

Exhibit C
Big Game Regulations 2011-2012

Public Correspondence

**Public Correspondence received as of
May 17, 2011**

Joel Hurtado

From: Michael Bolliger <m.bolliger@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2011 8:34 AM
To: Hunter Reports
Subject: Re: Unable To Report

Thank you for the reply and the only place that I transposed my hunter ID number was in this original email to you. I know I entered it at least twice online after trying my combination license number. Either way it worked this time and I'm satisfied although the system still has plenty of room for improvement. While standing in line to apply for this seasons hunts I heard an ear full about the ODFW procedures online and I'm not the only person disillusioned with ODFW. As a life long Oregon resident hunter and strong supporter for ODFW I'm getting tired of supporting a system by buying tags that I know will never get used just because I believe the money is going to a good cause! I'm not so sure that the money is going to a good cause when I see the way the State treats its hunter resources mainly us hunters.

On May 10, 2011, at 8:50 AM, Hunter Reports wrote:

> Hi Mike, I am sorry you had such trouble. Your hunter/angler is number is 575257 NOT 575727. That could be one reason. Also I was able to use your drivers license number. Please try to report again, and let me know if you have any more problems.

> Thank you,

> Joel

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> ☐ Go Green! Print this email only when necessary.

> Thank you for helping the State of Oregon be environmentally responsible.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Michael Bolliger [mailto:m.bolliger@comcast.net]

> Sent: Sunday, May 08, 2011 1:13 PM

> To: Hunter.reports@state.or.us

> Subject: Unable To Report

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> This system really sucks! I have input my combination license number twice with and without dashes, again with the ODFW ID # and then with my ODL Number all without success. I find this system ridiculous and irritating and insulting. You want me to input data but the system doesn't seem to be working with the data that I have at my hands. The only people needing to report should be those who were successful in whatever hunt they might have been fortunate to have harvested. The amount of money that I have spent on hunting and the continual price increases from you are really

starting to make me mad. I can buy a side of beef and just stay home. Keep it up and you won't have any hunters left in this state.

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> I hunted for Elk in high Cascades last October 2010 with a valid Cougar and Bear tag but with zero success. This is my report and you can consider me done.

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> If you want to contact me feel free to email or call me at 503-510-1626.

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> Mike Bolliger

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> License # 10-00843815-6

> ODFW ID # 575727

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Roseburg Meeting

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WILDLIFE DIVISION

PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

2011-12 Hunting Regulation Proposals

We invite you to comment on issues related to the 2011-12 Hunting Regulation Proposals in Oregon. ODFW will review all the comments and incorporate them into the hunting regulations process.

NAME: Richard Scott
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Comments must be received by May 27, 2011. The proposed hunting seasons for big game are important to the citizens of Oregon and your input is a valuable part of this process. This is your opportunity to make your views known.

Comments:

We need to start thinking about closing the doe and cow elk seasons to get herd numbers back up.
Limit youth tags to 1 kill per child/teen.
We never had youth hunts and there is no shortage of guys my age.

Michelle Tate

Subject: FW: last years hunt

From: HANK KUHL [<mailto:hkbeef@ortelco.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 11:34 AM

To: ODFW Commission

Subject: last years hunt

we only hunted two days each for antelope , deer and elk did not kill any thing , Philip Henry Kuhl

Michelle Tate

From: Michelle Dennehy
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 10:20 AM
To: Vic Coggins; Pat Matthews; Thomas Thornton; Don Whittaker; Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: 2011 Oregon big game public meetings

For the meeting packet; and maybe Vic or Pat can respond to her.

From: Thumper [mailto:frogg_luver@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 08, 2011 6:20 PM
To: Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us
Subject: 2011 Oregon big game public meetings

Michelle,

I was sick the day of the 2011 Oregon big game public meetings in Enterprise Oregon. I would like to express my concerns as to the Mule Deer population in the Flora/Troy area of eastern Oregon. My family lives in that area. I visit often and also hunt in that area. In the last 3 years myself and the rest of my family have noticed that the Mule Deer have vanished. There has become a lot of White Tail Deer but we very rarely see a Mule Deer. Mule Deer used to be the majority of the deer seen out there and now it is White tails. Have there been any recent counting or surveys regarding the Mule deer population?

Thank you for your time,

Tiffany DeLyria

Michelle Tate

Subject: FW: archery cow tags for eastern oregon

From: Tony Allen [<mailto:tony.greatwhitehunter@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, May 08, 2011 8:56 PM

To: odfw.info@state.or.us

Subject: archery cow tags for eastern oregon

An idea to benefit hunters and at the same time create extra revenue for odfw. Offer controlled cow archery tags in eastern oregon for those units that do not offer the harvest of cow elk during archery season. 10-20 or even 30 tags per unit could make a big difference in keeping hunters interested in hunting and offer a better chance of being successfull. As well as thousands of extra dollers do to all the extra tag applications. This would be something simmular to what has been done with youth hunt cow tags. Thank you for your time. Anthony Allen.....Avid outdoorsman

From: Robert Gerding [mailto:rcgerding@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 07, 2011 9:38 AM
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us; Robert Gerding
Subject: Comment on Willamette Unit Blacktail Hunting Season

ODFW,

This comment is to urge you to reconsider the Sept.-Feb. hunt dates for the Willamette Unit Blacktail 600 series hunt. As all research indicates the blacktail deer population is in dire straights with disease, habitat destruction, predation, and over-all mismanagement for too many years. In my opinion (any many other landowners like myself in the Will. Unit) this blacktail population simply cannot stand this increased harvest. The Will. Unit blacktail season should run concurrently w/all other western Oregon blacktail seasons.

Thanks for your attention to this important detail.

Robert Gerding

From: Susan Stevens [mailto:rstevens006@centurytel.net]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 4:56 PM
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us
Subject: SEASIDE MAY 11 2011 MEETING

DEER

All of Oregon should go to one buck, having no less than a forked antler. Too many hunters are taking spikes. In the past, there were more forked horns and larger bucks to hunt, so more spikes grew for future seasons.

It's time to stop one anterless or spike deer hunts in Saddle Mt Unit. The deer population in Clatsop County is down. The doe hunts have decimated the population. Most of the remaining deer are seen only on farms and private property.

Doe seasons in Saddle Mt Unit should be stopped for at least 2 years.

Will these topics be discussed at the May 11 Seaside meeting, or do I need to testify in person?

Michelle Tate

Subject: FW: Comments-Increase Archery opportunities for Any Elk in the NE

-----Original Message-----

From: David Loeck [mailto:dl_loeck@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 7:39 AM

To: odfw.comments@state.or.us

Subject: Comments-Increase Archery opportunities for Any Elk in the NE

Hi All,

After reading the Reg Changes for 2011, I started thinking, our Archery season opportunities are on the decline. I As we all know, hunting the Eastside of Oregon switched from Any Elk to Bull only in many units, like the ones I typically hunt.

Thankfully, the Desolation Unit was not effected until this year.

It feels like we, the Bowhunters, are losing opportunity, rather than increasing our opportunity.

I am not sure if you have tried archery, but it is tough. However, I do enjoy the fall hunt in September and I do enjoy the rut. Still, I am not too keen on the bull only thing. I prefer any Elk as I will gladly take a cow if provided the opportunity.

What this change in Reg will do, is drive guys like me to either switch back to Rifle because there is no longer an advantage to hunting with a bow -OR- drive guys like me to further decimate those areas that are any Elk, like what happened in the Desolation Unit (a swarm effect). Other side effects will include small communities like Granite Oregon and Ukiah Oregon who rely on the tourism money from Hunters. I have seen the swarm effect all ready (Desolation as an example).

After the Bull only regulations went into effect, I saw a significant decrease in hunting pressure in Starkey and Ukiah units and the Desolation Unit pressure increase, as most Archery hunters moved to a nearby either sex area, Desolation.

I hoped more Archery draws would have been added to offset the loss of the Bull only change in Archery but I have not seen any such changes.

How does one go about getting some Archery cow elks being added to the synopsis for this next year? I'd like to see about 10% of all reported hunters in a given Archery unit, such as Desolation, Ukiah, or Starkey, be given an "Any Elk" or "Any Cow" tag for that area. This could be similar to the Sled Spings Archery options.

This accomplishes many things.

- 1) Increased Revenue- Many Archers will apply for these tags, I guarantee it.
- 2) Decreased "Swarm" effect, hunters will be more evenly distributed throughout the State
- 3) ODFW is now increasing the number of hunting opportunities
- 4) Local Businesses will not lose business
- 5) A happier hunting community, guys like me!

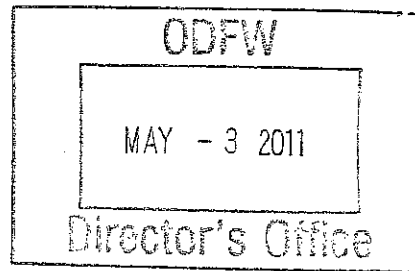
If at all possible, I'd like to get this changed immediately. I have been hunting that area for years, and really don't want to pass up on that particular hunt, nor do those in my party. I know of at least 20 people who hunt that same area and are all ready making plans to move to another area (see swarm effect), with that area likely being the Saddle Mountain unit.

Is there any way to get some Archery cow tags, Any Elk tags or some sort of Game Management tags for those Eastern "Bull Only" units? A small percentage is all that is needed. Maybe like 7-10% of all tags sold last year. Make it a draw.

I know the counter argument will involve elk populations, predation and such. But really? The Archery hunting population is like 10% of the whole hunting population. Archery success is like 7% as it is, while I believe Rifle is much higher than that.

Please at least give hunter's like me a shot at a cow tag for my hunting area! I don't need one every year, but at least I like a shot at one! Right now, I have no chance of an Archery Elk Cow tag for those units I prefer to hunt. My choice is either switch to Rifle and apply for a cow tag or General Season Archery Bull only, for those areas. Really? Don't care for rifles, and as much as I'd like to get a bull, A cow will do just fine.

Thank You.



April 30, 2011

Chairwoman Marla Rae,

We the members of the Partnership Improvement Committee of Oregon Hunters Association, Northwest Region would like to provide you with an advance notice of the main issues from our meeting notes from our last meeting held on April 16, 2011. As you can understand, we have many issues at hand. We prioritized our concerns and only sent the most pressing ones to you.

We would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to review and address our concerns. Please feel free to contact any one of us for any additional information that you may feel is important or requires us to help clarify any of the concerns that we stated.

General Statement

We are opposed to any overhunting of and overusing of our huntable resources.

We request that the ODF&W Commission support / promote sustainable habitat for all huntable wildlife species including blacktail deer and coastal elk.

The Northwest Region of Oregon Hunter Association will support scientific independent studies, such as the ones being done by Biologist John Cook, on huntable habitat for blacktail deer and coastal elk with our finances and our manpower resources.

We request that the ODF&W Commission support independent scientific studies, such as the ones being done by research biologist Dr. John Cook of National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, on habitat to promote better nutrition for blacktail deer and coastal elk with their financial and manpower support.

Blacktail Deer

It is clear to us that the ODF&W knows that there is a decline in the blacktail deer population and yet it does not appear as though there are any credible steps being taken to lessen the pressure on the remaining depleted herd. The blacktail deer study is way behind schedule and will take five years before we see any tangible results. Therefore we make these recommendations:

We request that the bag limit be set at one deer per person per season. Until significant measurable and verifiable recovery of blacktail deer populations has occurred no person should have a second opportunity to harvest a blacktail deer. In the final draft of the 2002 blacktail work group report the ODF&W Commission adopted the recommendations that the harvest of blacktail deer be limited to one deer. The adopted recommendation was never implemented.

We request that the ODF&W physically document and verify the accuracy of any currently claimed damage by blacktail deer before issuing damage control hunts permits.

We request that the ODF&W does not designate any damage control blacktail deer hunt as a game management "UNIT WIDE" hunt. Instead of designating a hunt as unit wide we request

that damage control hunts be allowed in a designated limited area only and that the damage control hunt permit be accompanied with a map of the designated hunting area.

We request that all blacktail deer doe hunts be significantly curtailed until there is a significant measurable and verifiable recovery of the blacktail deer population.

Coastal Elk

With the current northwestern Oregon elk season hunting structure elk are being pursued and hunted for approximately eight months of the year. There are cow hunts that start the first of August and end the thirty first of March. Bow hunters have an either sex bag limit, youth hunts are for cows, muzzle loader hunts are for any elk, and disabled hunters can hunt either sex. There are also damage control hunts and emergency hunts. Therefore we recommend that all "UNIT WIDE" cow elk hunts be discontinued.

How can the elk herds in the northwest game management areas sustain this kind of pressure?

We also believe the manner in which the ODF&W biologist's survey elk herd numbers and composition is biased. Currently, ODF&W biologist's counting herd numbers, bull to cow ratio's, and calf survival are including areas that are not open to the general public for hunting. An example of this is the practice of counting in their elk survey the area in the Port of Tillamook Bay and in farmer's fields. While there is hunting in these areas, it is very limited and not open to the general public. We recommend that all future surveys be conducted in areas that are predominately areas open to hunting to the general public.

We request that the ODF&W does not start any cow hunts prior to the beginning of archery season to ensure that calves have had ample time to develop and to be fully weaned before cow hunts begin.

We request that the ODF&W does not designate any damage control cow elk hunt as "UNIT WIDE". Allow those hunts in designated limited areas only and accompany the damage control hunting permit with a map of the designated hunting area.

We request that the ODF&W stop antlerless elk damage hunts earlier in the winter, preferably before February 28th but no later than March 15th. This is to stop the unintentional harvesting of bull elk that have already shed their antlers. This will help the ODF&W in maintaining the proper bull to cow management ratios. It will also stop the inadvertent harassment of pregnant cows in the later stages of their pregnancies.

We request that the ODF&W physically document and verify the accuracy of any currently claimed damage by elk herds before issuing damage control hunting permits.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Partnership Improvement Committee

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From: Joe and Cindy Whitney [mailto:joeandcindywhitney7@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 2:38 PM
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us
Subject: late season cow hunts

Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife

Hunting Regs

We would like to see the late rifle season on Cow elk eliminated or shortened for these reasons:

1. They are pregnant
2. They are in large(not as large as they used to be)herds, easy to find, easy to kill
3. Long range rifle shots that leave many wounded or left to waste because the shooter can't find the elk that's
over a half mile away.
4. Damage to roads and off road areas caused by the shooters looking for game in bad weather
5. Disturbing the other wildlife that's trying to survive during the winter
6. Trespassing, vandalism and trash on private land that is Closed to hunting (can't read the sign's with their high powered scope)

Suggestions

1. Combine the hunts, either at the end or special tags during the regular rifle season, or have sub units within a unit
2. Transplant the (extra?) elk to other areas maybe trade other states for other types of game/fish other things the state needs
3. Start a new program. Hire a sharpshooter to harvest the(extra?) elk to supply the food banks with fresh meat or have the
State sell the meat to raise money for the state.

Michelle Tate

Subject: FW: Spring Bear Hunting

From: Roger Steen [<mailto:prsteen@ykw.net>]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 5:30 PM
To: Timothy L Hiller
Subject: Re: Spring Bear Hunting

I'm only asking for a two week shift in the season. Me and other hunter's problem is that while the bears may be out, we can't get to them because of the snow over the roads. I have talked to Vic many times and the bears he is talking about are in low elevation areas and that is not at the 5000' elevations we hunt at. As you know, the Wenaha unit is mostly higher elevations. Just look at the snow level at Tollgate. There is at least 6' of snow there and the season has been open for 2+ weeks now and closes at the end of May. You couldn't even get into Jubilee Lake until the middle of June last year. In our minds, the ODFW is just in it for the fees that we cannot ever use. I wasted the fee last two years and probably again this year. Hunting Spring bear from a snow machine is ridiculous. Thanks for your comments

----- Original Message -----

From: Timothy L Hiller
To: prsteen@ykw.net
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 4:07 PM
Subject: RE: Spring Bear Hunting

Hello Mr. Steen,

There are a several potential issues with having a spring season later than what we currently have. An early season increases the probability of harvesting male bears. Males come out of the den earlier than females, especially females with cubs. Additionally, early on, dependent cubs are often very close to sows, so it's easier to identify such. As you know, it is illegal to harvest a sow with cubs that are less than 1 year old (or cubs <1 yr old). Lastly, please consider that pelts of black bears quickly deteriorate in quality as summer nears.

I spoke with Vic Coggins, the ODFW District Biologist in Enterprise, and he confirmed that the bears are out and about, and that you will have good success walking. There are few hunting opportunities near the road at this time.

Thanks for contacting ODFW about bear management in Oregon. I hope this information helps.

Tim

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Michelle Tate

Subject: FW: Public Meetings

From: Garth Shaw [<mailto:garthshaw@oregonwireless.net>]

Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2011 3:20 PM

To: odfw.comments@state.or.us

Subject: Public Meetings

I plan to attend the May 11 meeting in La Grande, but want to take this opportunity to get my views presented. I am a member of Eagle Cap Traditional Archers, Traditional Archers of Oregon, Oregon Hunters Assn, National Rifle Assn, and the Le Grand Rifle and Pistol Club. For the last several years I have done all my big game hunting with a long bow. One of the issues I understand being considered involves over crowding. I have heard that a split archery season is one proposed solution, and limiting holders of controlled hunt tags to hunting only in their controlled hunt unit is another. I feel we have already limited our opportunities by our choice of weapons. I also fail to see how limiting the hunting for hunters who draw a controlled hunt tag to that area only would help overcrowding. It would seem to me it would only concentrate the other hunters more outside the controlled hunt areas. Also, hunters drawing a tag a distance from their home would not have an opportunity to hunt near their home when having a morning, evening, or short weekend to hunt. It hurts to have more limitations after fee increases.

I also heard that there is consideration of expanding the equipment regulations to exceed the self imposed Pope and Young standards for inclusions in the record books. It seems that is taking away some of the challenges bowhunters are supposed to be having when choosing bows as opposed to rifles.

Thank you for your considerations.

