzleloader hunt would change to an either-sex hunt from the current antlerless or 3 point plus hunt. Proposal would also delete and add 2 youth hunts.

- In northwest Oregon the department proposes to delete the Jordon and McDowell antlerless elk hunts
- In southwest Oregon, three deleted hunts and three new hunts are a result of the annual weapons rotation for the Sitkum, Lake Creek, and Elliot hunt areas. Sitkum changes from bow to rifle, Lake Creek changes from muzzleloader to bow, and Elliot changes from rifle to muzzleloader. Also proposed is one new antlerless hunt, the Tioga Private Lands hunt, and to delete 2 antlerless hunts, the Sumner and Callahan #2. Two antlerless elk youth hunts the Callahan #2 and Old Blue #2 would be deleted and one new hunt added, the West Rogue Youth Hunt.
- In northeast Oregon the department proposes to delete the Starkey Experimental Forest Antlerless Elk Hunt and add a North Powder Hunt. Also proposed is a new Ladd Marsh Youth Hunt.
- To be compatible with research, significant changes in bag limit and season lengths are proposed for Starkey Experimental Forest hunts, see page 4 for details.
- The department is considering a change to the bag limit for the Siuslaw Unit to address the low bull ratio. One option under consideration is to make the second bull season a Spike Only hunt, the same as the current bag limit for the Wilson and Trask Units.

Table 32. Elk

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Table 32. Recommendations for controlled elk: 2007-2008 tag numbers and 2008-2009 hunts.

Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	2007 Tag #	2007 Proposed Tag #	2007 Correlated Tag #	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007-08 Dates	Proposed 2008-09 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
Northwest Area									
2100	Saddle Mt. Unit	20	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 24 - Dec 2	Nov 29 - Dec 7	
210A1	Onton Peak #1	20	25	25	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 5-6-7-18-19-20, 26-Jan 3-4, 10-11-17-18, 24-27/08	Jan 3-4, 10-11-17-18, 24-25, 31/09	
210A2	Onton Peak #2	20	25	28	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24/08	Feb 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 29-Mar 1/09	
210B1	Lewis & Clark #1	30	40	40	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27/08	Jan 3-4, 10-11-17-18, 24-25, 31/09	
210B2	Lewis & Clark #2	30	40	41	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24/08	Feb 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 29-Mar 1/09	
210C	Up Nehalem	30	30	30	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Mar 15/08	Dec 1/08 - Mar 15/09	
210D	Lower Columbia	20	20	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Mar 15/08	Dec 1/08 - Mar 15/09	Master Hunters Only
210E	Young's River	20	21	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Mar 15/08	Dec 1/08 - Mar 15/09	
210F	Camp McGregor No. 1	Est. Tags 15	15	15	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27/08	Jan 3-4, 10-11-17-18, 24-25, 31/09	
210G	Camp McGregor No. 2	Est. Tags 15	15	15	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24/08	Feb 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-Mar 1/09	
210X	Saddle Mt. Unit #1	1500	1650	1650	One 3 pt. +	One 3 pt. +	Nov 19 - Nov 13	Nov 15 - Nov 18	
210Y	Saddle Mt. Unit #2	1500	1650	1650	One 3 pt. +	One 3 pt. +	Nov 17 - Nov 23	Nov 22 - Nov 28	
211A1	S Scapoose #1	20	21	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/08	Jan 1/09 - Mar 31/09	
211A2	S Scapoose #2	25	26	26	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/08	Jan 1/09 - Mar 31/09	
211A3	S Scapoose #3	25	27	26	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 1/08 - Mar 15/08	Feb 1/09 - Mar 15/09	
211B	N-Corr Scapoose	40	43	41	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/08	Jan 1/09 - Mar 31/09	
212	Wilson Unit	20	22	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 24 - Dec 2	Nov 29 - Dec 7	
212A1	Miami-Nehalem #1	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Mar 15/08	Dec 1/08 - Mar 15/09	
212A2	Miami-Nehalem #2	20	21	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15/07 - Jan 31/08	Dec 15/08 - Jan 31/09	
212A3	Miami-Nehalem #3	20	21	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 1 - Mar 15/08	Feb 1 - Mar 15/09	Master Hunter Only
212B	Lower Kichis	20	22	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Mar 15/08	Dec 1/08 - Mar 15/09	
212C	Buck Canyon	20	22	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 16/07 - Mar 15/08	Dec 16/08 - Mar 15/09	
214	Trask Unit	20	21	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 24 - Dec 2	Nov 29 - Dec 7	
214A	W Trask	30	32	31	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Mar 15/08	Dec 1/08 - Mar 15/09	
214B	Wind River	30	30	30	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Mar 15/08	Dec 1/08 - Mar 15/09	
214C	Beaver Cr	30	31	25	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Mar 15/08	Dec 1/08 - Mar 15/09	
214D	Pike	30	32	27	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Mar 15/08	Dec 1/08 - Mar 15/09	
214E1	NE Trask #1	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/08	Jan 1/09 - Mar 31/09	
214E2	NE Trask #2	15	16	15	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/08	Jan 1/09 - Mar 31/09	
214E3	NE Trask #3	15	16	15	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 1/08 - Mar 15/08	Feb 1/09 - Mar 15/09	
214F	Panther Cr	20	22	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/08	Jan 1/09 - Mar 31/09	
214G	Salmon R Estuary	20	22	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/08	Jan 1/09 - Mar 31/09	Master Hunter Only
215A	Williamette Plus	100	110	110	One Elk	One Elk	Aug 1/07 - Mar 31/08	Aug 1/08 - Mar 31/09	
215B	Muddy Cr	30	33	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
216B1	SW Santiam #1	70	71	74	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/08	Jan 1/09 - Mar 31/09	
216B2	SW Santiam #2	20	22	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/08	Jan 1/09 - Mar 31/09	
216B3	SW Santiam #3	10	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 1/08 - Mar 15/08	Feb 1/09 - Mar 15/09	

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2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007-08 Dates	Proposed 2008-09 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
216C	Jordan	16	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Feb 29/08	Delete 2008	
216D	McDowell Cr	15	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Feb 29/08	Delete 2008	
216E	Mollaia	65	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/08	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/09	
216F	Sandy	40	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/08	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/09	
217A1	E Slot M #1	50	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
217A2	E Slot M #2	30	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
217B	W Slot M	50	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Jan 31/09	Jan 1/08 - Jan 31/09	
217C	Lower Shield-Salmon R	30	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Jan 31/08	Jan 1/08 - Jan 31/09	
217D	Upper Shield	44	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
217E	N Aisea	65	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
217F	SW Aisea	60	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
217G	SE Aisea	25	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
217H	Gen Aisea	65	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
217I	Thompson Cr	30	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Feb 29/08	Jan 1/08 - Feb 29/09	
217J	Yachnis M	26	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Feb 29/08	Jan 1/08 - Feb 29/09	
217K	L. Ton - Baifountain	10	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Mar 15/08	Jan 1/08 - Mar 15/09	
217L	L. Ton - Lewisburg #1	50	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Jan 31/08	Dec 1/08 - Jan 31/09	
217M	L. Ton - Lewisburg #2	30	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Jan 31/08	Dec 1/08 - Jan 31/09	
217N	N Fork Suslaw Rvr	10	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Feb 29/08	Jan 1/08 - Feb 29/09	
217O	West Kings Valley	30	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Mar 15/08	Dec 1/08 - Mar 15/09	
217P	Tum Tum	20	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Jan 31/08	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
217Q	Bobhawk	50	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
217R	SW McKenzie	40	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
217S	NW McKenzie #1	10	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
217T	NW McKenzie #2	10	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
217U	Wendling	30	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Feb 29/08	Jan 1/08 - Feb 29/09	
217V	Horse Rock	35	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Feb 29/08	Jan 1/08 - Feb 29/09	
217W	Scott Mountain	15	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/08	Jan 1/08 - Mar 31/09	
217X	Norton Cr	10	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31, Feb 1, 7-8, 2009	26-27 Feb 2-3, 9-10, 2008	
220A	Not-Sagehen	20	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 1/08 - Feb 28/08	Jan 1/08 - Feb 28/09	
220B	Elkton	See 220B in Southwest Area	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 9 - Dec 31	Dec 6 - Dec 31	
220C	W Suslaw	50	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 9 - Dec 31	Dec 6 - Dec 31	
Northwest Total		4,935	5,374	4,940	5,351	
Southwest Area						
220D	Elkton	40	43	40	42	One Antlerless Elk
220E	NW Indigo	50	55	50	55	One Antlerless Elk
220F	Cougar Mt - Taylor Bl	20	21	20	21	One Antlerless Elk
220G	Sutherland	25	27	25	28	One Antlerless Elk
220H	Steamboat	Est. Tags 40	40	40	40	One Antlerless Elk
220I	Tiller	30	32	30	31	One Antlerless Elk
220J	Toketae	Est. Tags 40	40	40	40	One Antlerless Elk
220K	Melrose Plus	250	275	250	268	One Antlerless Elk
220L	Elkton Rifle	Est. Tags 50	50	40	41	Delete 2008
220M	Shikunt Rifle	Est. Tags 50	50	New Hunt 08	New Hunt 08	One Antlerless Elk