Garth Shaw

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Joel Hurtado

From: sunbirds <sunbirds@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 11:36 AM
To: Hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: Hunts,,

For what it is worth,, waste of time and money.. After a long day of hunt when u come out of the mountains here on the chetco units and elsewhere, the night crew is heading in at dusk,, nice.. Where is the law??? We find carcass after carcass, elk, deer, and even baby deer.. Skinned, not eaten by critters,, this is getting to be the hunting ways,, big time,, disgusting! The tags increase every year,, for what? One officer of the mountains,, one afraid to face his duties and go after these thief's and desecraters of our wildlife.. Just place deputies at ends of major roads leading in and out of the hills around here a few times,, in the wee hours of the mornings, and check some of these vehicles,, I bet it would be a great success,, used to be one game warden, and he was a true game warden,, now it is a state cop and no where to be seen,, and deer no where to be seen,, mountain lions are flourishing but rifles are the main culprits here,, we hear guns going off all hours of the night up here on the winchuck,, as a tax payer I expect more from the government,, more for my money that is poorly spent, ,, There are so many elk everywhere,, give us a season that is for everyone even it is every 2 or 3 years,, let us all get to hunt an elk once in our life time,, the draws do not do justice,, when there were not so many elk there was tags that anyone could buy ,, now that they over run us it is a draw... Time for the fish and game to get off their ass's and do their job,, catch the poachers, put a stop to this rape of the lands,, same with the mushroom hunters,, there is a proper way to take mushrooms so they come back ,, not pull them and sort them in the gravel by the roadsides,, waste no want not,, I am 60 years old and played and hunted in the mountains all my life from del norte county, California to most of Oregon,, it is all going away,, poor management,, over management,, ignorance,,

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Joel Hurtado

From: George Shepard <indianheadbrand@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2011 11:29 AM
To: Hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: no more support

For years have been sending input instead of throwing rocks, As a rancher 1, 467 acres, trying to help shift policy, with conservation guiding decisions based on science, as someone who was elected to serve and pushed the 1st riparian program in Wasco county, known as the fifteen mile basin plan, started in 1986 to 1993; which later became plan for entire Columbia river basin I know the ground of what it takes to educate the public and conserve our resources for the future generations, what all my farmer/ rancher neighbors hold as a covenant, am proud to have helped to end hound hunting here, as Montana ended it 1971, since my resources seem to fuel contempt as policy, it ends, will hunt and fish elsewhere, bought my last trout license so to fish with my grand daughters, the Oregon of my youth is gone, the agency once was noted for stewardship dedicated to our resources, is unrecognizable, read what has been archived with ' thisibelieve.org ' and read our story, you will not like what will be the eulogy of our tradition, It is a great sadness to be witness to all ODFW has done to our resources, our state, failing the covenant of being stewards, it was I stumping Saturday mornings against the clear cut of MT Fir Lumber on KGW talk radio 1990-1992, that pushed the board to cease and desist and turn the land over to...ODFW, you can't say I haven't given you my support fixing you into county budget! from brokering funding through the Northwest Power planning council to the halls of BPA to regional forest center to get head fisheries scientist on board to save our native steelhead, now copied throughout the basin! ODFW only got in when "we" SWCD, secured the funding through our soil water conservation district, because land owners did not want agency people on their land, have always been building bridges, unfortunately we part company, in time reforms will happen but not till a new director and board with respect to sportsman and a real reverence for the resource will that occur. Best I can do under my disgust, shame on you, youth has raggedy opportunity, little to no outreach, ODFW people used to volunteer and Make it happen, your support of hound hunting of bear and cougar can only be degenerate and shows complete ignorance of science and respect for nature. Shame on ODFW.

Sincerely, George R Shepard I buy sportspack to promote resources and have encouraged many non-hunters to support, fni, no more "my rocks" will be letters not just here in Oregon, shame on you, this only recent example...shooting the bear off fish ladder at The Dalles, you really show true colors , bragging rights...sad

Bear Season

Michelle Tate

To: Timothy L Hiller; Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: Spring Bear Hunting

From: Roger Steen [<mailto:prsteen@ykw.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2011 5:44 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Spring Bear Hunting

I'd like to direct this e-mail directly to the people responsible for setting seasons. I have been fortunate to again draw a Spring Bear tag and again looks like I will not be able to participate in another hunting season. Does anyone ever take into account the weather in N.E. Oregon and in my case the Wenaha Unit? Right now there is at least 6.5' of snow on the ground. It will be a miracle if the roads are open to access hunting areas other than the very low areas. Why not start the season in the beginning of May through the middle of June? That way we might have a chance to enjoy a good hunting trip. Last year you couldn't even get to Jubilee Lake until the middle of June.

Thanks for your reply in advance, Roger Steen

Joel Hurtado

From: Curt Barnes <jcbarnes@cdsnet.net>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 7:06 AM
To: Hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: Hunting Report online improvements

Hi,

For a simple report, the hunters report website setup is way too complicated. A couple of suggestions:

1. make it possible to answer all the "did not hunt" questions at once at the start.
2. Make it possible to not have to go back to the original page to report on each different tag that was hunted--and the Finish and Back choices are confusing because back doesn't mean go back to the original list of tags. Maybe a "next" choice would be in order. Same with Finish.
3. Figure out what to do with hunts such as spring turkey that are not over yet and on a different year license--as of this date I have not hunted for 2011 spring turkey. Because it's on my 2011 license it seems like I would report it in 2011.
4. Put the full URL of the report page on your reminder card!

Thanks,
Curt Barnes

Curt Barnes <jcbarnes@cdsnet.net>

From: Donald Guttridge [mailto:doncg50@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 6:22 PM
To: hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: Mandatory report

When the commissioners decided to pry into Oregon hunters personal lives, they lost any co-operation from me. Their actions have caused me to deny access to our properties for salmonid habitat and spawning surveys to ODFW personnel. Looks to me like the Commission really wants to end all hunting, through various schemes to burden the public. The level of service continues to decline, while license and tag fees keep climbing, guess I will go back to out-of-state hunting.

I purchased a license and tags, but I will not report on my time afield to "Big Brother", and welcome arrest and trial for same.

Don Guttridge

Joel Hurtado

From: Arthur Smith <bknthumb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 12:56 PM
To: Hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: waste

This report is a waste of time and money for the State and ME.
Art Smith

From: Donald Guttridge [mailto:doncg50@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 6:22 PM
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Don Guttridge

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ODFW OFFICE ROOM

Re: Murderer's Creek elk hunt

Dear Sir or Madam;

My partner, Rick Sonerholm, and I had been saving up our elk hunt points until we had seven between us. We had also been researching some of the best units in Oregon that provide a good opportunity to see a nice bull. We consulted with my son who lives in Mt. Vernon and works for the BLM and with a friend who has hunted murderer's creek for many years. Our friend used his maps to show us the two areas he and his party had hunted with good success in years past, and point out good camping spots. With the points we had accumulated by denying ourselves an elk hunt for several years, we decided that the Murderer's Creek unit looked good. So we applied and were fortunate to be drawn—we thought.

I traveled to the unit twice in September to scout; I talked to bow hunters who enthusiastically reported being in elk every day; I saw a couple of nice bulls hanging in camps. I decided that we would camp along Deer Creek and at least begin our hunt by hunting from the top of the ridge to the south back down to camp—about six miles but mostly down hill. We had been told to find and follow an old fence line that goes north from the top past an old gravel pit and comes down to Deer Creek just west of our camp.

As you will recall, we even received perfect tracking snow the weekend before opening morning. We hunted two days in this area and never encountered an elk track that had been made at any time since we received the light snow on the previous Saturday night. We worked down different ridges each day. We encountered only feral horses and a few deer.

So we moved to another recommended area some twelve miles away on the east side of Flagtail. We again covered about six miles each in six hours and never encountered an elk track that had been made since the light snow—only feral horses. We hunted above Deer Creek again the last day with the same results. We found only one elk—a spike—hanging in one other camp out toward the Izee Road.

The question becomes: "What happened to the elk?" The first theory of some was that F&W must have used a helicopter to disperse the elk and wound up hazing the elk out of the area. A second and more probable theory is that the bow hunters, with their extra long season, harassed the elk until they finally left seeking solitude and wound up on private ranch lands—where they stayed

partner and I wasted our time and money—and accumulated preference points—hunting elk where there were none. All of that after I had spent hundreds more dollars making two scouting trips.

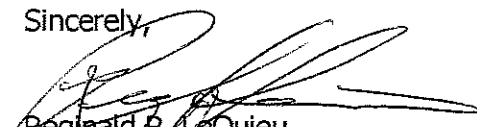
I do have some suggestions for the commission:

- 1) First, you need to make changes that will result in it being less likely that the elk will not have been hazed onto private land before the rifle seasons begin. The one obvious change would be to shorten the bow hunting season. Three weeks and four weekends would seem to be a very generous season for the bow hunters. Open a week later and close a week earlier is the obvious recommendation. The present seasons are playing right into the hands of the ranchers who host expensive private land hunts. There needs to be a balance between their desires and the public land hunter's desires.
- 2) The feral horses would seem to me to also be a problem for the elk in the Murderer's Creek Unit. While we may have seen some horses twice, we saw a total of about fifty horses in five days of hunting. I was told that the biologists would like to have less than a hundred horses in the unit and there are now four or five times that many. I'm going to guess that the ranchers keep them off their lands.
- 3) And all of us hunters are concerned about burgeoning predator numbers; the incursions of wolves into northeast Oregon and beyond now replacing the Mountain Lion and Black Bear as our primary concern because of the disastrous impact they have made on elk numbers in Wyoming and Idaho. I especially don't like wolves because I don't like cruelty. That hunters had replaced the function of wolves was a good thing for the elk—we hunt and kill selectively during one period of the year while wolves terrorize elk year around and kill unselectively. We kill humanely; they do not. It was the wolf that taught the pioneers to hate the wolves. But all of those observations and concerns are now sadly irrelevant—even by the anti-hunters who purport to also hate cruelty.

The one thing you can do immediately is to shorten the bow season (to a still very generous three weeks, four weekends) to help keep the elk dispersed on public lands during the rifle seasons. I would also recommend that for those units that have a second general spike-only elk season, that the first season be branched antlered elk only and save some spike elk for the guys who haven't drawn and have to hunt the late season or not at all.

Your courtesies regarding this letter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Reginald R. LeQuieu
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Klamath Falls, OR 97603
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CC: Northeast Regional Office, 107 20th Street, La Grande, OR 97850

MDI

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 11:09 AM
To: Don Whittaker; Michelle Tate; Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: Mule Deer Predation

From: Paul W. Winterbottom [mailto:pwinterbottom@charter.net]
Sent: Sunday, April 04, 2010 9:07 PM
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us
Subject: Mule Deer Predation

Hello,

I am an avid predator hunter and a mule deer, antelope and elk hunter. As part of your plan, it would be very helpful if the biologists would suggest areas to hunt predators, where they know there is an abundance of predators, as they are the ones with the knowledge of the numbers and locations of the predators. If these areas were listed on some sort of link on the webpage, I'm sure it would be beneficial to the controlling of the populations.

I drive several times a year from Medford to the Beaty's Butte area to hunt coyotes. If I knew of other highly populated areas, I would make other trips as well.

Paul W. Winterbottom, CGCS
2573 Eaton Drive
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(541) 778-2421 Cell

Public Correspondence
Topic Hunter Orange TIP Hotline &
Cow options for disabled.

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TO: ROY ELICKER

DIRECTOR
OREGON DEPT. OF FISH & WILDLIFE



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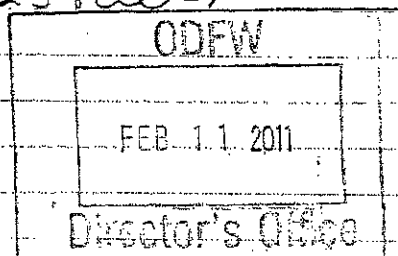
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FROM: RANDY R. RECORD SR.
HTC (SW) U.S.N. RET.

2011 HUNTING LICENSE # 11-00238000-1
ODFW ID # 2530640

DATE: 2-4-11

SUBJ: MANY...



MR. ELICKER, THE 1ST THING I WANT
TO ADDRESS IS WHY I PUT MY LICENSE #
ON THIS LETTER.

I'M NOT NEW AT THE NEED FOR
HUNTING. I SAY "NEED" BECAUSE TO MANY
LIKE ME THAT ARE 100% DISABLED VETS,
IT'S FOOD ON THE TABLE, NOT A SPORT.
AND, IF I WAS BORN IN THE DARK, IT
WASN'T LAST NIGHT.

IF you WOULD REQUIRE A CURRENT
HUNTING LICENSE # BEFORE CONSIDERING
ANY INPUT OR COMMENTS ON SUCH THINGS
AS THE HIGH VISABLE ORANGE ISSUE, YOU
WILL SEE ONE OF TWO THINGS.

#1. A LARGE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER
OF HUNTING LICENSE SOLD, OR

#2. A DRASTIC CUT IN THE NUMBER
OF COMMENTS YOU RECEIVE BY
MAIL, PHONE, OR OPEN MEETINGS.

THAT LEAD ME INTO MY NEXT ISSUE,
HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENTS. NO! MOST
OF THEM DON'T WANT HUNTER ORANGE,
THEY CAN BE SEEN FROM YOUR AIR
PATROLS THEN. AND IT WOULDN'T TAKE
LONG FOR YOU TO FIGURE OUT THAT

(OVER)

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THE NUMBER OF ORANGE DOTS YOU SEE BELOW IS ABOUT TWICE THE NUMBER OF LICENSES SOLD FOR ANY GIVEN AREA.

I HAVE LIVED IN AND HUNTED IN OREGON NOW FOR 10 YEARS AND CAMPED IN OREGON FOR OVER 16 YEARS. IN ALL THAT TIME I HAVE ONLY SEEN 1(ONE) FOREST SERVICE / STATE PATROL IN THE FIELD.

THAT BRINGS UP ISSUE #3, THE TIP HOT-LINE. I HAVE STENCILLED LETTERS ON MY CAMP SIGN, PICK-UP, JEEP, AND EVEN MY OLD MOTOR HOME "I T-I-P" BUT THE LAST TIME I TRIED TO CALL IT, AFTER 45 MINUTES OF BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN ME AND THE LADDIES DUTIES AS A DISPATCHER, I GAVE UP AND HUNG UP.

BRIEFLY, EVERY AUGUST SOMEONE HERE IN WESTON RUNS AN ADD IN THE PAPER "NOW TAKING ORDERS FOR THIS YEARS ELK MEAT" HOW? WHY?

AND NOT EVEN 2 WEEKS AGO I WAS IN THE FRONT SHOW ROOM AT BLUE MT TOWING & RECOVERY IN PENNINGTON, OR.

THE OWNER HAD TWO BIG ELK RACKS HANGING ON THE WALL, ONE TX8 HAD A TAG FASTENED TO IT. THE OTHER, A GX8 DIDN'T. THERE WAS ALSO A PICTURE OF THE OWNER WITH THE ANIMAL DOWN (IN CAMOAGE I MIGHT ADD). WHEN I ASK HIM WHERE THE TAG WAS FOR IT, HE TURNED HIS BACK TO ME AND AS HE WAS WALKING AWAY MUMBLED "I DIDN'T NEED ONE FOR THAT ONE." WHY?

MY LAST ISSUE HITS HOME HARD WITH ME AND A LOT OF MY CLOSE FRIENDS MY FIRST 4 YEARS IN THE SERVICE WAS SPENT IN VIET-NAM. THE FIRST TIME I CAME HOME ON R+R THE PLANE LANDED IN SEATTLE, WA. WHERE MY DAD AND MY

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WIFE WERE PICKING ME UP. I GOT SPIT ON, HAD ROCKS THROWN AT ME, AND BECAUSE THE SNOW WAS 8" DEEP, I GOT BEAT PRETTY GOOD WITH A POLICE NIGHT STICK BECAUSE I WAS GETTING MY BOOTS OUT OF MY FOOT LOCKER.

BUT I WENT ON AND SPENT 21 YEARS IN THE SERVICE. I MADE IT THROUGH COLD WAR OPERATIONS AROUND THE WORLD AND ENDED MY TIME DURING DESERT STORM.

AND NOW IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY TIME I TURN AROUND ANOTHER BENEFIT IS BEING TAKEN FROM US.

I SAY THAT BECAUSE I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED. I'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW. IN OUR JAN.-FEB. 2011 ISSUE IT MENTIONS THAT THE DESOLATION UNIT NO LONGER HAS THE COW OPTIONS FOR THE DISABLED. BUT I WENT OVER TO COVER IN THE 2011 OREGON BIG GAME REGULATIONS BOOK AND I COULD NOT FIND ANY PLACE IN IT THAT SAYS THE UNIT WAS DROPPED.

FOR ME, AND THE OTHER TWO DISABLED VET THAT I HUNT WITH, IT'S A 4HR DRIVE IN MY OLD MOTORHOME. EVEN WITH THE COW OPTION, HUNTING IS WORK FOR US. NOW WITH THE EASY STROKE OF A PEN, IT'S ANOTHER BENEFIT BEING TAKEN AWAY.

WHY? EVEN THE PEOPLE THAT RUN THE LITTLE STORE/GAS STATION IN DALE SAY THEY HAVE ONLY SEEN THE FOREST SERVICE UP THERE ONCE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. THE MAP BOX HAD McDONALD'S LUNCH GARBAGE IN IT THAT WAS DATED AUG OF 2008!

BEFORE YOU TAKE IT AWAY FROM US, OVER

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COME UP THERE DURING A GENERAL HUNT
SEASON AND TALK TO THOSE WHO GAVE
SO MUCH, FOR SO LITTLE, ONLY TO HAVE
SOMEONE TAKE IT TWO.

LAST, BUT BY FAR NOT LEAST, I'M
ENCLOSING THE BACK COVER OF
MY MOST RECENT BUGLE MAGAZINE.

THIS PICTURE WAS TAKE BY A PROFESSIONAL
PHOTOGRAPHER AT ABOUT 15 YARDS. NOW
I ASK YOU TO PICTURE IT SAY, AT ABOUT
120 YARDS. IF YOU PUT YOUR OPEN SIGHTS
ON A DEER OR ELK AT 100 YARDS, WOULD
YOU SEE THE MAN 20 YARDS BEYOND IT?