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2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007-08 Dates	Proposed 2008-09 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
224B	Summer	27	Delete 08	Jan 28-27	Delete 08	
224C1	Callahan #1	35	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 28-27	Jan 10-11-17-18, 24-25/09	
224C2	Callahan #2	35	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 16-17, 23-24, Mar 1-2/08	Delete 08	
224D1	Old Blue #1	35	One Antlerless Elk	Jan 17-26/08	Jan 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 2009	
224D2	Old Blue #2	35	One Antlerless Elk	Feb 16-17, 23/08	Jan 31 - Feb 1, 7-9, 14-15, 2009	
224X	Tioga Unit #1	2100	One 3 pt. +	Nov 10 - Nov 14	Nov 15 - Nov 19	
224Y	Tioga Unit #2	2100	One 3 pt. +	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
225A	N Sikes	10	One Antlerless Elk	New Hunt 2008	Jan 1/09 - Feb 28/09	
225B	Curry Private	10	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Jan 31/08	Dec 1/08 - Jan 31/09	
225C	Sheep Unit #1	75	One Bull Elk	Nov 10 - Nov 14	Nov 15 - Nov 19	
225D	Sheep Unit #2	75	One Bull Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
225E	Powers Unit #1	400	One Spike Only Elk	Nov 10 - Nov 14	Nov 15 - Nov 19	
225F	Powers Unit #2	60	One Bull Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
225G	Powers Unit #1	45	One Bull Elk	Nov 10 - Nov 14	Nov 15 - Nov 19	
225H	Chetco Unit #1	45	One Bull Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
225I	Chetco Unit #2	45	One Bull Elk	Nov 10 - Nov 14	Nov 15 - Nov 19	
225J	SE Everts Cr	10	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 15/07 - Mar 31/08	Nov 15/08 - Mar 31/09	
225K	W Regue	10	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 15/07 - Mar 31/08	Nov 15/08 - Mar 31/09	
Southwest Area Total		5,620			5,750	
Southcentral Area						
232A	Klemm Falls Unit #1	70	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
232B	Klemm Falls Unit #2	50	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
232C	Sprague Unit #1	200	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
232D	Sprague Unit #2	100	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
232E	Paulina-E Fort Rock #1	750	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
232F	Paulina-E Fort Rock #2	500	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
232G	Interstate Unit #1	300	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
232H	Interstate Unit #2	150	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
232I	Silver Lake Unit #1	350	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
232J	Silver Lake Unit #2	200	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
232K	Comley Hills	50	One Antlerless Elk	Sep 1- Sep 21 & Oct 15 - Sep 1- Sep 26 & Oct 18 - Nov 30	Nov 30	
232L	Hayes Bl-Murcock Cr.	25	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1/07 - Mar 31/08	Dec 1/08 - Mar 31/09	
Southcentral Total		2,745			3,017	
Central Area						
233A	Lillis River	35	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 4-24 & Nov 17-25	Aug 2-29 & Nov 24-30	
233B	Tumalo	50	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 4- Aug 24/07 & Dec 1/07 - Mar 31/08	Aug 2 - Aug 29/08 & Nov 14/08 - Mar 31/09	
233C	Burdlands	35	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 1 - Oct 31	Aug 1 - Oct 31	
233D	Maury-Hampton Butte	25	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
233E	Maury Unit #1	90	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
233F	Maury Unit #2	90	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	