NOBODY LIKED SEAT BELTS EITHER.
BUT THE SAVE LIVES AND EVERYBODY
GOT USED TO THEM.

NOT TO MENTION A MORE ACCURATE
COUNT OF HUNTERS & HARVESTS.

VERY RESPECTFULLY

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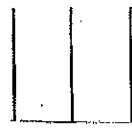


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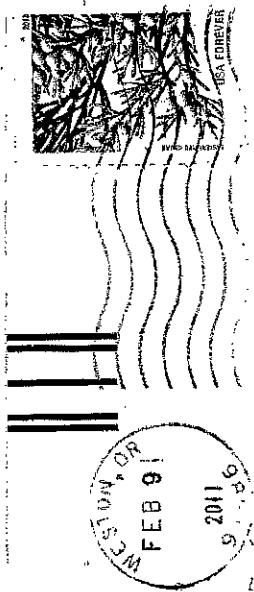
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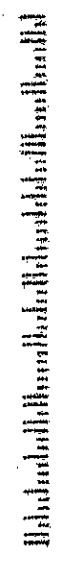


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PERSONAL PLEASE RETURN TO



Joel Hurtado

From: dusty spence <dustyspence@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 8:04 AM
To: hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: auto email?

Would it be possible to automatically send a person an email after there hunt is over so they remember to report it. You could just have it as an option for anybody who goes online to there hunter information and enter an email address. You also could register an email when you buy your license. I think having a reminder with a direct link for where they need to go would help boost our reporting numbers. I think forgetting, being lazy, and not knowing how to report (and caring enough to find out) are the biggest contributors for people not reporting and this would help address all 3. thanks

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Public Correspondence
Topic Hunting Regulations

DEAR ODFW

I would like to make a complaint about the way you draw for big game hunts, it appears to me you have forgotten what preference means. There is no way somebody with NO PREFERENCE points should be drawn for a tag when others with PREFERENCE points get none. you may think you sell more TAG APPLICATIONS, but it's NOT FAIR. Everyone knows they have to wait their TURN. Please put the PREFERENCE where it belongs.

YOURS TRULY

Robert O. Stricker

ROBERT O. STRICKER

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Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:28 AM
To: Teri Kucera; Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: killing of does!

From: Tripletree LLC. [<mailto:jletourneux@wildblue.net>]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 9:51 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: killing of does!

Please forward to appropriate Dept. personnel and the Wildlife Commission

Hello,

My name is Jim LeTourneux, and I own a timber farm in Yamhill County, Tripletree LLC. since 1964. I am an expert with regard to blacktail deer on our 460 acre farm. My wife and I have observed blacktails and their interaction with each other for many years. I'll try to be brief--deer form family groups in which does, fawns, and generally bucks up to 2 1/2 years old stay together. Deer outside these unit are not easily accepted if at all.

In our area, we have a bad poaching problem as well as slobbs who pay little attention to posted signs. Each year it seems for the past many years, a lactating doe (or several) is poached- either shot off the road during archery season or rifle season or during the black of night. The 3 to 5 month old fawns are left on their own from that point. The fawns are generally not accepted into a deer unit.

This Fall, two fawns were orphaned during the first week of October and left to fend on their own. During this rainy winter, not particularly a tough one, they hung together with their health deteriorating. I watched as their coats became black and matted and their eyes began to sink. They hung around the barn area as I have seen far too many times past fawns do for their protection.

On Feb. 2th, I saw one of the fawns running wildly and plunge head long into a thick mess of blackberries and Canary grass along the Deer Creek-the other fawn having just been caught by a coyote in our creek pasture. Today, 5 days later, I found a little bit of the hide, tail, stomach remains of the last fawn 50 yards from my house, along with a pile of coyote crap. It kills me to see this as I believe it is a general management decision to allow does to be killed that caused their death-a management decision that is dead wrong.

I am amazed that the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Wildlife Commission manage our deer herds the way that you do. I would highly recommend that you have hunters shoot fawns, yes shoot fawns, and not allow the shooting of does. When a doe is shot, fawns have little to no chance of survival. If you must, shoot the fawns!! From my observation, when a doe is shot, her fawns rarely survive. I firmly believe that fawns are not capable of surviving on their own for at least a year here in N.W. Oregon. They don't have a clue what to do or have the ability to jump fences, something that coyotes use to their advantage.

I believe that we need to stop shooting does, Stop archers from shooting does (this is really dumb and has been going on for ever), stop all young hunts that focus on killing does, and go to war against poachers. I've hunted deer for the past 50 years, I know and love our deer. With sudden loss hair syndrome, poor nutrient, rampant poaching, extreme predation, and hunting of does, it is little wonder that our Blacktail deer herds are in trouble and they are in trouble! I can remember seeing deer herds of as many as 30 head in the Winter- today, on our farm, I only have a few deer that mostly hang around the barn yard for their safety.

It is horribly cruel to allow these fawns, these little fellows to try to fend for themselves with their mothers having been killed.

Jim LeTourneux, Pres.

Tripletree LLC. (Timber and Poles since 1964)

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:47 AM
To: Thomas Thornton; Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Mule Deer

For your information. – Teri Kucera

From: Lloyd Bridgmon [<mailto:lloydbridgmon@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 2:31 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Mule Deer

Hi! I do not know who will get this e-mail, But I have an Idea that we as Oregonians did many years ago. And that is that you (game commission) gave out seed that you wanted the hunter to plant or sow when they were in the field. I as an archery hunter think that many areas of the state, should be closed to hunting, for about two years at a time then open with 4 point or better, for a couple years. At least put a point restriction on the tags that you give on that hunt. Then do the same thing to other units, until you have the deer that you want and in the units you fell will hold more deer. Also change the hunting time until after the rut in the units that you want more deer in.

I also think that cougar tags should be cheaper and that if you kill one you should be able to buy another tag if you are still hunting, as the season is year round anyway. Back in the hay days of 1950 to 1970, we had about 25 to 30 bucks per 100 does, that is a hole lot more that you want now. So you can see why the deer are going down hill. Yes I was around back then. Yours truly Lloyd Bridgmon, lloydbridgmon@yahoo.com, 503 749 1679 Aumsville

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 2:12 PM
To: Ronald Anglin; Michelle Tate
Cc: Timothy L Hiller
Subject: FW: sorry about being harsh....

More comments from Mike Martell. – Teri Kucera

From: C M MARTELL [<mailto:cindandmike@msn.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:34 AM
To: odfw commission
Subject: sorry about being harsh....

dear commission members,

i'm called abrasive and out spoken, even rude.....well i guess i'm sorry for getting your attention the only way possible.....no one seems informed about what is going on behind closed doors, or are you?....i'm concerned about the loss of everything in the way of hunting if this isn't resolved. why does odfw pander to the n.w. timber managers? why not tell them to jump in a river? they have restricted the management of our ungulates and predators to the point of benefitting them only...time to wake up and tell them... NO MORE...i'm wanting the commission to understand their is a hostile band of anti hunters in oregon and this makes matters all the worse....anglin blames me for making matters worse....i'm the messenger to wake up the commission and if you don't like the message don't shoot the messenger.....fix the problem.

i understand the commission has its hands tied because of measure 18 and can't involve itself in politics...i can...what can i do to submit change to the state legislature and governor? i'm forming a grass roots coalition of sport hunters to change this one way or another.

following the actions of big wildlife of williams oregon i'm thinking the commission will just pass the buck and limit sport hunting tags from 4000 down to what? this fixes nothing....because the commission doesn't understand black bears and management it has no solutions for the problem....odfw needs to increase hunter participation in s.w. oregon not decrease it.....tough snow years and wet just like last spring reduced the harvest numbers drastically and if a scale isn't mandated to allow for this you will always have the highs and lows of harvest objectives....

here is my example for you...i spent years in the beverage business and pre sold beer for my grocery stores....i went in on friday and wrote for the consumption over the weekend and when monday rolled around i generally had to make major adjustment....why? because i couldn't predict the future and nor can you...i'm tired of doing black bear damage control in s.w. oregon after the fact....if you increased hunter participation and then had a fall problem i wouldn't feel so bad about doing this form of control work...but you don't..

here is my next example for you....i have concluded my 22 year of doing black bear damage control in s.w. oregon for crop producers...i worked with john thiebes (ret.) and now rosemary stussy of central point odfw...if memory serves me correct john retired in about 1998? i started with jim heintz in 1983 while you were still in portland working timber damage for champion international over spring timber damage in the cascade range and coast. since this time of working with odfw i have invited your biologist to the field for making recommendations and suggestions on controlling these black bears before they become an issue but to date not one second is dedicated for field work. i can't compete with a college educated book smart biologist with no field experience...i can only offer 40 year of hunting hounds in oregon and 28 years of hands on field work for crop producers that has allowed me to see well over 1500 career black bears and i'm looking to properly manage them not harvest them...

i hate snares because they are set over baits...this is used to lure a bear and can be done for many miles...this is NOT A QUALITY MANAGEMENT TOOL.....IT IS A TOOL OF DEATH.

here is my next example...in s.w. oregon i harvested three huge boars by first hazing them, sorting them with hounds

with a cooperative agreement with adjacent land owners. i'm rejected from killing if the bear leaves the ownership, so i shot them as they entered the ownership. i managed to save several sows and cubs that would have been snared and shot simply because i could lure them to the baits...this is wrong and 22 years later not one single sow has been harvested because the boars don't allow them to eat the crops... this doesn't apply to timber damage because of the vastness of the timberlands...i asked rosemary what she thought of my analogy and she said she thought those doing the removals weren't telling her the truth....why not allow your biologist time to learn about bears by doing field work? i asked rosemary how much field work she did when she replaced john.....she told me she went with ted craddock and collared a cougar in n.e. oregon...i'm guessing this qualifies as a bear expert...what say you? i volunteer the perfect venue for learning and it is rejected....i'm no longer frustrated...i'm mad as hell...

mike martell
sweet home or.

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 2:10 PM
To: Ronald Anglin; Michelle Tate
Cc: Timothy L Hiller
Subject: FW: oregon black bear management plan

Please provide background to Tim Hiller. Thanks. – Teri Kucera

From: C M MARTELL [mailto:cindandmike@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 7:11 AM
To: odfw commission
Subject: oregon black bear management plan

oregon wildlife managers are planning to revamp the management plan for black bears years after the update was required to be done. the original plan was set to be revised in the early 2000's but the commission shelved it in favor of plans for black tail deer, cougar and other animals said ron anglin administrator of the agency's wildlife division, now it is one of the odfw highest priorities, and it should be done by the end of the year for final adoption, anglin said....

here is my question for the commission? when i asked larry cooper about harvest reports from usda he referenced me over to usda and stated for the record that odfw had no records and only usda could produce them....

my next question for odfw....why would usda have the harvest numbers for cougar and bears and not the commission? simple....odfw contracts usda to kill cougar and bears and isn't concerned about the management objectives or numbers of actual bears or cougars being harvested for one second....why are cougars being killed in n.e. oregon and left where they hit the ground by ted craddock under the direction of odfw? or i'm not being told the truth?

here is my problem with odfw's hiring of usda to harvest both black bear and cougars in oregon....usda had the harvest reports not odfw when i asked under the freedom of information act. when i received them they were quite alarming. i have documents in hand to prove my claims....(if any of you commission members can't obtain your own copy just let me know and i will fax them over to you) i have broken the harvest report down so it can be understood by all, and how to accurately read it instead of what anglin and williams (head of usda would like you to believe)....usda contracted the killing on n.w. timber lands from 2005-2009 the total number of black bears at 744.....of these i broke them down individually at 172 sows, 5 cubs, 179 sub adults, 346 boars, and this is the one that sends up a red flag on my end. UNKNOWN....42. what is an unknown black bear on the usda harvest report?...lets take a wild guess....usda snared a sow with one, two or three baby cubs and shot all of them dead. after MAYBE LOADING THE SOW FOR PROCESSING (DEPENDING ON WORK LOAD AND HOW FAR BEHIND SCHEDULE THE AGENT WAS AND IF THIS BEAR MET THE 100 POUND USDA STANDING RULE OF EXEMPTION FOR REMOVAL AND GOT DUMPED WITH THE BABY CUBS) UNKNOWN REPRESENTS WHAT TO A SPORT HUNTER? WELL TO ME IT REPRESENTS THE KILLING AND DUMPING OF THIS BABY CUB/S OVER THE BANK TO ROT AND THE AGENT DIDN'T BOTHER TO SEX THE LITTLE GUYS....PATHETIC? YOU DECIDE....MANAGEMENT?... YOU DECIDE...

HOW ONLY 5 CUBS AND 179 SUBS OVER FIVE YEARS? in the life cycle of both animals and humans it is necessary to be an infant/ baby before becoming a teen ager or sub adult right? so you tell me the stat sheet isn't skewed to make it look like usda didn't kill 184 cubs.....but in reality they did...a bear is dependent on its mother for 16-18 months for survival and once kicked out it could be classified as a sub for a year or so....lets give odfw and usda the benefit of the doubt.....cut these figures in half and you now have 92 baby cubs shot and dumped over a five year period...

mr. anglin approves of this method... for the record he told me sport hunters can't meet management objectives so this apparently is why he approves of usda more so over sport hunting....i put in for a spring tag and because of harvest objectives....YES HARVEST OBJECTIVES... i'm not able to draw one because there aren't enough management bears for me to think about hunting each spring.....BUT AS SOON AS SPRING SEASON CLOSES FOR SPORT HUNTERS MR. ANGLIN IS QUICK TO ALLOW UNLIMITED PERMITS FOR THE TIMBER MANAGERS IN THE SAME BREATH, AND NOT TO MENTION THE SAME MANAGEMENT UNIT I'M REJECTED FROM DRAWING A SPRING BLACK BEAR TAG...



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management plan

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Oregon Hunter's Association is concerned about a lack of implementation of the Black-tailed Deer Management Plan. The Plan was developed to address concerns over black-tailed deer population declines and the loss of habitat in western Oregon. OHA shares those concerns and believes it imperative the strategies outlined in the plan be pursued aggressively. While all strategies in the plan are important we would like to bring your attention to some we believe are of particular importance but appear to be lacking in effort at this time.

Issue 1. Black-tailed deer habitat availability and sustainability

Objectives:

- 1) Identify, protect and enhance priority habitat areas and winter range in all WMUs.
- 2) Promote and educate the public and land managers regarding the value of habitat to black-tailed deer and how human activities, including lack of forest management activities, can influence black-tailed deer habitat.

Proposed Strategies:

7) Coordinate and cooperate with public and private forest managers to identify research needs that may result in practices that promote black-tailed deer habitat improvement efforts including development of: early seral habitat, travel management areas, silvicultural practices and control of invasive plants consistent with the primary uses of the land.

- a. Advocate through active Department and Commission participation in USFS and BLM planning and management activity review processes to create early seral habitat.
- b. Work with the USFS and BLM to assure that applicable area plan standards and guidelines that would be beneficial to black-tailed deer habitat are followed and achieved.
Many timber harvest, thinning and fuels projects are in the planning process by USFS and BLM in western Oregon. Are ODFW biologists participating in all the projects and working to meet Plan objectives?
- c. Continue to encourage cooperative seeding, fertilization and meadow restoration efforts on private and public lands, utilizing the best-suited seeds/plants.
ODFW should be working with USFS Ranger Districts and BLM Resource Areas to restore meadow habitat wherever possible. ODFW biologists need to help identify meadows that can be improved and get involved in making improvements happen. Seeding and fertilization programs on private and state lands need to be expanded. ODFW must stand up for big game when dealing with other state agencies.



- d. Explore, and where possible use incentives, to encourage private forest landowners to adopt forest management practices that would extend the time intervals of early seral stage habitat on their managed forest lands.

If this program exists it needs to be greatly expanded. Work should be done to reduce the number of acres treated with chemicals that destroy forage species.

- 8) Develop habitat standards and habitat management guidelines for black-tailed deer for distribution to all land managers. (For example, forage/hiding/thermal cover ratios, and the best plant species and methods for seeding, fertilization and meadow restoration.)

This is critical. The plan refers to lack of high quality forage and low quality forage many times but gives no indication of what high quality forage is. How can you begin to implement the plan with no clear understanding of which plant species provide high quality forage? What ratios of forage/hiding/thermal habitat are needed?

- 10) Develop a method, using GIS data, to quantify and track over time habitat availability and quantify seral stages present in each WMU.

GIS mapping of black-tailed deer habitats in the WMUs should have been the starting point for habitat. How can you identify problems if you do not know the current conditions?

Issue 2. Relationship of habitat quantity and quality to black-tailed deer populations

Objectives:

- 1) Based on historical and current information to establish a baseline; identify habitat/forage factors in each WMU which may be limiting black-tailed deer populations.

Proposed Strategies:

- 1) Support and pursue collaborative habitat management research opportunities to investigate current relationships and determine the influence of a broad range of habitat management activities on habitat and black-tailed deer. Topics of investigation should include forage quality and quantity resulting from:

- a. Various types of vegetation manipulation
- b. Various forest management activities (including lack of management)
- c. Fire, both wild and prescribed

Issue 2 is closely related to Issue 1 and the same comments apply. You have to know the desired condition before appropriate action can take place. ODFW also needs to track acres burned in wildfires. The black-tailed deer plan provides some information on lack of regeneration harvest and prescribed burning in recent decades, but provides no information on wildfire acres burned. In many cases, wildfires provide excellent habitat including edge and forage creation for deer.

Issue 3. Monitoring and evaluation protocols to assess black-tailed deer populations need to be updated and validated for western Oregon

Objectives:

- 1) Establish consistent data collection methods and techniques over the next five years.
- 2) Improve precision and reliability of herd composition data.
- 3) Develop and implement a population estimation technique over the next five years.
- 4) Using the information from Objectives 2 and 3, develop MOs for black-tailed deer in western Oregon.
- 5) Ensure continued funding for Department and collaborative research on black-tailed deer.

Proposed Strategies:

- 1) Improve harvest information by requiring hunters to report success via mandatory reporting of harvest and effort by telephone or through the Internet.
- 2) Improve herd composition data by developing and utilizing consistent data collection methodology utilizing the best available techniques for the given habitat.
- 3) Phase in use of Sex Age Kill (SAK) modeling (population estimation) for black-tailed deer. a) Would require hunters to submit a tooth from each black-tailed deer harvested.

4) After population studies are completed and improved data gathering techniques are established, develop MOs to be compatible with habitat availability, primary land uses and other wildlife.

The entire plan depends on successful implementation of Issue 3. Strategies 1, 2, and 3 and therefore Objectives 1, 2, and 3 are woefully behind where they should be after two years of implementation. The SAK model is key to population and herd composition and without it the plan is of little value. The harvest data required for a SAK model to work can only be obtained from a very high percentage of hunter reporting. History has shown that voluntary and mandatory reporting without penalties do not obtain the data required. Incentives for reporting have also not resulted in the necessary reporting level. Effective mandatory reporting must be used with sufficient penalty to achieve the needed data.

Issue 4. Non-harvest mortality of black-tailed deer in western Oregon needs to be estimated
Objectives:

1) Identify the various causes and amount of non-harvest mortality that occurs to black-tailed deer populations.

Proposed Strategies:

1) Develop methods that estimate non-hunting losses such as vehicle strikes, predation, illegal harvest, parasites, and disease.

Design and implement studies to determine causes/impacts of mortality.

Coordinate efforts with ODOT and county road managers to determine the extent of road related deer mortality.

Use vehicle strike information provided by ODOT liaisons to develop wildlife crossings and signing.

Coordinate and implement predator management activities to be consistent with the Oregon Cougar Management Plan and the Oregon Black Bear Management Plan.

A comparatively small amount of attention is given to predation in the Plan. Predation is a very big part of the problems with black-tailed deer populations and should be treated as such. High densities of cougar and bear cannot be ignored if any improvement of black-tailed deer populations is to be obtained. Some units such as Applegate and Chetco currently have very high bear densities. More accurate population estimates are needed for bear to better understand the impact they are having on deer.

Support funding for OSP to provide enforcement and continue to rank deer seasons as a high priority.

We believe poaching to be a serious problem and more enforcement is needed. Wildlife officers need to put more time in the field and there are many problems outside of deer seasons. Has black-tailed deer enforcement increased after the Plan was approved and license and tag fees were increased to help cover these costs?

Coordinate with OSP to implement projects and methods to determine the extent of illegal take of black-tailed deer.

OHA supports projects to determine illegal take as long as the result is a decrease in illegal take. Has any progress been made under the Plan?

Issue 5. Recreational use (primarily hunting and viewing) of black-tailed deer is declining
Objectives:

1) Provide optimal recreational opportunity for present and future generations of Oregon citizens.

2) Determine reasons black-tailed deer hunter numbers are declining.

3) Stop the decline in the number of black-tailed deer hunters.

Proposed Strategies:

1) Develop programs and opportunities to increase/preserve public access to black-tailed deer habitat.

- 2) Provide information to the public describing ways to increase viewing opportunities.
- 3) Improve awareness of available hunting opportunities through marketing.
- 4) Continue to identify and implement opportunities for youth hunts.
- 5) Evaluate hunting-related technological improvements and the effect on hunter success and hunting opportunity for black-tailed deer hunters for consideration when setting regulations.
- 6) Use hunting to manage black-tailed deer populations at levels appropriate for the current habitat, considering the primary uses of the land, and to attain Benchmarks/MOs.

Two years into the plan no data (i.e. starving deer, habitat degradation, or high disease rates) shows that habitat is the limiting factor for black-tailed deer populations. It appears the appropriate level for the current habitat should be higher black-tailed deer population.

Summary

The Oregon Black-tailed Deer management Plan was approved by the Commission on November 14, 2008. The plan was created to address the declining black-tailed deer population and is intended to reverse the decline. OHA strongly believes there should be no deer or elk antlerless tags in areas that are below Management Objectives. OHA is concerned that little progress has been made in over two years of implementation. We find little or no progress with several key elements of the plan. It has not been determined how much or what quality habitat currently exists. There is no definition of high quality habitat or what species provide high quality forage. The SAK model is of particular concern. How many years of data are needed before the model can be put to use? Mandatory reporting that is not really mandatory, with incentives, has produced less than half the annual data needed for the model to work. OHA has supported mandatory reporting for years and requested substantive penalties to obtain the data needed. The half-hearted approach to mandatory reporting has resulted in the loss of two years of data critical to the SAK model. OHA supported fee increases for hunting licenses and tags as well as doubling the cost for controlled hunt applications. We ask ODFW use these funds to better manage big-game in Oregon as promised.

OHA appreciates Ron Anglin's offer to meet with us to address OHA's concerns with implementation of the Black-tailed deer management plan. OHA looks forward to working with ODF&W to help insure the Plan so critical to Oregon's black-tailed deer is implemented in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Fred Craig



Oregon Hunters Association
President

cc: Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
Ron Anglin, Wildlife Division

*Rediculous Fee
hunting*

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 8:34 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Rediculous Fees

Another one for review. Thanks. Teri Kucera

From: Boy Toy [<mailto:boytoyhere@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 08, 2011 3:38 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Rediculous Fees

I gave up hunting years ago because of your hunting license and tag fees. The deer population in southern and south eastern Oregon is practically non-existant compared to the 70's and early 80's. You sold additional doe tags to the rifle hunters while limiting archery hunters to bucks only. Hard winters took it's toll and so have the coyotes and cats. Like I said, the deer population is so devastated that It's not worth the cost of your fees to even hunt anymore.

Now the salmon population sucks. Your charging \$33.00 for a fishing license and \$26.50 for a salmon tag. So for a total of almost \$60.00, I stand a slim chance of catching a fish. When I add in the cost of gas and boat license, It cost me about \$200.00 per fish. I blame you! Your fees are ridiculous and your management is poor.

I have two sons whom I didn't even teach to hunt or fish because of your high fees and the slim chance of success. Shame on you for a poor job!

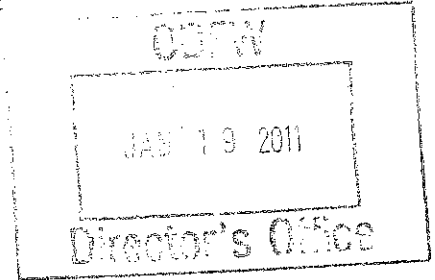
I know you will delete this letter along with the hundreds of others you must get, but will you ever get better at your job? Dennis

GS wildlife

Feral pig

Public Correspondence
Topic Feral Pig

Wild Hog Explosion in Oregon



Problem:

The wild hog population is on the rise. The problem with the wild hog is their ability to reproduce. They can breed up to three times a year. There is an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 pigs in Oregon. Pigs can double their population every four months. Right now Oregon is in the same position that California was in during the 1950's. They were at 1,500 to 2,000 pigs. Now their estimated pig count is at 1,000,000.

Consequences:

Some of the consequences from the growing population of wild hogs in Oregon are destroying farm lands, diseases that can be passed on to humans and livestock. The corrosion and destruction of grasslands and native plant life. When stumbled on they become aggressive and have been known to attack humans. According to an article in the Bend Bulletin there is an estimated eight hundred million dollars in damage to the U.S. each year inflicted by wild hogs.

Solution:

My dad Harvey Sherfield has been hunting hogs for forty years. I Vance Sherfield for thirty and my nephew Brian for fifteen. As far back as I can remember my Dad's passion has been hunting wild hogs with his dogs. He instilled the same passion into me and my nephew. Our dogs are people friendly and ranch animal friendly. They are trained to only be aggressive to hogs. I know that our experience and commitment to pig hunting can benefit our state of Oregon. However our ranches to hunt are limited. Traps won't get it done; traps will not produce the numbers needed to get a handle on the hog problem. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as a serious solution. We hunt year round and would embrace hunting full time. Speaking from experience that is what it will take. This is not a hobby, it's a life style. We hope you consider our services on controlling the wild hog population and look forward from hearing from you.

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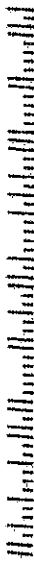
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CS wildlife

Teri Kucera

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 7:58 AM
To: Teri Kucera
Subject: FW: oregon department of very little fish and no wildlife

Public Correspondence
Topic Mandatory Reporting
mgmt, hunting fees &
no wildlife

From: jeff plumlee [mailto:jeffplumlee@basiscsp.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2011 4:20 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Cc: jeffplumlee@basiscsp.net; carlplumlee@msn.com
Subject: oregon department of very little fish and no wildlife

This email is directed to the director of the odfw. I do not know who is making the decisions for the great people of this state, making it mandatory to report or suffer the consequences. I want to know if ROY ELICKER and the odfw commission are the ones that have implemented the most ridiculous Hitler like laws! We the people of this state have hired you idiots to do your job and obviously you can't do it! Therefore, we have to do it for you. You are creating your own monster here. Poaching is going to go through the roof. How about a little info; I was born and raised in this state and have never left. I was so proud of what we had for our outdoor opportunities and we at that time had fish. We had good hunting and I know for a fact that our leadership in this state for the odfw is driving it into the ground. It's truly a shame to see what our odfw leaders are doing to this state. You truly could learn from Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado fish and game. I will tell you that your decline in sales is due to your dictatorship approach to mandatory reporting. I have talked to so many people that have the same opinion that this approach should be voluntary; you can catch more flies with honey. You also make it unaffordable to go hunting and fishing for the average family. You have raised all of the fees for hunting and fishing and you have only implemented dictatorship like mentality by requiring mandatory reporting. If I understand how this state works correctly, isn't it us taxpayers that pay the salaries of the ODFW? I am a native Oregonian and I am totally ashamed and embarrassed to call myself an Oregonian. Your stupid approach to mandatory reporting is just too much! Plain and simple, you (the ODFW) should be thinking how we can help out the people that buy and support this state's fish and wildlife programs. Do you realize what it costs in this state to take your family of four on a hunting trip in Oregon, with draw fees, and then you add in the cost of license and tags? If you draw a tag the cost associated with the fees, license and tags is unaffordable for most families in this depressed economy. We need to get more people out in the woods to help our conservation efforts and keep our fish and wildlife programs funded for future generations. We are losing far too many Oregon residents to out of state hunting due to over regulations from ODFW; while other states are more flexible with their laws and regulations. I am very concerned about the future of our great state. I believe your ideas are not compatible with what this state needs! **WE THE PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE YOU REMOVED FROM YOUR POSITIONS!** You really do not have a realistic approach to what's best for the state of Oregon. You have to understand Hitler fell from his reich due to dictatorship; this is what you are creating in something as simple as fish and wildlife. You make mandatory demands on the people of this state, and you are going to get rebellion. Look it is really expensive to go and enjoy our natural resources that we have, and residents of this state are going to other states to hunt and enjoy the great outdoors. I know at least 10 men that now hunt in Idaho because Oregon is getting to the point of stupidity of mandatory reporting! I am really not trying to sound like a broken record, but I must say you have to take an approach that is user friendly and not a dictator approach. What you should be doing is an encouraging approach and giving people incentive to report to the ODFW. Why is the approach to this subject so aggressive? You really need to get a grip on the reality of we the taxpayers pay for your organization to get a handle on this matter. You need to be giving breaks to the people of this state to help you out. Why don't you give a \$5.00 break on license and tag fees for the info that you are asking for? You will get so much more info. I will tell you that the majority of the residents keep saying, "we get our fees raised but nothing changes except they are getting our money and we see no benefit in our fish runs and our big game is diminishing in numbers". No matter what you think the majority of the hunting and fishing public thinks your failing! I am just the messenger. Everytime I try to say something in a meeting or forum I am cutoff. It is time we the people take action and demand that the ODFW listen to the people that pay the fees for your organization!!

Sincerely,

Jeffery Craig Plumlee
541-554-5065 cell

*Feeding deer
is how humans
are connected*

Michelle Tate

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 9:29 AM
To: Don Whittaker; Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: Concern for Deer Population

From: April Depuy [mailto:aprilshorses@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2011 11:39 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Concern for Deer Population

Dear State Fish and Wildlife Reps.,

Re: Concern for the well being of deer.

My name is April Depuy and I live in Keno, a rural community located approximately 15 miles west of Klamath Falls, Oregon. During the past few years, I have become more concerned about the welfare of our deer population. For one thing many people in our vicinity are feeding the deer year round. This has caused a large number of deer to be killed on our roads. Deer have changed their normal migration routes because they are attracted by feed set out in many different locations in our community. This also causes the deer to congregate in areas where there is heavy vehicle traffic flow. Not only are more deer being killed on our roads, but people are also getting hurt when deer suddenly jump out in front of their cars in unexpected areas. In addition, we have observed several fawns walking by our rural home who have serious diarrhea. The fawns have become gravely ill from eating the food that local people set out for them.

I recently called both the Klamath Falls and State Fish and Wildlife offices and expressed these concerns. I asked whether or not it was against the law to feed the deer. Both representatives that it was not against the law for people to feed the deer. If, I remember correctly, feeding deer was against the law some time ago in the past. Anyway, after explaining my concern both reps suggested that I request the local Fish and Wildlife commission to do an "intervention" and educate my neighbors on the proper way to feed deer. That suggestion did not set well with me. First of all, it is not a good "intervention" to feed the deer period. Feeding the deer makes them dependent on the human being rather than the deer learning for forage for themselves. Further more, a few years back a local trooper agreed to educate some neighbors who live next to Clover Creek Rd. about "not" feeding the deer. Many deer were crossing Clover Creek Rd. near these neighbor's home to eat the food set out for them. Deer were being killed several times a week by fast traveling traffic on that road. The individuals who had been feeding the deer quit for a few months and then resumed feeding them again. To this day they continue to feed deer in their yard. I continue to see dead deer along side the road near their home. This saddens and sickens me. One day, I saw a fawn who had just been hit. He was paralyzed and not yet dead. I thought perhaps I could help him. Unfortunately, I had to him suffer before he died. This fawn was trying to follow his mother across Clover Creek Rd. where she went to eat the food set out for her by the neighbor. Her fawn never made it.

These people are continuing to lure the deer to their yard by putting out feed for them. I assume they are doing this for their own enjoyment. Please ask yourselves, "Is it fair that deer are being slaughtered just so these people can be entertained by getting to sometimes watch wildlife

feed in their yard?!" "Is this really okay?" "According to the one rep. I talked to, it's okay as long as the people are "educated" and are feeding the deer "healthy foods!"

Educating the public would be a good suggestion if we lived in a perfectly healthy world and all people had good common sense and values.

Unfortunately as we know this is not the case. Some people may argue that education is the "answer" to solving this problem. I have worked as an educator for 32 years in public school systems. I support education, but due to the values of many, "education alone" is not the answer! For example, many people actually do know what the "right" thing to do is. On the other hand, they choose to do what's wrong anyway because it is easy or perhaps they wish to satisfy their own pleasures without regard for the well being of others.

The problem of feeding deer is too wide spread to fix by having a Wildlife rep. educate a few neighbors or hold a few community seminars. A lot of the people who live in our community are retired individuals who have migrated here from large cities. They may mean well, but they lack understanding of what is or is not healthy treatment of wildlife and the environment. Many of them are very set in their ways. They move out in the woods and treat the natural environment like a City park or zoo. Their main focus is their own enjoyment. They enjoy seeing deer come into their yard. I cannot fault them for that. Being able to watch wildlife up close can be a special experience.

On the other hand, those feeding the deer are actually luring them in for their own enjoyment without regard for the well being of these wild animals. Many of them feed the deer unhealthy people foods. Some people may have enough knowledge to feed the deer healthy foods, however they are still causing harm. They are causing the deer to become dependent upon humans. They are causing the deer to change their migration routes and to frequently cross busy roads where they get hit and killed. Hopefully, we can all agree that this is not best practice for supporting wildlife.

Once again, as an educator, I can certainly appreciate the need to educate the public on the healthiest ways to treat wildlife. On the other hand, let's please be realistic! Education is not going to be enough to convince most people to quit feeding the deer. Would you please consider joining me and lobbying with our State legislature to reinstate the law that prohibits people from feeding deer? A few exceptions may be necessary by allowing Fish and Wildlife professionals to feed or medically treat wildlife in certain situations. Other than that, I feel that it is very harmful to allow the community free rein with feeding the deer.

I have one more concern that I would like for you to please think about. Our local Keno deer population has decreased drastically during the sixteen years that I have lived in this area. During the last few years hunting regulations in the Keno area have become more restricted going from open hunt to a draw being required. I feel that this was a good decision by the Fish and Game commission. Okay, so why is the deer population continuing to dwindle around here since hunting is now being more regulated?! Well, I believe that I can explain that. It very well could be due to the months that bow hunting season is scheduled and also for the length of time bow hunting season is open. Bow hunters seem to have an exceptionally long hunting season in this area that begins at the end of August and continues off and on throughout September and October.

Please correct me if I am wrong, but doesn't the deer mating season also take place during the early and late fall? I truly believe that the bow hunters are significantly disrupting the mating season of the deer in our area. This in turn is impacting the growth of deer herds. The deer population is stressed due to being hunted during their mating season. Okay, some of you may or may not buy this theory so please visualize the following then; Could you possibly relax in bed with your mate if

you knew someone was standing outside your bedroom window ready to shoot you with their gun?! Aren't wild animals highly sensitive and know when they are being hunted?! How can bucks relax and mate with their females if everyone is on the "run" due to bow hunters chasing them around for several months?! I am asking you to please consider the following; "Would it be possible to adjust the length of bow hunting and also schedule it for a time of the year when deer are not mating?"

I hope you will take my ideas into consideration as you continue to do your best to balance the well being of wildlife and the needs of the human being. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully submitted by,
April Depuy
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Thomas Thornton

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Sent: Sunday, January 16, 2011 12:24 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us; carol.d.turner@state.or.us; thomas.l.thornton@state.or.us;
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don.whittaker@state.or.us; martin.nugent@state.or.us
Subject: Stop killing top predators!