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2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	Proposed	Controlled	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007-08 Dates	Proposed 2008-09 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
237	Chobee Unit	500	550	500	550	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
237A	N Ochocho	50	55	50	55	Aug 1 - Nov 25	Aug 1 - Nov 30	
237B	Crooked River	150	161	170	181	Aug 1 - Nov 25	Aug 1 - Nov 30	
237C	Ochocho Unit #1	250	273	250	270	Aug 1 - Nov 25	Aug 1 - Nov 30	
237X	Ochocho Unit #2	250	268	250	265	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 16	
238A	SW Grizzly	225	248	225	248	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
238B	N Grizzly Private	225	248	225	248	Aug 1 - Nov 25	Aug 1 - Nov 30	
238C	Grizzly Private #1	175	193	175	193	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
238C2	Grizzly Private #2	175	193	175	193	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
238X	Grizzly Unit #1	100	110	100	110	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
238Y	Grizzly Unit #2	100	110	100	110	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
	Central Area Total	2525	2765	2585	2804	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
	Columbia Area	600	650	600	650	Oct 13 - Nov 30	Oct 18 - Nov 30	
240A	Maupin-W Bliggs	30	33	30	33	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
241A	The Dalles Watershed	50	55	40	44	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
241C1	White R-Hood #1	20	22	20	22	Dec 1/07 - Jan 15/08	Dec 1/08 - Jan 15/09	
241C2	N White R-Hood #2	20	22	20	22	Jan 15/08 - Feb 29/08	Jan 16/09 - Feb 28/09	
241D	Larch Cr.	20	22	20	21	Dec 1/07 - Feb 29/08	Dec 1/08 - Feb 28/09	
242A	Hood R-Master Val	40	44	40	44	Aug 1-24, Sep 24-28, Oct 1-23, Sep 25-Oct 5, Oct 11-23/07, Feb 1-15/08	Oct 16-20/08, Feb 1-15/09	
	Columbia Area Total	780	856	770	846			
	Northeast Area	300	330	300	330	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
245A1	N Fossil Private #1	300	330	300	330	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
245A2	N Fossil Private #2	700	770	700	770	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
245B1	S Fossil Private #1	700	770	700	770	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
245B2	S Fossil Private #2	700	770	700	770	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
245C	N Fossil	50	55	50	55	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
245D1	S Fossil #1	100	110	100	110	Dec 1 - Dec 9	Dec 6 - Dec 14	
245D2	S Fossil #2	75	83	75	83	Dec 15 - Dec 23	Dec 20 - Dec 28	
245D3	S Fossil #3	50	55	50	55	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
245Y	Fossil Unit #1	300	330	300	330	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
246A	W Murders Cr	275	292	275	292	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
246B	E Murders Cr	250	269	250	269	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
246C	Flaggill	300	324	300	327	Dec 1 - Dec 31	Dec 1 - Dec 31	
246D	Up John Day R	100	110	100	110	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
246X	Murders Cr Unit	350	385	350	385	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
247	Northside Unit	150	165	150	165	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
247A1	Northside Pvt #1	100	105	100	105	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
247A2	Northside Pvt #2	100	105	100	105	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
247B	W Northside	225	243	225	243	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
247C	E Northside	375	398	375	398	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
247D	W Grant Pvt	375	413	375	413	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
247E	E Northside Private	83	83	75	75	Aug 1/07 - Mar 31/08	Aug 1/08 - Mar 31/09	
248A1	Heppner #1	375	405	375	405	Oct 1 - Nov 30	Aug 1 - Nov 30	
248A2	Heppner #2	600	648	600	648	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
248B1	Ritter #1	125	138	125	138	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
248B2	Ritter #2	250	275	250	275	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	