Please don't kill or allowing murder of any bears, cougars, wolves, fox, bobcats, or any other top predators in oregon ever again, these top predators are essential in wildlife health, and forest management, and need to be left completely alone, now and forever, don't allow them to be shot and killed, ever. Stu Philips, eugene, oregon, don't kill predators, ever. they manage wildlife and forests, forever. leave them alone, now. stu

E/K
Bow Hunting

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2011 7:55 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: OBH Archey Elk Split Season Proposal

From: David Eaton [<mailto:wileydave@charter.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 5:16 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: OBH Archey Elk Split Season Proposal

It is my understanding that the Oregon Bow Hunters organization have proposed to split the archery elk season in Oregon into two halves. **They do not speak for me.** I have hunted in Oregon for more than 35 years. The number of archery elk hunters has grown over the past 10 years, but the increase does not warrant splitting the season. If one is willing to work a little harder, the opportunities still present themselves. What one needs is **time. Time**, because of changing weather conditions. **Time**, because of rutting patterns. **Time**, because it takes more **time** to harvest an elk with archery equipment. I choose to pay the higher out-of-state fees in Oregon because I currently have **time** to hunt. If Oregon decides to split the archery elk season for, I can guarantee that I will take my hard earned money and hunt elsewhere.

Dave Eaton

Michelle Tate

Subject: FW: Overcrowded hunting

From: Laurie [<mailto:rlmoore@centurytel.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 10:03 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Overcrowded hunting

I feel one way to help alieve some of the overcrowded hunting conditions in bowhunting season would be to require the hunter to decide wether he wants to hunt with a firearm or a bow at the time he applies for a permit. I feel this would prevent the hunter that was unsucesful in drawing a rifle pemit taking the bow out of his closet the week before the season starts and not be as accurate of a hunter as he should be. I have been hunting the Silvies unit all my hunting life early as a rifle hunter and since about 1982 as a bowhunter for deer, I have seen a increase in the amount of bowhunters and a dramatic decrease in the deer and elk population in this unit. I feel the hunting pressure is to great in this area with two bull seasons, two cow seasons, two antelope seasons, archery dear and elk season and deer rifle and muzloader seasons. My suggestion would be to drop one bull season, drop one cow season, drop one antelope season and if need be shorten the archery season one week, this would still allow fair hunter oppertunity. Thank You for your time, Richard Moore

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 1:59 PM
To: Michelle Tate; Julie A Hansen
Cc: Don Whittaker
Subject: FW: "State" of Oregon Wildlife

See comments below about use of Lane County kids for summer work in Warner Unit.

Teri Kucera

+ MDI

-----Original Message-----

From: mlsprague1@juno.com [<mailto:mlsprague1@juno.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 9:59 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: "State" of Oregon Wildlife

Dear Commission Members:

I thought I would take a quick moment to express the trend that I am seeing develop in the hunting community. The hunting community has played nice with the department for years. Now I am seeing more and more hunters expressing absolute frustration with the way that hunt-able species are being managed. The blood of these people is beginning to reach a slow boil basically. My hope is that the Commission begins to look at real answers and solutions to the problems rather than a million patches on this pair of jeans. For example, the mule deer initiative spends too much time studying, doesn't appear to understand the concept of recruitment and its projects are so small as to really not make a difference to a larger geographic population area. Another example is the use of "Lane County" kids for summer work programs in the Warner Unit. Really? This has got to cost more than the benefits. The smart and fiscally responsible move would have been to utilize local Lake County kids.

I wish you the best in looking at better, more efficient and more result's oriented decision making in the new year.

Sincerely,

Matt Sprague

Banks Forced to Forgive Credit Card Debt Find Out How Much of Your Debt Can Be Erased.
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Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 8:14 AM
To: Steven George; Corey Heath
Cc: Thomas Thornton; Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Wagontire buck deer hunting + cougar

From: Hollie Cannon [<mailto:hcannon541@charter.net>]
Sent: Saturday, January 08, 2011 9:47 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Wagontire buck deer hunting

I want to submit a comment on the quality of deer hunting in the Wagontire unit.

5 or 6 years ago I had a very pleasurable hunt in the Wagontire unit. I saw about 150 deer, of which 20 were decent bucks, I took a nice 4 point buck. I have spent a lot of time in the unit every year since and have observed a rapid decline in the deer numbers each year. This year I hunted hard for 4 days and did not see a single deer. We covered a lot of ground and over three locations where I have always observed deer in the past (my son's GPS said we walked 30 miles). Over the past years I have noticed a coincidence that I am told cannot be related, but I have observed a steady increase on cougar sign.

Over the same period of time I have observed the elk increase nicely. Several years I have observed elk herds where 1/3 of the number were calves. This year I see the number of calves is down. I think cougars have decimated the deer and are now working on the elk calves and soon the adult elk.

I request information on your plan to control cougar in the Wagontire unit. I will not buy another deer tag until something is done (I can take my gun for a walk without a deer tag, I do it often throughout the year, I just will avoid the hikes during deer season). I know that my tag does not count for much, but unless something is done, there will be a lot more people doing as I am.

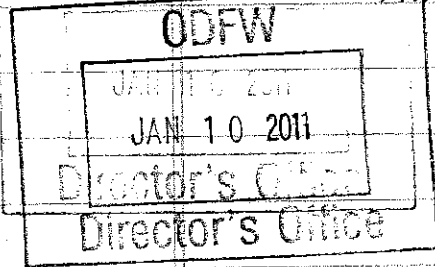
Thank you

Hollie Cannon
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h.cannon541@charter.net

Public Correspondence
Topic 2010 Deer 1771
General Cascade Hunts

1-7-11

Dear ODFW,



I Am, Edwin D. Meyers

245 23rd ST

Springfield OR 97477

phone #(541) 915-9289

Hunter ID # 382465

This letter is in response to 2010 hunting seasons Deer 177 and General Cascade ELK I tried hunt this year.

I hunted the Fort Rock Unit for deer every single day usually from Daylight till dark. I saw (1) Flash of a huge trophy 1 mile SW of Odell Butte early in the season during a RAIN. I NEVER SAW another Legal Buck. I saw few does. I saw lots of Bear sign and a little cougar sign on the South side of Odell Butte. Deer populations in 2009 were similar. Almost, extinct.

ELK sign along #9775 Rd between Paulina and Fort Rock WAS totally gone.

My Hunting Lands ARE void of game!

On the other hand Hunters are thick. We have a tremendous problem with road Hunters. We have a tremendous problem with ATV's going cross country HARASSING game,

I saw 2 deer killed this year. One

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and the other was chased out of its Bed in the Connelly hills, Between Fort Rock and Silver Lake, by a Resident Farmers SON on a 4x4 quad Blue with a gun rack on the back. I called BLM and told Ranger Applee of the Lakeview office that I had tracked the quad on closed roads and Flagged his trail from summit to Summit thru Bedding Areas, cross country. I told this Law enforcement officer their address.

Later During Elk season I rode with my Brother Hunting Elk in the Connelly Hills and as before quads were in Camping Areas on Rancher Dinsdales property. They All were going hunting on quads, Cross country in road closure area, behind signs etc. ALL Elk were chased out. Quad sign and Damage was everywhere.

It makes me sick.

I called Ranger Applee again and told him we had photos of Quads ID stickers and he did not return our calls.

This problem of 99% of Hunters in vehicles and going cross country has to stop. How can I help?

Edwin D. Meyer

We need more Fake deer, more video of Road Hunters, Quad Hunters, off roaders and less Bear cougar and Hunters.

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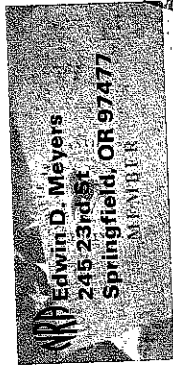
LOCAL property owners in the Connelly Hills are the worst Law Breakers.

Right Now they are in the Connelly hills with Quads behind signs picking up deer antler sheds cross crossing closed BLM Lands, Harrassing wildlife, Throwing Beer cans all over.

This Behavior is Bold inexcusable destruction of Habitat! Willfull ~~disregard~~ ^{disregarding} of Laws.

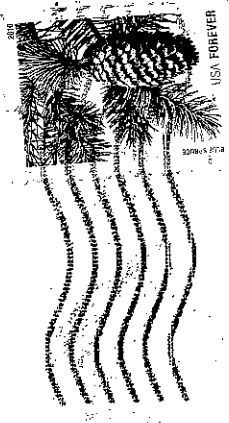
Sorry I had to Vent.

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Hunting

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 3:08 PM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: feedback

From: Alan Gronewold [<mailto:algronewold@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 3:06 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: feedback

I just read the Director's note in the 2011 Big Game Regs and wanted to offer some feed back:

First of all, I've only lived in Oregon 4 years and this was the first year of big game hunting for me. The access programs, such as UCAP, and the RHAs are great. Kudos to private landowners who participate.

I grew up deer hunting in Minnesota - there it is MANDATORY to register your deer (and tag) at a registration station on the day of harvest. I'd imagine that is how they have an accurate harvest count. Perhaps the Mandatory reporting system here is just as accurate, I don't know. My point is this:

In Minnesota a hunter can purchase separate deer tags and participate in Archery season, shotgun (or rifle) season, and blackpowder season. BUT, can still only harvest one deer. So as soon as the deer is harvested, by whichever means or in whichever season, the deer must be registered and hunt for deer is then over for that hunter. The system does rely HEAVILY on the honor of the hunter to register his deer - once registered, he can not purchase a later season tag (eg - successful archery hunter registers deer and is unable to purchase a shotgun season deer tag in the system).

I for one, would be more than willing to archery hunt for elk, and if unsuccessful, try a rifle hunt later. It would give more hunter opportunity and generate more revenue, but SHOULD keep harvest rates about the same. Just a suggestion, hope it can work.

Keep up the good work on the mule deer initiative and cougar management. I understand cow:calf ratios in Heppner WMU have doubled in 3 years!! Great job!

Thanks for listening,

Al Gronewold
Echo, OR

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 10:03 AM
To: Michelle Tate; Julie A Hansen
Subject: FW: Hunting

Public comments about hunting. – Teri Kucera

From: Terry & Sue Cook [<mailto:thcc@wbcable.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2011 7:57 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Hunting

I do appreciate what you are not trying to do and would appreciate it that you take the politics out of hunting and fishing. Your department makes comments in how they are trying to improve hunting and fishing within Oregon but yet over the last several years you have done nothing. Example: I am a disabled Vet and I wear leg braces but when the roads are gated it makes it very hard to get into areas however, during rifle season these gates are open. When ever anyone from your department would call for a survey I would explain the same thing to them but it seems to fall on deaf ears. Maybe the biologists should get out of the office more instead of trying to predict from their desks in how good the hunting will be and maybe your department should figure out ways that would help people such as myself. Maybe the Director should get out of the office, go drive through the woods or try to get into an area where the gates are locked he will find out that will be a little hard. As for improvements in wildlife habitat, well I see that is going no where fast. There are areas that have been logged for years and yet the only thing that can get through that crap is a slug. Logging companies do not even try to replant they do not even clean up their mess but yet this is suppose to be habitat improvement. Maybe your whole office should take a field trip into the woods while you are at it take the biologists too!

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, January 03, 2011 8:40 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: theft of elk from the oakridge area by the oregon dept of f--ken wobble that we call are game commision

From: glenn hadley [mailto:hadley_g@hughes.net]

Sent: Saturday, January 01, 2011 1:01 PM

To: odfw.info@state.or.us

Subject: theft of elk from the oakridge area by the oregon dept of f--ken wobble that we call are game commision

Well you guys should be proud of your selves for destroying a very good hunting area, between the top 3 predators 1game commission 2 bear 3 cougar you have put the elk heard back 30 plus years but I see that you continued to sell the same no. of tags that should be fraud you people wonder why the number of people are quitting hunting all you have to do is look at your own stupid policies and you can see for your selves. You open up season in august and there is a season going through January with bow,rifle,blackpower,juvenile hunts going at the same time, the quality of the hunting is so bad I believe this is the last season for me in this state I will go out of state. This makes me very sad I have been hunting here for 50 years. You can't drive the animals that hard and get good results, plus the probability that you are going to kill somebody.[you all need your heads examined]. As far as the elk are concerned you stirred up a hornets nest there are a lot of people that are really upset you havn't heard the last of it yet.[YOU SHOULD REFUND THE TAG FEE]

Thankyou; maybe it sounds like I'am upset you would be right
Glenn hadley

Thomas Thornton

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Monday, January 03, 2011 4:53 PM
To: Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: Lead poisoning concerns

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 7:59 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Cc: 'Richard Hargrave'; Roger Fuhrman
Subject: FW: Lead poisoning concerns *dhunting*

From: Jeff Krout [mailto:krouthouse@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2010 8:31 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Lead poisoning concerns

I was dismayed to read the info about the concerns over lead bullets in this last years hunting regulations. I have done some reading online about the research and of coarse Minnesota's issues. From what I see, most of the problems are resulting from misinformation pushed to the forefront by anti-hunting groups. I know that ODFW has had some infiltration by these groups, primarily by the anti hunting Governor and legislature, but I would hope that you can make future decisions based on real science and not political hype like was done about the wolves. Speaking of wolves, do you really think the hunters of Oregon are going to put up with all this crap? At some point Oregon will have no hunters left, and as a result ODFW will have no funding left. Maybe we hunters need to try a boycott? Maybe then you'll understand "YOU WORK FOR US" not those lefty fruitcakes in DC! You are paid to manage OUR resources, not some dipstick with a grudge against hunters. Please know that I for one will not put up with any more mutilation of my hunting rights and Oregons hunting resources. Jeff Krout

Julie A Hansen

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2010 12:17 PM
To: Michelle Tate; Julie A Hansen
Cc: Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: blackpowder hunting
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Comments from Mr. Beach. – Teri Kucera

From: Steve Beach [mailto:sbeach@crwater.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 4:21 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: blackpowder hunting

12/22/2010

Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife:

I have been shooting black powder rifles for a few years now. I hunted in Oklahoma on one hunt with black powder but have not hunted with it in Oregon yet. This year a friend and I put in for a muzzleloader tag and looked through the regs. I noticed that they changed the rule for being able to use light gathering type sights, which is a good thing because its hard to find one made now that doesn't have them installed. It still says no sabots, jacketed bullets, plastic base (Powerbelt type), scopes, or centerfire primers.

During recent trips to several sporting goods stores in the Portland area, (BiMart, Fishermans Marine, and the one that used to be Sportsmans Warehouse) I believe the only projectiles that are legal that any of them carry are lead round balls!! They each have several varieties of jacketed and /or sabot types, and powerbelt types, all illegal. They also carry pelletized powder right on the shelf, also illegal. The other lead bullets they carry I am not sure if they meet the diameter to length ratio.

Of the dozen or so rifles I could see behind the counters of these stores only a few were not 209 primer ignition, which is illegal to use. One store even sells 'specially formulated' 209 primers specifically made for blackpowder rifles right next to the jacketed sabot bullets!

When almost all of the equipment sold by the stores is illegal to use, and when these muzzleloader hunts would seem to be a great way to harvest some does and help the herd ratios, why so many restrictions for blackpowder hunting? There must be a lot of hunters using these expensive sabot and or powerbelt bullets with pelletized powder for western gray squirrel, or there are lots of hunters hunting with illegal equipment in Oregon.

My blackpowder rifle shoots best with sabot bullets, I don't use pelletized powder and I don't have a scope, but mine does use 209 primers. With todays muzzleloaders, hunters will be trying longer shots even with the lead balls, but I believe wounding more game because I don't think they are as accurate as

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sabots. What's more difficult, shooting a buck at 350 yards with a scoped .270 (which I have), or trying to shoot a doe at 75 yards with a muzzleloader, sabot bullet, shotgun primer and no scope? Lets legalize the sabots and 209 primers and keep the other restrictions.

Thanks, a potential Oregon blackpowder hunter.

Public Correspondence

Topic Hunter Reporting
a Elk in Coastal Range

DEC-22-2010

HELLO TOM THORNTON,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER
REGARDING THE DRAWING BOW ELK
SEASON FOR WESTERN OREGON FOR
NEXT NOVEMBER (2011).

I DID NOT REALIZE THAT
THERE WAS SUCH A DIRE SHORTAGE
OF ELK IN THE COASTAL RANGE.

IT MUST BE FRUSTRATING THAT
ONLY 35% OF BIG GAME HUNT
RESULTS ARE BEING REPORTED.

TO BE REAL TRUTHFUL, I
REALLY BELIEVE THAT THERE IS
NO EXCUSE FOR THIS LOW THROUGH
OF THE MANDATORY REPORT.

THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONSIDER
IMPLEMENTING SOME SORT OF A
RULE WHERE THOSE NOT REPORTING
THEIR HUNT RESULTS SHOULD NOT
BE ISSUED A HUNTING LICENSE
FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR!! THIS
WOULD GET THEIR ATTENTION.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Joel M. Baker SALEM.

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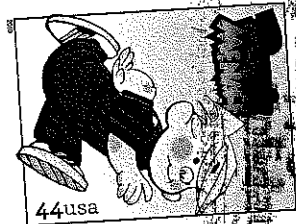


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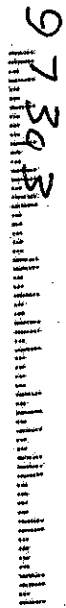
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From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 3:51 PM
To: Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: Public comments from the web

From: ron lane [mailto:rdlane59@live.com]
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 6:50 PM
To: odfw.comments@state.or.us
Subject: Public comments from the web

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

Topic: Other
Name: Ronald d lane
E-mail: rdlane59@live.com

Comment: In regards to Coastal Black tail hunting, sure is too bad we lost the last two days to the youth. When we as adults are the ones who are really supporting your program. Being that the last two days are always the best and we pay the same price as they do. Shouldn't they pay more for two more days of hunting? After all they have their own youth programs for deer and elk. With a new hunt on page 77 in your regulation of 2010, showing over 999 tags and 5 months of continued rifle hunting. Some of the hunts running right through the middle of deer season. I would like a chance at a 5 month Antlerless Elk tag. You shorten our hunts and raise the price of our tags and licenses, yet you would like to see more participating. Maybe you should think of lowering the prices or giving better hunting opportunities to up your participation. Because the youth of today are your adults of tomorrow.

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Dog and Raptor Training Rules Revision
Public Comment Form



Date:

Name:

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Comment:

We ARE ASKING the commissioner
TO REEVALUATE the cougar problems
that we are having with are wildlife
and live stock

would it be possible to have a
hunt that ~~lets~~ lets sport hunters with
DOGS partake in a hunt for
COUGARS where we have problems.

THANKS

Jeff McMan

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WILDLIFE DIVISION

Michelle Tate

From: Jason Bader on behalf of Hunter Reports
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 10:40 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Mandatory Reporting

-----Original Message-----

From: David44Mag@aol.com [<mailto:David44Mag@aol.com>]
Sent: Sunday, December 19, 2010 1:49 PM
To: hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: Mandatory Reporting

I would like to see an additional optional comment field added to the Mandatory Reporting section. Some of us choose not to harvest though we see a lot of animals and spend a lot of time in the field. We could assist in reporting the number of animals seen, conditions of graze and browse. Over grazing from cattle and wild horses seems to be the number one complaint in the area and unit 46 that I hunt in. It does not take long to fill out the report so why not put in additional tools to assist you folks in developing and meeting your long and short range goals? Just some thoughts.

Had a great hunting season, saw lots of animals in unit 46, both deer and elk, but chose not to harvest. Ranchers ran their cattle in this area a little to long and pretty much destroyed the graze and browse. Once the food supply was gone the wild life move out. Normally they have been moving onto private lands where it is hunting by fee only or no hunting at all. Not a good approach to maintaining and protecting public lands. </HTML>

From: Flocko Segulz [mailto:fourgotten@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 12:29 PM
To: DeAnna Erickson
Subject: Re: Request for information

Excellent!

Thank you for your quick reply!

I've been pondering the current tag system and agonizing over the decision of bow or rifle (though, I did make a choice, finally) and wonder at the need for a separate tag for bow and rifle hunters.

I don't hunt for trophies, I hunt for the enjoyment of the outdoors and to put meat in my freezer. I'm just beginning in bow hunting, though I've considered trying it in previous years. The need to forego rifle hunting in order to try bow hunting, something at which I may just downright stink, has deterred me in previous years. Therefore, I question the need to have a separate general season tag for bow and rifle hunting.

It seems to me, and all of the hunters about which I've spoken on the subject, that it would be simpler for everyone (ODFW included) to issue a single general season deer (and maybe a general season elk, though I could see how that would be initially trickier) to both bow and rifle hunters. This would, seemingly, make tag sales less complicated and allow hunters who would like to dabble in a different method (or would just like to hunt the "other" season with friends) the chance to do so.

Are there vital problems with such a system that I and these other hunters have missed? Was there a good reason for the current system set-up, or did it just seem most acceptable when it was implemented?

Thanks for your consideration and time!

Matthew J. L. Kilger

From: DeAnna Erickson
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 7:50 AM
To: fourgotten@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Request for information

Matthew:

I'm happy to speak with you. You can either contact me at 503-947-6112 or provide me with a phone number where I can reach you.

DeAnna Erickson, Manager
ODFW License Services

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 8:50 AM
To: DeAnna Erickson; Michelle Tate
Cc: 'Richard Hargrave'; Roger Fuhrman
Subject: FW: Price of a doe tag!

From: Jason Riipinen [<mailto:jason@rsurveying.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 8:37 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Price of a doe tag!

To whom it may concern,

I am having a hard time understanding why you charge the same amount of money for a doe tag as a buck tag. I am a non-resident who enjoys hunting deer in eastern Oregon, I have a few points saved up so my wife and I could someday enjoy a doe hunt together. At these prices I would have to say that is not feasible. Just too much money, especially when I can travel to Montana or Wyoming and do the same hunt, harvest two does for less than half the cost of one doe tag in Oregon!

As your tag fees increase your non-resident clientele is diminishing. Please stop the unsightly increase of your over priced tag fees!

Concerned business operator and sportsman
Jason Riipinen

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Michelle Tate

From: Jason Bader on behalf of Hunter Reports
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 9:13 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: 2010 Hunting and land Access

From: tsnyder [<mailto:stillplowing@wvi.com>]
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2010 7:26 PM
To: Hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: 2010 Hunting and land Access

First of all let me say I have never written an email to the Department, but I feel I need to comment on my feelings.

I began preparing for the season months before the opening date by hiking and glassing land in and around Lyons, where we reside. When I found promising sign, I used trail cameras to tell me what time the game was active. I quickly discovered that blacktail deer are largely nocturnal. The use of the game camera let me eliminate many of the areas where I had located sign during the day.

The vast majority of the land I scoured was Weyerhaeuser Timber property. All roads I used leading into this area were BLM roads, which were locked. Although I have a disability which makes hiking difficult, I walked in and out, day after day. I found plenty of evidence that others were driving the roads, tossing out their beer cans in the process. I lost count of the number of cans I found during my hikes.

I counted myself lucky to locate two promising locations nearly two miles behind locked gates. On the opener of the early season I hiked in before daylight and walked out in the afternoon. When I reached the gate I was dumbfounded to find a sign posted on the gate announcing the area was closed "due to extreme fire danger". Now I ask you, how is a 57 yr old, non-smoking archer a fire hazard? I was extremely disappointed, but I obeyed the sign and stayed away.

I related my experiences to my neighbor, Grant Lentz. He told me the BLM roads were generally open during the rifle season. As it turned out he was right. During rifle season I drove into the same areas and discovered thousands of acres that I could not access on foot during archery season! Needless to say I am quite disappointed that I didn't have equal access.

I am a member of Oregon Bowhunters and follow the meeting minutes between the organization and ODFW. I am well aware of the arguments for and against lighted nocks, expandable broadheads and over-crowding. However I believe the central issue should be the management of resources and I can tell you that the "resources" are in trouble. It doesn't make any difference if a hunter has an expandable broadhead or lighted nock if there is no legal game to be hunted. During my forays into the western Oregon woods I saw a total of 6 deer, only one of which was a small spike buck. I made an effort to speak with as many hunters, both rifle and bowhunters, most of which reported similar findings.

I got as many photos of lions on my game camera as I did elk. Granted they are probably the same animals I photographed over and over but I have to believe they have had an impact on both deer and elk. OSP game officers encourage us to actively hunt predators, but once again the areas I frequent are closed off behind locked gates. I had enough trouble hiking in dry weather, let alone rain and snow!

As you see from my survey I hunted eastern Oregon for the balance of the early season. I've hunted in eastern Oregon for years. This year I camped and hunted near Prarie City. I must say that I was quite surprised that I didn't see more hunters. The campground was never full and I encountered only a few hunters in the field. I saw elk daily, but they were the same elk, different day. I encountered mule deer as well and I had opportunities to harvest several different small bucks.

During my hunt I began to feel empathy for the animals I was pursuing. In addition to the elements these animals have to contend with cougars, poachers and hunters. The last few days of my hunt, I left my bow in camp and and hunted with my camera, and looking back I am okay with that.

In 2011 I will not purchase a sports pack. No need to, since I doubt I will hunt big game in Oregon. My son, his buddy and my dearest friend are all from out of state and do not plan to return to Oregon due to the license fees and poor hunting. In my small circle alone that is a \$1000 loss in revenue. I know from my association with other groups that this isn't an isolated event.

As we move forward to 2011 I think we should make an effort to work together rather than bicker over insignificant issues. I feel it is about effective resource management and predators are part of the system. If we are unable to control predation and poaching our natural and fiscal resources will continue to decline. Although I am only one person, I am willing to participate in finding a solution.

Thanks for hearing my out.

Terry Snyder
Lyons, Oregon

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DEC 13 2010

Director's Office

GS Wildlife

Public Correspondence

Topic Enforcement seal
date & book of game
Dec 7, 2010

Sir:

My name is Robert Smith and I'm writing you with a couple of concerns that I feel must be addressed.

First, I have been hunting the Paulina unit near Spring Butte for 52 yrs. I don't remember what yr. you instituted the road closures in this area (which by the way I agree with 100%) But, in the last couple of yrs (2009-2010) the roads that are closed are being driven on daily. This yr (2010) was the worst. I called the phone # on your leaflets and reported this to the State Police, but never saw an officer. If you don't address this problem someone is going to get hurt or worse. The law abiding hunters are getting fed up. I have three suggestions -

- ① Pull your road closures which I know won't happen.
- ② Increase your patrols, again won't happen
- ③ Increase the fines for driving on closed roads. up to \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 This may make the jerks driving on them think twice. This is possible I hope, But again I don't think the ODFW will do anything, and the

problem will continue until someone gets hurt or worse.

My other concern is hunting season dates. As I stated before we been hunting this area for 52 yrs, and the last few yrs the hunting has 'sucked'. 2010 has been the worst. I hunt with a party of ten, this yr. one forked horn was taken. We hunted hard for 11 days. myself, I only saw one buck, a spike, and I let it walk. I saw a total of 32 deer, 1 buck - 31 does! This is ridiculous. Of all the camps in the Spring Butte area, I saw 4 bucks hanging, 2 spikes, 2 forked horns. Very bad for this area!

All of the hunters we talked too, including myself, feel the season is one week to early. With the cost of the tag, app. fee, hunting license, travel, food, your revenue will drop drastically if something doesn't change.

I know your game biologists will say this was a normal season, success rates were normal, but it may be time to listen to the hunter, the people in the woods, not some of your biologists sitting behind a desk.

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but the way the game commission has worked in the past, I can almost bet nothing will change.

Let me add: you say "take a kid hunting" - my grandson hunted this yr for the first time, he just turned 12, he saw very few deer (no bucks). He was very dissappointed. Kids like my grandson are your future.

Open the season the 2nd weekend in October or extend the season to 2 full weeks.

As I stated this is just not my opinion, but a lot of life long deer hunters in Oregon. Please try changing or extending the season for a couple of yrs. you can always change back. I'll bet your revenue will sky rocket.

I hope this letter doesn't fall on deaf ears

Thank You
Robert R. Smith Jr.

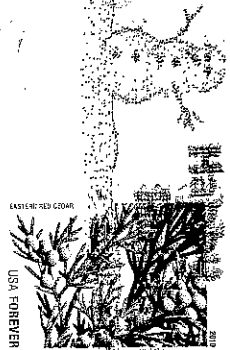


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Thomas Thornton

From: Bob Bingham [warrentontp@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 1:24 PM
To: Thomas.L.Thornton@state.or.us
Subject: blacktail deer
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Hi Tom,

I talked to you a year or so about my concerns concerning Blacktail deer populations in the saddle mountain unit. Since that time I feel the number of have deer have stabilized but are still very low in portions of the unit. I understand you and your staff work hard with the resources available to maintain good deer populations, and I thank you for that. But due to limited resources I feel the hunting public could give some helpful information to help maintain good management.

As you may remember I live in Astoria on Youngs River Rd., I have close to 18 acres of property next to "The Campbell Group" property. I also work fulltime in the woods within Campbell Group property on the 500 line running a water facility for the City of Warrenton. Both of these locations are designated "walk in only" areas. Our 4 dams are located on the Lewis & Clark mainline south of Campbell Group office. By observation of both hunting, going for walks behind my house, driving to and from work, and working countless hours in the woods doing a variety of duties, I have general knowledge of animal populations. I'm not the type of hunter who only thinks of animal populations before the season, I enjoy viewing wildlife and being in the outdoors year around. Every day when I get to work I write down on my calendar how many deer I seen the day before, some days are missed but on the most part I'm consistent. I see on average 3 deer per week. During the late spring and summer months the average goes up to 7. I don't hunt on my property, only on Campbell Groups. Both the wife and I enjoy watching the wildlife so I chose not to hunt making it a safe haven. We have local deer and elk we could name because in general there the same animals. One doe in the past 4 years has had two sets of twins. The first set stayed with her until she was about to give birth to another set, so she gave them the boot. When she had the second set she was very protective so she never let the original yearlings feed with them. Generally I never see bucks often on the property or any stray deer other than the same deer we always see, but I do see buck rubs during the rut and single bucks during the velvet.

Overall I think the hunting was good for many hunters with exceptional bucks being harvested this year. I know of several good mature three and four points that were shot throughout the county. I do feel the increase of clear cuts may have something to do with it, I do know after the timber has been removed in the area I work due to the 2007 storm, the elk sightings and sign have decreased tremendously. It was nothing to see elk in good numbers before it was logged in mass proportion. But the deer and bear sightings have increased somewhat since being cut.

I hunted in eastern Oregon this year so I only observed the hunting at home. I still don't understand the logic or the need for generous doe hunts in the saddle mountain unit. When I hunt eastern Oregon, you see herds of does or at least deer in a morning hunt, not at a distant, near the roads to and from our hunting area. But there are very limited doe permits given in eastern Oregon, why here? It's no secret the Mule deer numbers are nothing like it once was, I feel the same about our area also.

I know this issue comes up all the time and I keep getting the same answer, it's because of the brush in Blacktail country is why we don't see the deer, therefore we all assume they're out there somewhere. In my opinion and you and I have talked about this, it's not the same as it was 20 to 30 years ago when hunting Blacktail. There's plenty of openings, clearcuts, public roads, private fields, yards ,etc. to spot deer that are not being hunted, and you don't see the numbers we use to have, during hunting season or not. Cut dirt banks are free of tracks for

days to months at a time in prime deer habitat.

Anyway not to go on, I feel between the new youth opportunity for antlerless deer, adult antlerless permits and the many factors effecting deer numbers are out of balance. I think the youth opportunity is a great idea, but consider two things this year when deciding the season. I have been told by Troy Laws that the greater deer population is better in the eastern half of the saddle mountain unit, if so consider to limit the adult antlerless hunts on the east side of hwy 202 and the south side of hwy 26 in the saddle mountain unit. Most of the hunting population comes from the northwest side of the unit which includes Astoria, Seaside, Warrenton, and Knappa. Limited time after work and weekends you will find the same areas being over hunted due to the short distance from home. I talk to many hunters stating they never saw a deer or other hunters with a yearling in the back of their truck saying it's the only thing they saw.

I know because of the type of country we live in there are indeed pockets of decent numbers of deer, but I can't help to wonder if there are areas being over hunted, my observations and talking to many good hunters who actually hunt away from the truck, lead me to believe it won't hurt to try something different in management. You will still sell the same amount of tags but at the same time give the western half of the unit a break. Bow hunting could stay the same, but youth antlerless on the west side and adult rifle antlerless on the eastern half of the unit. It may answer some questions a lot of us have had concerning deer populations and harvesting does. It may also work as a tool for management to alternate east and west antlerless hunts to better understand the effects of hunting.

Could you please let me know your thoughts and if you received this email,

Thank You

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-----Original Message-----

From: j.artoff3@gmail.com [mailto:j.artoff3@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 11:13 PM

To: odfw.info@state.or.us

Subject: email for for odfw do not work did not work last year either

Name: JIM ARTOFF

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muzzleloader hunter tags are a joke. we have very litte opertuinty to tags we are the last ones in the woods and if you look at the number of tags to first choise applicants you could only hunt every 3 years. we should not have to drive hours across state to hunt. I am from southern oregon, applegate unit is the only close unit my family can hunt every 3 years. 300 and some tags over 900 1st choise applicants. i have lived in oregon all my life and hunted sence i was 12 i am 49 now. i have one to many close calls with rifle hunters and would not fill good with my son in the wood at that time! I can not pass on the experiance of hunting every 3 years! rouge unit, evens creek unit' and dixon unit have no tags for us' but tons for every other hunt!!! if this does not consern you could you please forward to the right person who might reply thank you. p.s. Im not done yet!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

GS Wildlife

Roy Elicker, Director
Headquarters Office
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Public Correspondence
Topic Use Night Vision
for coyotes & bobcats

December 7, 2010

Dear Director Elicker,

For many years I have enjoyed hunting in Oregon as and out of state hunter from Washington. Oregon has many wonderful natural resources that your department manages very successfully.

Your youth mentor program is a great idea and something I have used with my two older sons as a precursor to them going through a hunter's safety course. Now they too are Oregon license holders, and their 8 year old brother can't wait to have his turn.

Initially I started my boys on bird hunting as I have pointing dogs. They have thoroughly enjoyed this activity. Something I have been sharing with my boys this year is coyote hunting. This is another great Oregon hunting activity they are starting to enjoy. The cattle ranchers are very appreciative of our predator calling on their property.

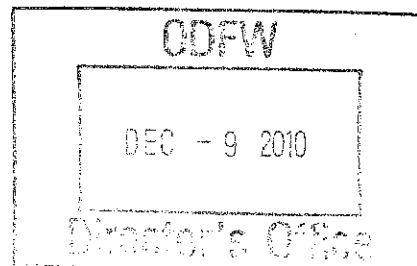
Would you consider a regulation change related to night vision? I noticed that with permission from my land owners I may serve as their agent and utilize artificial lights to hunt coyotes on their land. However I believe the current regulations prohibit the use of night vision for coyotes and bobcats (though again artificial lights are permitted). This seems like an outdated regulation that could be updated for modern technology.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Sincerely,



Steve Gaspar
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Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2010 7:56 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: victims of discrimination

From: Dawnn Mackey [mailto:dmackey@bendbroadband.com]
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 9:53 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: victims of discrimination

To whom it may concern: I am an avid hunter & fisherman, I have been all my life, I turn 50 yrs old may 1st. I have been hunting deer & elk in the RAGER ranger district (east of Prineville), for 25 yrs. They (odf & w) have continuously been counter productive towards rifle hunters. In such a manner by way of road closure (green dot system). I am sure you people are familiar with this METHOD!!!! and many others, that hunt this area have had ENOUGH!!!!!! These roads are open for the bow hunters to use/abuse.....as they please. I am sick & tired of being FORCED to have to walk back into my hunting area, and find that the bow hunters have been driving TRUCKS, ATV'S, ETC, ETC CROSS country, running the game out of the country. I have to waste precious hunting time to find this out YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR.....GET MY POINT!!!!!!!!!! NOW PLEASE UNDERSTAND I AM ALSO AN AVID ARCHERY HUNTER AND HAVE BEEN FOR 33 YRS. I AM ALL FOR THE ROAD CLOSURE SYSTEM.....BUT CLOSE IT FOR ARCHERY HUNTERS ALSO..IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. QUIT CATERING TO THE ARCHERY HUNTERS! I AM AWARE THE FOREST SERVICE & BLM, TAKE A HUGE PART IN KEEPING THESE ROADS OPEN DURING ARCHERY SEASON.....MORE SO CLOSED 3 DAYS PRIOR TO RIFLE DEER SEASON. (HUH ! DO YOU SEE A PATTERN HERE) 'WE DO'SO IF YOU PUT YOURSELF IN OUR SHOES?? YOU WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE UPSET TO.....? I UNDERSTAND THE CHOICES TO MAKE BY ARCHERY HUNTING IT IS MORE DIFFICULT, BUT DON'T MAKE IT RIGHT TO LET THEM DRIVE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WITH TRUCKS, ATV'S, JEEPS, ETC, ETC. AND RESTRICT RIFLE HUNTERS. OBVIOUS CASE OF DISCRIMINATION. I AM EAGERLY WAITING FOR YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS????????????????PLEASE RESPONSE ASAP TO:::::(JEFFREY.KLUM@QWEST.COM) AS SOME OF THESE HUNTERS ARE CONTEMPLATING LEGAL ADVISE.....PLEASE UNDERSTAND!!! THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER TO MANY HUNTERS.....