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2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	Proposed 2007 Tag #	Controlled 2007 Tag #	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007-08 Dates	Proposed 2008-09 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
244C	Monument	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 18 - Sep 9	Aug 23 - Sep 14	
244D	Heppner	20	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
249A1	Utahn Unit #1	450	495	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 28 - Nov 2	
249A2	Utahn Unit #2	1200	1320	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
249B	McKey Cr	50	55	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - Dec 9	Dec 6 - Dec 14	
250A1	Desolation Unit #1	400	440	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 - Oct 19	Oct 18 - Oct 24	
250A2	Desolation Unit #2	300	350	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
250X	Desolation Unit	1550	1705	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
251A	N Sumpler	750	825	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
251B1	S Sumpler #1	125	138	One Elk	One Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
251B2	S Sumpler #2	125	135	One Elk	One Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
251C	N Sumpler	100	108	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
251D	S Sumpler	175	193	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 - Dec 31	Oct 18 - Dec 31	
251E1	Ekhorn Mt #1	25	28	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
251E2	Ekhorn Mt #2	50	53	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
252A1	Starkey Unit #1	375	394	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
252A2	Starkey Unit #2	2300	2530	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
252B	S Starkey Pvt	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
252C	Starkey Exp For	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
252D	Starkey Exp For	51	55	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	New Hunt 2008 Dec 1 - Dec 7	Oct 29 - Nov 2 peltre 08	
253A	North Powder	50	55	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	New Hunt 2008 Sep 1 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
253B	S Catherine Cr Pvt	10	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
253C	M Harris	25	27	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
253X	Catherine Cr Unit	200	220	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
254A	Pumpkin Ridge	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 11 - Sep 23, Nov 17 - Dec 31	Aug 16 - Sep 28, Nov 22 - Dec 31	
254X	Ml Emily Unit #1	600	660	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
254Y1	Ml Emily Unit #2	50	51	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
254Y2	Ml Emily Unit #3	500	550	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
255A	Mt Cr Watershed	25	25	Antlerless 3pt+ Bull	Antlerless 3pt+ Bull	Oct 27 - Nov 4	Nov 1 - Nov 9	
255K	Walla Walla #1	300	330	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
255Y1	Walla Walla #2	20	20	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
255Y2	Walla Walla #3	300	300	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
256A	Barlett Bench	5	5	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 4-12 & Oct 20-26	Aug 2-10 & Oct 18-24	
256B	Troy	6	9	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1 - Dec 31	Dec 1 - Dec 31	
256X	Wenaha Unit #1	300	330	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
256Y1	Wenaha Unit #2	20	20	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
256Y2	Wenaha Unit #3	250	275	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
257A	Elk Cr	15	17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 4-12 & Nov 17-25	Aug 2-10 & Nov 22-30	
257B1	Flore #1	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 4-12, Oct 24-28, Nov 3-11	Aug 2-10, Oct 29 - Nov 2, & Nov 8-16	
257B2	Flore #2	30	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 24-28 & Nov 3-11	Oct 25-Nov 2 & Nov 8-16	
257C	Whiskey Cr	25	27	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug 4-12 & Nov 24-Dec 7	Aug 2-10 & Nov 23-Dec 7	
257D	W Sled Springs	50	53	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 23	Nov 22 - Nov 28	
257E	W Sled Springs	100	105	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17 - Nov 23	Nov 22 - Nov 28	
257F	Crocket Flat	50	53	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 25	Nov 8 - Nov 30	
257X	Sled Springs Unit #1	500	550	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
257Y	Sled Springs Unit #2	400	440	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	

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2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	Proposed Tags	Controlled Tags	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007-08 Dates	Proposed 2008-09 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
258A	Zumwell	35	38	35	38	Oct 24-28 & Nov 11-16	Oct 29 - Nov 2 & Nov 22-30	
258X	Chesterlinus Unit	700	770	700	770	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
258Y	Snake R Unit #1	300	330	300	330	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
259Y	Snake R Unit #2	250	275	250	275	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
260A	Alder Slope	25	27	25	28	Oct 13-21 & Nov 26 - Dec 9	Oct 18-26 & Dec 1-14	
260X	Miram Unit #1	500	550	500	550	Oct 24-30 Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
260Y	Miram Unit #2	500	550	500	550	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
261	Imnaha Unit	125	134	125	138	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
261X	Imnaha Unit	300	330	300	330	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
262	Pine Cr Unit	150	164	150	165	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
262X	Pine Cr Unit	300	330	300	330	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
263	Keating Unit	50	55	50	54	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
263X	Keating Unit	225	248	225	248	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
264	Lookout Mt Unit	90	99	90	99	Oct 13 - Nov 29	Oct 18 - Nov 30	
264X	Lookout Mt Unit #1	100	110	100	110	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
264Y	Lookout Mt Unit #2	90	99	90	99	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
265A1	W Beulah #1	350	385	350	385	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
265A2	W Beulah #2	500	540	500	540	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
265B1	E Beulah #1	125	138	125	140	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
265B2	E Beulah #2	150	165	150	165	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
265B3	E Beulah #3	75	80	75	80	Nov 17 - Dec 31	Nov 22 - Dec 31	
265C1	Bully Cr No 1	25	28	25	28	Sep 1 - Sep 16	Aug 30 - Sep 14	
265C2	Bully Cr No 2	25	28	25	28	Aug 107 - Feb 29/08	Aug 1/08 - Feb 28/09	
265D	E Grant	260	275	260	270	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
Northeast Area Total		24,976	27,282	24,976	26,742			
Southeast Area								
266A1	Drewsey Valley #1	70	77	70	77	Aug 15 - Sep 30	Aug 15 - Sep 30	
266A2	Drewsey Valley #2	30	33	30	33	Nov 1 - Nov 30	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
266B	N Malheur R	250	275	250	275	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
266C	S Malheur R	125	138	125	138	Aug 15 - Sep 30	Aug 15 - Sep 30	
266X	N Malheur R #1	400	440	400	440	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
266Y	N Malheur R #2	400	436	400	440	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
267	Owyhee Unit	25	28	25	28	Oct 13, 07 - Jan 31, 08	Oct 18, 08 - Jan 31, 09	
268A	E Whitehorse	25	28	25	28	Oct 13, 07 - Jan 31, 08	Oct 18, 08 - Jan 31, 09	
271A1	Silvies - N Juniper #1	125	138	125	138	Aug 15 - Sep 30	Aug 15 - Sep 30	
271A2	Silvies - N Juniper #2	100	110	100	110	Nov 1 - Nov 30	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
272A	Silvies Unit	550	605	550	605	Nov 17 - Nov 25	Nov 22 - Nov 30	
272B	West Silvies	100	110	100	110	Dec 1 - Dec 14	Dec 6 - Dec 14	
272X	Silvies Unit #1	550	605	550	605	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
272Y	Silvies Unit #2	550	594	550	594	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
27AX	Warner #1	50	55	50	55	Oct 24 - Oct 28	Oct 29 - Nov 2	
27AY	Warner #2	50	55	50	55	Nov 3 - Nov 11	Nov 8 - Nov 16	
278A	High Desert	550	605	550	605	Oct 24 - Nov 11	Oct 29 - Nov 16	
Southeast Area Total		3,950	4,332	3,950	4,347			
Controlled Rifle Total		45,451	49,320	45,450	48,827			

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2007 Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	2007 Tag #	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007-08 Dates	Proposed 2008-09 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
Archery Hunts							
224R	Silvum Bow	Est. 350 Tags		275	Dec 9 - Dec 9	Deleted 2008	Weapons rotation
226R	Lake Creek Bow	New Hunt 09: Est. Tags 200		32	New Hunt 08	Dec 6 - Dec 14	Weapons rotation
230R	Powers Unit	30	32	30	Aug 25 - Sep 23	Aug 30 - Sep 28	
232R	W Rogue	50	55	55	Jan 19/08 - Jan 13/08	Jan 1/09 - Jan 25/09	
237R	Ochoco Unit Bow	800	880	866	Aug 25 - Sept 23	Aug 30 - Sep 28	
252R	Starky Exp. Forest	85	96	40	Aug 25 - Sept 23	Aug 30 - Sep 3	Valid for general, Bag limit chg 08
254R	Mt Emily Unit	50	51	51	Aug 25 - Sept 23	Aug 30 - Sep 28	Bag limit change 08
255R	Walla Walla Unit	20	21	20	Aug 25 - Sept 23	Aug 30 - Sep 28	Bag limit change 08
256R	Wenaha Unit	20	21	21	Aug 25 - Sept 23	Aug 30 - Sep 28	
257R1	Sled Springs Unit #1	200	212	200	Aug 25 - Sept 23	Aug 30 - Sep 28	
257R2	Sled Springs Unit #2	150	165	165	Aug 25 - Sept 23	Aug 30 - Sep 28	
258R	Chesimimus Unit	300	324	324	Aug 25 - Sept 23	Aug 30 - Sep 28	
Archery Total		1,905	2,067	1,910			
Muzzleloader Hunts							
208M1	NW Cascades	600	648	654	Nov 10 - Nov 16	Nov 15 - Nov 21	
208M2	SW Cascade	600	643	648	Nov 10 - Nov 16	Nov 15 - Nov 21	
212M	N Fork Nehalem	20	22	22	Aug 1 - Sep 15	Aug 1 - Sep 15	
214M	NE Trask	60	64	64	Dec 15 - Dec 31	Dec 20 - Dec 31	
218M	Klickitat Mt.	10	11	11	Jan 1/09 - Jan 31/09	Jan 1/09 - Jan 31/09	
Ellel Muzzleloader							
224M	Lake Cr	Est. Tags 75		50	Dec 1 - Dec 9	Deleted 08	Tioga Rotation
234M	E Cascade	150	165	165	Nov 10 - Nov 16	Nov 15 - Nov 21	
235M	Pacific - E Fert Rock	50	55	55	Oct 13 - Oct 19	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
253M	Mt Harris	90	95	95	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Dec 6 - Dec 21	
254M	Union Agric	180	176	176	Aug 1 - Dec 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31	
285M	E Grant	175	189	189	Oct 13 - Oct 19	Oct 18 - Oct 24	
278M	High Desert	125	139	138	Oct 13 - Oct 21	Oct 18 - Oct 26	
Muzzleloader Total		2,125	2,251	2,230			
Youth Hunts							
211T	Scappoose Unit	Est. 35 Tags		35	Nov 24 - Dec 2	Nov 29 - Dec 7	
216T	SW Santiam	30	33	34	Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 15 - Nov 26	
219T	McKenzie Unit	50	55	55	Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 15 - Nov 26	
221T1	N Indigo	40	43	43	Nov 10 - Nov 21	Nov 15 - Nov 26	
221T2	Sutherlin	25	28	29	Jan 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27/08	Jan 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25/09	
222T1	S Umpqua	35	39	35	Nov 17-18, 24-25, Dec 1-2, 7, 13-14, 20-21/08	Nov 22-23, 29-30, Dec 6-7, 13-14, 20-21/08	