Michelle Tate

From: Jason Bader on behalf of Hunter Reports
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2010 9:52 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: my complaint

From: Wesley Alford [mailto:walford@cadetco.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2010 12:36 PM
To: hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: my complaint

Dear ODF

I can't believe there is no penalties for not reporting, this is the second year of this. I sure hope next year there will be a lose in hunting privilege for one year as a penalty next year. Put some teeth in your process, it's the only way you will get the information to help make hunting and game in Oregon better.

Wes

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Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2010 7:59 AM
To: Michelle Tate; Don Whittaker
Subject: FW:

From: Trevor Atchley [mailto:t_hunter18@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2010 7:01 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject:

Hi,

I am writing this to whom it may concern about archery hunting. I have been archery hunting in oregon for quite a few years now and enjoy it very much. I used to live in california and bought non-resident licenses and tags. I recently moved to oregon because i like it here and having resident pricing for hunting is a big plus. The reason I am writing this is because of the broadhead law in Oregon for big game. Oregon does not allow mechanical broadheads on game(besides western gray squirrel). I know my e-mail probably won't make a difference but figured if others were writing in as well it might get people thinking. I would really love to use mechanical broadheads for a couple reasons. First and most important being they are very ethical meaning they take down the animal very fast, and also they are more accurate out of a bow resulting in better, less wounding shots. Like I said before I know it probably wont make a difference but I just wanted to voice my opinion on the subject. I think it would result in less animal wounding and more people recovering their game. Thank you for your time and have a merry christmas.

Trevor

From: Don and Fara [mailto:faraquilts@charter.net]
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2010 7:59 PM
To: ODFW
Subject: tioga

ODFW

Salem Or.

Subject: Tioga management area.

Commissioners. December 3, 2010

First of all let me apologize in advance for any nasty language, or negativity in this letter. I'm still upset about the quality of hunts I had here in Oregon this year.

I just experienced a very disappointing elk season in the Tioga area. Something stinks up there. I thought I was set up for the hunt of a lifetime. We had tracking snow every day, hunting pressure was relatively light, and I expected to see lots of elk based on experiences for the last 50 years up there. However in 9 days of hunting by 6 of us from dawn to dusk we saw a total of just 17 elk. Four of us didn't see an elk.

In the past I've heard that poaching is a problem, but the area we hunt is behind locked gates, and unless the poachers, are timber company employees, Game Wardens, or both there can't be much poaching going on.

One thing is obvious. The elk are more scattered than ever before. The herds are much smaller. The biggest herd we saw this year was 9. Fifteen years ago it wasn't unusual to see herds of fifty animals. We had 9 days of fresh snow to track elk in. Problem was we never even found tracks. I'm pretty sure that the elk population is about 20 percent or less of what it was just ten to fifteen years ago.

I think you sell way to many cow permits for the area. I counted up 324 cow tags, and that doesn't include archery or disabled hunters that can shoot cows. How many elk hunters in the Tioga area had disability permits? I've bet my best friend five dollars that you have no idea, but I'll tell you judging from the parking permits dangling from mirrors, and Viet Nam Veteran bumper stickers it's in the hundreds. I'm offended that I don't have the same right to shoot a cow as a cripple. It's discrimination. I think you should scrap the special privileges given to the disabled, when it comes to shooting cows and does. Particularly when you have no idea of how many disabled hunters are participating in a given hunt. And of course you should decrease the number of

special cow permits. And for Christs sakes give the elk a break. Hunting them from August till March is crazy. What kind of kid do you think your wife would produce if she had to avoid gunmen her entire pregnancy?

I don't know why deer, elk, and even bear numbers are lower there in the Tioga area, than they should be. We walked three miles of the Williams river searching for elk sign, but expecting to find lots of bear sign, because of the dead and dieing salmon. We didn't find but one set of bear tracks, and one salmon that had been pulled up on the bank. We never saw one cougar track in the snow. Therefore, I don't think predation is the problem in the Tioga area.

The primary problem I see in the Tioga management area is greed. ODFW would sell platypus tags if it could. Doesn't matter if there's a platypus up here or not. If there's a buck in it for ODFW you'd sell tags. The funding generated by cow tag sales is irresistible. You are like a drug addict that can't get enough.... But that isn't the only problem up there.

The timber companies are barely hanging on state wide. They are probably losing money each time they cut a tree. The only thing that keeps them going is cash flow. They've gone to 30 and 40 year rotations just to stay alive. They can't afford a disruption in their supply. To save money they either can't or wont burn after logging. Burning releases nutrients into the soil and give forage species a boost, but to insure survival and growth of trees they spray with herbicides to concentrate all available moisture and nutrients to the trees. It's not a wildlife friendly practice. But unfortunately even that is better than the current no harvest level found on Federal lands.

The ODFW has to work with timber industry to improve elk numbers not only in the Tioga area but state wide. I'd suggest something like the Block Management program that Montana has. Hunters sign in when they enter private property. The state then gives the timber company or rancher funding based on the number of hunter days, and success they had in the block management area.

Right now all deer and elk are is a nuisance to the timber companies. However, if the companies were given funds based on hunter participation and success those species would become valuable resources to them. We'd see more wildlife friendly management practices. And instead of declining elk numbers we'd see increased numbers, and the ODFW, bless your greedy hearts, could possibly maintain your current number of cow permits, or possibly even increase them.

There is also one more thing I saw out there that disturbs me greatly. That's the pay to hunt area, near the lost creek\dead horse area. I fear the timber companies, and

ranchers will have to resort to lease to hunt programs in order to pay their bills in the future. That could destroy the common guy. You should be concerned as well, because if the common man can't afford to lease or pay to hunt on private land some where you aren't going to sell tags, and thank God you too will pass into extinction just as the hunters before you. That's justice I guess.

I would like to know what it will take to create a program like Montana's Block Management plan here in Oregon. That is one thing I think could save hunting, wildlife, and the ultimately the ODFW itself.

Thank You.

Don Wilson

Ps. Guess I didn't need to apologize after all. Pretty good considering the bitter feelings I have right now towards ODFW.

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2010 8:55 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: hunting opportunities
Suggestions regarding hunting opportunities. – Teri Kucera

From: DONALD HILTON [mailto:sharingasmile@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2010 6:34 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: hunting opportunities

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

As you know, you have received much feedback from hunters statewide concerning hunting opportunities and the condition of mule deer herds. I think I may have some helpful suggestions and hope you will give them the utmost consideration. Perhaps if the bag limit for mule deer during all seasons were changed to a 3pt or better on one side excluding the brow tine for all eastern oregon units, this may be helpful in increasing the mule deer herds. What this has the potential of doing is allowing the smaller bucks having only a forked antler or spike on both sides to mature thus increasing the number of bucks around the central and eastern oregon region. Given, there may not be as many taken right away, but would in theory provide better opportunities in the future. The bag limits can always revert back after a period of time, say maybe in about 3-5 yrs depending on the results of the idea. But if proving successful, you may wish to continue with the stricter bag limits. I do realize the regs for 2011 have already been issued, but a notice can be sent out in plenty of time before the 2011 seasons. Also, I would suggest cutting the bow season down to approximately 2 weeks instead of a full month while at the same time, changing the bow seasons to a draw only. It would not be necessary to cut tags with these ideas, but could prove possible to otherwise increase them if not at least remain fairly stable. The game commission would otherwise be able to afford to decrease the price for tags and licenses but otherwise would not lose any funds but could actually increase them as time goes using a decrease in fees while providing more tags for the public making up the difference in volume. Cougar populations have also had a devastating impact on the herds and can devastate the animal populations in a short amount of time of which it is believed to have already have done. We should take measures to cut the number of cats by whatever means necessary to a much more reasonable amount statewide. I have not exactly kept up on the reports for elk, but I think we could do a little better on them as well by perhaps going to a minimum of a forked antler or better if not 3 or better for them on one side using the same sketches as reference provided in the synopsis. For the units allowing for a spike only hunt, the difference could be made up by converting the bag limits and combining the total for all bag limits for bulls in those units. The one deer or one elk limits in some units should also be reconsidered and may need to be changed.

In short, these are suggestions to help both hunters and the state before we overdo it with the visible antler bag limits for deer and over-hunting during the other seasons and extended seasons. I do hope you will find these suggestions most helpful in the coming seasons ahead of us. No hunter will take it upon himself or herself to do this on their own. It will have to become part of the regulations. I have discussed these issues with others like myself and they agree with the ideas. I am also certain, if you are open to it, to consult with other states where animals are doing good and/or are improving and perhaps implement some of their ideas to improve things here in Oregon. Many hunters by the thousands will thank you for your efforts if they see you are serious about improving the hunting conditions in Oregon. Thank you for your time in reading my concerns and hope this will be of help to all.

Respectfully,

Don Hilton

P.S. I would also like to suggest stiffer penalties against poachers. Perhaps permanent loss of hunting privileges or twice the waiting time to reinstate them and higher fines.

Kevin McNerney
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*Hood Unit
Bear, cougar
lot of dogs*

Dear ODFW commissioners and staff

I spent 7 days hunting with my wife and 10 yr old daughter this fall in the hood unit. We were hunting deer and my daughter was on the mentored youth program. I am writing to you to express my concerns as a parent who wishes to instill the desire to continue the hunting heritage in his children.

I am 38 years old and grew up in the Hood River Valley hunting the hood and white river units. Typically I build preference points and hunt farther east and out of state when I can draw a quality tag. The hood unit is my backup and I have hunted here many times over the years. This fall's deer season was especially disappointing for me due to the lack of deer and the overabundance of predator sign and other hunters in the field. With my daughter by my side we saw two coyotes, two bears and two separate sets of cougar tracks and as mentioned we did not see a single buck deer. The 800+ hunters seemed to be everywhere. With a young daughter along we could not dive off too deep into the thick timber/vegetation to try and get away from the hoards of hunters and it was almost scary for my daughter.

After her first season of attempting to hunt in the hood unit I wonder if I will be able to get her or her younger sister to want to try hunting again. It is my opinion that the department of fish and game needs to help us as parents try to change the path we are on with our youth. Kids typically now want to play with all the techno gadgets and games rather than getting outdoors and experiencing nature. I thought I was doing the right thing with my 10 year old this fall. Now I am not so sure I did.

Perhaps the state needs to consider quality experiences more so than just quantity of tags. Take a look at some of the other western states and how they are managing their deer populations. I realize you are hamstrung by the voter mandated ban on dogs and bait for predator control but lets' try to do something to reverse the trend. As a hunter that spends a fair amount of money for out of state hunts I'll bet if you compare the non-resident fees coming into Oregon it pales in comparison to states such as Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. Try to increase the desire by non-residents to apply for tags rather than increasing the number of lower priced resident tags. Oregon is currently one of the least desirable states to apply in if you are a non-resident and now you have raised fees for non-residents even more. The quality of the game and the difficulty of drawing a tag are keeping the high non-resident dollars away.

If I could make the decisions I would repeal the ban on dogs for cougar hunting, increase the % of tags that go to non-residents and reduce deer tag numbers in the eastern units until higher buck: doe ratios are achieved. Lastly I would create a few more quality youth deer buck hunts to try to get the kids excited about hunting. I believe the kids get excited when their parents do. It's tough for most dads to get fired up about having their kid shoot a doe

Sincerely,

Kevin McNerney

HERE IS MY NEXT MANAGEMENT QUESTION FOR ODFW.....WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SPORT HUNTER FOR NOT TURNING IN THE SKULL FOR INSPECTION AS STATED IN THE GAME REGULATIONS WITHIN 10 DAYS?...WHAT HAPPENS TO A HUNTER WHO DOESN'T REPORT HIS HARVEST TO THE COMMISSION? HE IS REJECTED FROM HUNTING THE FOLLOWING SEASON BECAUSE....THE ANSWER IS... THIS INFORMATION MUST BE GATHERED TO MAKE SURE HARVEST OBJECTIVES ARE NOT BEING EXCEEDED.....NOW FOR MY NEXT QUESTION...WHERE DOES USDA FIT INTO MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES WITH ODFW.....ANSWER....THEY DON'T...FAIR? RIGHT? MORE ETHICAL? YOU DECIDE...SPORT HUNTERS IT IS TIME TO TAKE BACK OUR HUNTING AND GET THE STATE TO QUIT HIRING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DO OUR HUNTING ALL ACROSS OREGON.....we being sport hunters are the best management tool and if the commission is so adamant about using hounds to get the job done for cougar then we need private sector hounds reinstated as a management tool for both bear and cougar and quit stiffing the tax paying citizens for picking up the tab for hunting in oregon. my next question for the commission...i'm told since the n.w. timber managers pay a set amount to usda for bear removals it is of no business to the tax paying citizens of oregon....why does the usda and odfw not openly disclose the facts in an audit? answer... because tax paying citizens are picking up a percentage of the cost associated with bear removals by usda....

mike martell
sweet home or.

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2010 7:51 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Elk Season

From: DION ANNA CHRISTIE [mailto:dionanna@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2010 8:53 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Elk Season

I think it's a bunch of bullshit that you allow your controlled burns, and your logging of "hazard " trees while elk rifle season is going on. I also disagree with your "mandatory" reporting on hunts/tags this may come as a shock, but after I buy my license and tag I want you out of my business. It seems your department is not accountable to the very taxpaying citizens who fund it, and that needs to change. You raise fees whenever you want and now you demand hunt results be reported, I am certain that fines or loss of privileges will follow. I talked to a lot of hunters this year who are very dissatisfied with their hunts, and lay the blame squarely on D.F.W. sincerely #1451953

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2010 8:34 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Dear season

From: KMACSPLUS@aol.com [mailto:KMACSPLUS@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, November 26, 2010 9:57 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Dear season

The last two years of westside deer hunting have been the worst I have seen in thirty years of hunting.. I hunted every weekend for the complete season, and seen 9 deer, all does, four of wich were dead... personal beleif is these doe seasons and disabled doe killing need to stop for a few years..... I logged most of my life and have never seen it this bad..... will not be puchasing Tags for the 2011 season, my way of helping the deer count... Thanks for listening... Kelly Mc Donald, Cottage Grove, Or

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2010 1:50 PM
To: Nick Myatt; Brian Ratliff
Cc: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: ATV use

From: Gary Halcom [mailto:haldg@fmtc.com]
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2010 1:42 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: ATV use

Something needs to be done to address the use of ATVs during hunting seasons. This year, in the North Sumpter unit where I was hunting during the 2nd bull season, there were people who not hunting riding their ATVs thru the hunting area. It gets to be upsetting when you walk into areas to go on stands, and to have someone come riding thru off road, who is not hunting. It is hard enough to find a spike without added disruption and competition from this kind of activity. If this is the kind of activity I can expect in the future then I will not buy a tag.

I would suggest that a regulation be implemented that is similar to carrying a center fire weapon during a season when you must have a valid tag for unit you are in. If you are riding an ATV in a unit where there is a hunt in progress you should be required to have a valid tag for that unit. Other wise you should stay out until the hunt is over.

I hope something can be done to address this problem. The use of the ATVs in this unit has really become a problem during season and non season time.

Thank you for reading this, I hope it helps.

Sincerely
Gary Halcom

Public Correspondence
Topic Less Deer

Nov. 27, 2010

Or. Dept. of fish + wild life

I have been hunting deer in Oregon for over 50 years. The sightings of animals has become less with every year.

I won't put the blame on wild predators but rather poachers and road kill.

It's sad the days of good hunting are in the past.

I saw no deer this season and very little sign.

Best regards

Richard Larson
14743 SE. Gayle CT
Milwaukie, Or.
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Michelle Tate

From: Jason Bader on behalf of Hunter Reports
Sent: Wednesday, November 24, 2010 7:51 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Hunter reporting and poaching

From: Ron Smith [mailto:rontrack@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2010 4:39 PM
To: Hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: Hunter reporting and poaching

Just completed your survey. We are disgusted that perhaps at least the same amount of mule deer are poached as the amount taken legally.

We know that the Indian tribes in and around the Silver Lake and adjacent units are taking deer illegally, leaving our opportunities for success minimal. ODFW is doing a lousy game management job. Missouri had tremendous success with developing their disastrous white tail population and incredibly improving the hunting.

If you don't get your act together, the very hunters and fisherman that support your poorly-performing bureaucracy are going to go away.

Ron Smith

Rogue River, Oregon

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2010 7:51 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Klamath Falls Herald & News article (19 Nov 2010)

From: James Dean [mailto:jfd1964@live.com]
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 7:50 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us; Maria Dean
Subject: Klamath Falls Herald & News article (19 Nov 2010)

Dear ODFW,

I can't tell you how disappointed, no... change that to disgusted I am after reading an article in the Herald & News this morning. Headline is: "Poaching level a surprise to officials". Are you kidding me...ask any Oregon State Trooper (Game Officer) and they will fill your day with story after story! I personally know a couple of them!