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Hunt #	2007 Hunt Name	Proposed Tag #	Corrected Tag #	2008 Tag #	Corrected Tag #	2007 Bag Limit	Proposed 2008 Bag Limit	2007-08 Dates	Proposed 2008-09 Dates	2008 Notes & Changes
222T2	Cavell Creek	15	17	15	15	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov 17-18, 24-25, Dec 1- Nov 22-23, 29-30, Dec 6-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23/07	Nov 22-23, 29-30, Dec 6-7, 13-14, 20-21/08	
224T1	Lake Cr	25	27	25	26	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15 - Dec 35	Dec 20/08 - Jan 5/09	
224T2	Ash Valley	25	26	25	27	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15/07 - Jan 15/08	Dec 20/08 - Jan 5/09	
224T3	Callahan #1	25	27	25	27	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15-16, 22-23, 29-30/07	Dec 20-21, 27-28/08 Jan 3-4/09	
224T4	Callahan #2	51	56	51	55	One Antlerless Elk	Deleted 08	Jan 5-6, 12-13, 19-20/08	Deleted 08	
224T5	Old Blue #1	25	28	25	26	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15-16, 22-23, 29-30/07	Dec 20-21, 27-28/08 Jan 3-4/09	
224T6	Old Blue #2	51	56	51	56	One Antlerless Elk	Deleted 08	Jan 5-6, 12-13, 19-20/08	Deleted 08	
226T	Bone Mt	10	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 1-2, 8-9, 15-16/07	Dec 6-7, 13-14, 20-21/08	
230T	Rogue Unit	50	52	50	52	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec 15/07 - Jan 1/08	Dec 20/08 - Jan 5/09	
237T	West Rogue	200	220	200	220	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	New Hunt 08	Aug 1/08 - Mar 31/09	
237T	Ochoce Unit	200	220	200	220	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct 13 - Oct 19	Oct 18 - Oct 24	
	Lead Marsh Elk Youth	657	718	692	745	Est. Tags 3	One Elk	New Hunt 08	Nov 22 - Dec 14	
	Youth Hunt Total	657	718	692	745					
	Elk Grand Total	90,168	94,356	89,692	93,951					

Most proposed tag numbers corrected up by each hunt's 4-yr average redemption rate to compensate for tags drawn but not sold (max correction= 10%).
 a 2006 total includes 130 tags from 2 Hunts that were deleted or replaced for 2007.

Western Gray Squirrel Season Recommendations

No changes other than standard calendar adjustments to dates are proposed for western gray squirrel seasons for 2008 (Table 33).

Table 33. Western gray squirrel season structure and bag limits for 2007 – 2008.

Hunt	Bag Limit	2007 Dates	Proposed 2008 Dates
Western & S. Central OR	5/day - 15 in possession	Aug 25 – Nov 7	Aug 30 – Nov 12
Hood & White River Units	3/day - 6 in possession	Sep 8 – Oct 16	Sep 13 – Oct 21
That portion of Rogue Unit south of Rogue River and South Fork of Rogue River and north of Highway 140 is open year-round with no bag limit.			