It is embarrassing as a state resident to read that our state wildlife officials are surprised about the increasing numbers of poachers. I have also seen for myself afield the awful reduction in numbers in all big game animals within the entire state of Oregon, but I'm not going to sit here and tell you it is solely due to poaching! Some of it comes from mis-management of our natural resources. I have been hunting in the state of Oregon for over 25 years, and I have not seen any significant increase in any big game numbers throughout the state, and I ask myself year after year, why is that?

I am a member of the RMEF, OHA and President of a local Archery club, I donate an enormous amount of my time and dollars trying to help in any way that I can. People like myself play by the rules and year after year we continue to see huge decreases in tag availability, but increases in application fees. So I ask myself year after year why do I continue to keep applying to hunt? We see tag and application prices continue to rise, and big game animal numbers still on the decline. The state commission in my opinion has never really been interested in increasing the numbers of wildlife; what I notice is how much money they can generate to fill their top heavy administration pockets. It truly sickens me to see articles in the local paper about wildlife officials unaware of the ongoing poaching problem the state of Oregon has been dealing with for many, many years!

I know you will throw statistical data at me to try and prove me differently, but my beliefs will remain unchanged. I have hunted all over the state, I am afield more than most, and as a comparison to many many years afield, I see for myself the lack of big game numbers. So you can try to to prove me wrong, but it won't work. The data can be swayed to have it say anything you wish. I will not be fooled.

You ask yourselves; Why is the state of Oregon seeing such an explosion in illegal activity? Well the information is staring you right in the face, but you don't see it. Well, let me help you out. You have increased applications, licenses, tags and made the hunting regulations so confusing you have to be a lawyer to figure it out. And the continual decline in big game numbers. And you continue to say the "officials" don't know why poaching numbers are so bad. Geeze guys, this ain't rocket science! You are turning our hunting heritage into a money generating operation where only the rich can play and it makes the average Joe feel that he cannot compete, or can't "afford" to compete. Keep on this same path, and we will never see any change in the other direction. Let me put it in lehman terms...you can't legislate stupidity, and you won't catch everyone.

Hunters have been self controlling for generations, I learned from my elders how to respect our hunting heritage. It wasn't until the game commission started applying rules and laws, that it started getting worse and worse. More rules, more stupidity. Ask yourself... has it really deterred the ones that are hell

bent about doing what they want, when they want. I don't think so?! So now the game commission has got to ask themselves...what in the hell do we do now! If the state of Oregon and the state game commission don't figure out something soon, you will continue to loose the people who continue to try to play by the rules, and gain more of those who partake in illegal activity. The average Joe wants to do the right thing, but you make it so difficult for him that he can't possibly afford it. Instead the roll the dice and take their chance at breaking the law.

I realize I'm just one person who seems to be a little irritated about a local news paper report, but I'm telling you there are probably thousands and thousands who feel the same way I do. We don't have much respect for the state game commission, cause we have NOT seen any positive movement in the right direction, and they have NOT listened to the populous when they impose new rules and regulations that have no value or merit. Take the Hunter Orange issue as an example. Not in my opinion anyway!

I normally don't complain about stuff without having a recommendation or solution to fix things, but for this issue... the commission is on their own. Please stop giving us a reason to lose the little respect we have for our state game officials by being so ignorant about issues that have been a constant for decades. Wise-up guys!!

Sincerely,
Mr. James F. Dean
4464 Memorie Ln.
Klamath Falls, OR. 97603

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2010 5:16 PM
To: Michelle Tate; Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: reporting results of hunting
Another issue with on-line reporting. – Teri Kucera

From: rick davis [mailto:rsdavis53@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2010 4:27 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: reporting results of hunting

i went on line as required to report results of my different hunts but i am frustrated because there is no info on where to report the info once i get to your website. please reply with how to report hunting results online and then if its not clear to me how to report on line it might not be clear to others and your web site might need up dating.

From: chris seamons [mailto:chris_trans_am@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2010 6:59 PM

To: odfw.info@state.or.us

Subject:

I was looking threw the 2011 big game booklet and i noticed there was no late season elk hunts for bow hunters. Whats the reasoning behind this? I have notice and increase in tag prices which was hard to accept due to the state of the economy and the lack of money in most peoples pockets, and now a shorter season I might have just missed or miss read something but I thought I might ask before I get bent out of shape about it.

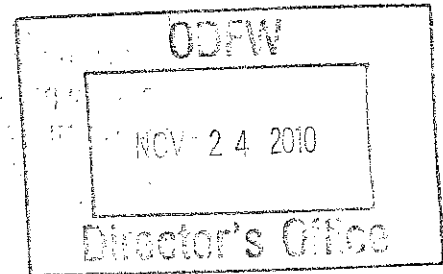
Sincerely,

Chris Seamons

Nov. 20, 2010

Roy Elicker, Dir.
Headquarter Office
3406 Cherry Ave. NE
Salem, OR 97303-4926

Public Correspondence
Topic Decreasing deer
Population



4192 N. Umpqua Hwy
Roseburg, OR 97470

Gentlemen:

I read the front page article in THE OREGONIAN dated Tues. Nov. 16, 2010, about mule deer hunting problems.

I don't hunt mule deer, since I live in Grants Pass, but I have elk hunted in north eastern Oregon the last 10 years. Myself and all the other members (that number goes up and down from three to nine) of our hunting party count the number of deer we see each day of our hunting. I agree the number of deer has dropped in the areas we elk hunt in. There has been approx. a 25% to 30% drop in deer numbers there. The last four years we have elk hunted in the Heppner Unit. I don't know about the poaching, but I have read about the cat hunts that have been going on in that unit. This year we crossed cat tracks before we had gone 300 yards from our vehicle the first day and some of us crossed other cat tracks during our hunting days. I have heard that this was to be the last year of the mountain lion hunting "special tags" to help control their numbers in the Heppner Unit. Please consider extending those hunts longer, since the number of tracks we are seeing has not gone down in four years, in fact it has slightly gone up.

I would also like to comment on the number of deer in the Powers and Evans Cr. Units. I count the number of deer I see every day that I hunt (this is the two units I generally hunt). This year the number of deer is extremely lower than I have ever counted. I hunted the same areas that I have hunted for years and harvested quite a few nice bucks. I had four of those hunting days that I saw no deer at all and very little sign, old or new.

My main concern is that with the number of deer in Oregon decreasing, it is obvious that the best way to make those numbers go up is to lower the number of doe tags offered or completely eliminate them in some units. My father told me in the early 1970s that doe hunting would eliminate good deer hunting in most of Oregon. I hate to say it but I think he was right.

Rick Wright
1408 NW Gilbert Way
Grants Pass, OR 97526

Rick Wright

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 7:45 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW:

From: Michael H [mailto:elkbuster2@q.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 6:00 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject:

To Whom it concerns....probably no one I'm sure...

The Oregon state fish and game symbol needs to be changed because there are very few fish left and certainly no deer!! Maybe it should have a mountain lion and a bear on the symbol. You knuckleheads need to learn from some of the states that actually care about the wildlife and hunters in their state, and not pander to every special interest group that cries if an animal is harvested. Bring up hard numbers on all of the road kills each year and tell them to work on that one.

I know that tag and license sales are way down and will be further down next year because the few hunters that where out this year said that they will not be wasting their money in this state any further, we are going to save and hunt out of state every 5 years.

Wake up cause your jobs will be next! Your not in California anymore

Big Elk Bob.....

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 10:53 AM
To: Thomas Thornton
Cc: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: 2011 Hunting regulations proposed changes
Please review and respond as appropriate.

Thanks,
Teri Kucera

From: The Weavers [mailto:weavers53254@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 4:03 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: 2011 Hunting regulations proposed changes

I would like the Commission to consider a change to the black powder firearm configuration for 2011. I propose that the use of black powder rifles be allowed to use either #11 or #209 primers. My reasoning is that the #209 primer is more consistent in powder detonation, therefore safer, and the newer rifles are more often being sold with the #209 primer ignition system. This would also lead to the sale of rifles which would meet more current safety standards.
Thank your for your consideration.

Richard Weaver
53254 Stateline Road
Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

Since you would not let me
explain this matter, I'll write it
down.

Public Correspondence
Topic Deer Poaching

OCT, 2010

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this last hunting season after
these 2 guys went home, we found
a poached doe, on rd 2420
OFF OF 3118-3117, down from our
camp $\frac{1}{2}$ one meter home older one,
no other description - one white,
picking up some construction company
out of Bend, OR, we seen them
heading down the Rd from there
camp, didn't know they poached a
deer UNTIL they left for home.

you can go up rd 24 just past
the power line big one that is.

I put up a plate that say
those so called hunter's poach
deer. 9:00 PM we heard shot,
fire and 10:30 PM on another
time, we could not find the people
hunted for an while.

The daytime patrol - needs to fix
over at night 8:30 to 11:30 PM.
It was the worst I heard it in a
- long time. Bow Hunter's need to go to
the draw just like we do.

(2)

STOP all the extra Hunts
get the pigs back on the
longers. move the deer season
one wk later

I told the Forest Service,
Thank you very much for letting
the brushcut of the pds in the
middle as the sides. Pds need
grated as well.

This took a while as I am very
Busy.

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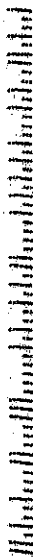
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Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 12:41 PM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: hunter reporting

From: Fritz Kuebrich [mailto:fritz@leadingedgemetals.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 12:00 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: hunter reporting

Hi,

I have been called 3 times and asked to report. I reported online per the rules and want to know why you cannot see who has reported and spend your time chasing down the people who have not reported. The problem is your program has no teeth as far as penalties for not reporting. You must have money to burn.

Frederick Kuebrich
1400 Mayview Dr. N.E.
Albany

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 11:03 AM
To: Michelle Tate; Don Whittaker
Cc: Michelle Dennehy
Subject: FW:

From: Jerry VanSickle [mailto:jerry.vansickle@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2010 10:57 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject:

The most current recreational report states the following:

Welcome to the ODFW Recreation Report

November 16, 2010

Second season coast bull elk season Nov. 20-26

Coastal elk populations are healthy. See the [Big Game Fall Hunting Forecast](#) and zone reports for more on what to expect.

Yet, the ODFW meeting back in September stated that you were changing the second season archery hunt to a draw hunt in 2011 because populations were low and to help control hunting pressure.

I ask you yet again, why are you printing this stuff with different information. It appears you do it for one main reason. You want people to continue to purchase licenses by lying to the public about the true health of our deer and elk populations. Yes, they may be physically healthy, but the total numbers are not.

The truth is that you don't really have any studies going on to determine the population of our deer and elk on the West side, (so I've been told by ODFW) yet your main interest seems to be how to acquire more money from fishing license, tags, and control hunt applications.

When are you guys going to start to care about the herd populations in Oregon and quit worrying about how to save your jobs. Maybe ODFW has too much FAT in their budget. Us sportsmen pay high taxes and fees to hunt and ODFW appear to not be able to use their money very wisely. You've gone to mandatory reporting so you should need less resources labor to collect that data.

You need to cut the FAT PORK at ODFW and start focusing on the Truth. NO MORE LIES. Your job is not to figure out how to make more money to keep your jobs, it's to manage the fish and wildlife herds in our state. I don't see you managing our herds. If you are managing and they are going down, you're doing a very poor job and you should be fired.

Now is the time to change your focus.

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Dick Mattson
32909 Highway 105
Warrenton, OR 97146

TUMULTUOUSLY, WILDLIFE DIVISION

I HOPE YOU WILL NOT IGNORE
THE REMINDERS OF AN OLD BULL ELK HUNTER

FORGIVE ME MY PRUNING AS AUTHORITY
IS IN MY HANDS A BIT IN WRITING...

WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN LIFE TO YOU,
AS AN OREGONIAN, AMERICAN, BULL ELK HUNTER?

IT WOULD SEEM TO BE HONORABLE, TO
SEEK JUSTICE, TO CORRECT WRONGS, OR TRY TO...

THUS THE BASIS OF MY APPEAL TO YOU, AND
THE FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF OREGON...

I AM SORRY I DID NOT PURSUE THIS ERROR &
MISTAKE BY THE F&W COMMISSION 20 YEARS AGO...

BUT SHOULDN'T DEPT. BIOLOGISTS SOUND AN ALARM
ON SOCIAL/OPPORTUNITY EQUITY FOR JUSTICE FOR ALL?

ONE THING IN LIFE I HAVE LEARNED & HOLD FAST TO
IF YOU SEE A WRONG, DO NOT GIVE UP - CORRECT IT!

THANKS,

→ I HOPE YOU WILL HELP RIFLE HUNTERS OF ELK IN OREGON.
THE STATE OF MT. 3 PT. SEASON THANKS, DICK MATTSO

WITH KNOWLEDGE WE GAIN
NOTHING WITHOUT COURAGE AND
WISDOM TO ACT TO CORRECT THINGS.

DICK MATHESON
SUNNY MEAT
HISTORIC RANCH
WILSON, OREGON
1974

MR. TOM THORNTON,

FORGIVE ME AS I DON'T ^{WRITE} DEAL IN BEAUCRATIC
SPIN TO WAYLAY THE RIFLE BULL ELK HUNTERS IN OREGON.

MY BROTHER, JIM IS A MASTERFUL BULL ELK HUNTER. HE
HAS BEEN MY ELK PARTNER SINCE 1952. HE IS QUIET AND NICE,
AND EASY GOING. I AM NOT! BUT I STATE MY CASE FOR BROTHER
JIM, AND THE SILENT MAJORITY OF BULL ELK RIFLE HUNTERS.

IMBALANCE
ON
ELK
SEASONS
SINCE
1987

WHY THOSE FELLOW BULL ELK RIFLE HUNTERS ARE NOT
OUTRAGED AS I AM, I'M NOT SURE, BUT THEY ACT AS MY
BROTHER JIM, WHO THINKS BIOLOGISTS MUST KNOW WHAT IS
BEST TO CORRECT OREGON'S INJUSTICE TO PASS THEIR ELK
ADVICE TO OREGON'S FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION. ~~WILSON?~~

I HAVE KIND NOONE DISAGREE WITH ME WHEN I
TALK TO THEM ABOUT OREGON'S BULL ELK SEASONS. EVEN
BIOLOGISTS, WHO TALK BACK A FINE BEAUCRATIC OREGON
"DON'T ROCK THE BOAT," DO NOT LIKE OREGON'S REGULATIONS.

FOR
ELK
HUNTING

SHOULD WE ALLOW SPEAR HUNTING FOR ELK IN OREGON?
SHOULD WE ALLOW CROSSBOW HUNTING FOR ELK IN OREGON?
SHOULD WE ALLOW COMPOUND BOW HUNTING FOR ELK IN OREGON?

WHAT? WE DO? WHAT? IN DECEMBER? NOPE! 30 LONG-
ELK RUN DAYS, SO THE HERD BULLS CAN BE WAYLAIN! WHY?
WHY? BECAUSE OF ARCHERS DEMANDS ON F&W COMMISSION IN 1987!

YOU!

WHY PUT UP WITH THIS NEPOTIOUS NONSENSE?
WHERE IS THE COURAGE TO STATE THE SOCIAL CONCERNS
OF OUR HUNTING HERITAGE IN ALL STATE OF OREGON?
WHAT CAN BE DONE BY MR. TOM THORNTON? NOTHING? ~~PROHIBIT~~
TO DO SOMETHING? PASS THE BUCK? OR BE WISE WITH COURAGE?
(ELK RIFLE HUNTERS NEED YOU). I HOPE ~~YOU WILL~~ DICK MATHESON

NOTE: 6 POINT BULLS ARE NOT COMMON LOCALLY
4-5 POINT BULLS ARE COMMON LOCALLY
EKS THAT IS USUALLY AN ANCHERS

BULL EIK SEASONS 20 DAYS ARCHERY
STADLE MT. UNIT 100 DAYS RIFLE (30 FT)
HARD BULLS NO ARCHERY LAST 12 DAYS SEPT



Dick Mattson
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MR. TOM THORNTON

(503) 861-1184

FINALLY I FOUND SOMEONE (POSSIBLY) THAT
DOES NOT PARROT THE ~~SAME~~ LINE OF THE PAST 23
YEARS (THAT FAVORS ARCHERS) DURING OREGON'S EIK
SEASONS. I THOUGHT ALL HAD BEEN DUPED, BUT
WHY I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND IN A FREE COUNTRY:

WHEN I STARTED HUNTING ~~IN~~ CLATSOP
COUNTY, NOW CALLED THE STADLE MT. UNIT,
THERE WAS USUALLY A 12 DAY EIK SEASON,
BUT IT VARIED FROM 9 DAYS TO A LONG EIK
SEASON IN 1964. (THAT LONG 1964 SEASON WAS
DIRECTLY DUE TO MY SUGGESTION FOR HIGHER ~~FREE~~ TAGS.
(AND THAT WAS THE ONLY SEASON BROTHER JIM, AND
I BOTH SHOT HUGE 6 PT. BULL EIK IN CLATSOP COUNTY

FOR 50 YEARS I HAVE WRITTEN TO THE GAME
COMMISSION, (NOW THE FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION)
AND I FIND THE OLD COMMISSION HAD COMMON SENSE
WHILE THE CURRENT COMMISSION KNOWS TO ARCHERS.
WHY THAT IS BECAUSE ME AS IT LACKS WISDOM.

I HAVE FOUND OUT THE REASON OF BULL EIK
HUNTER SUCCESS IN OREGON, AND THAT IS TO BUY
MULTIPLE TAGS. 50% OF BULL EIK HUNTERS DO SO,
AND THIS UNETHICAL PRACTICE FORCED BY REGULATIONS.
IT IS COMMON LOCALLY TO "PARTY HUNT" BOTH SEASONS.

THERE'S ANOTHER TRICK EMPLOYED BY ARCHERS
& THAT IS TO BRING IN "NO NECK" BULLS IN NEED OF
SOME JUST SHOT EIK, & BUTCHER EIK AT HOME.
WHY HAVE INSANE, UNFAIR RULES FOR EIK MATTER

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MR. TOM THURMON,

AN INTERESTING FACT ON ELK ^{BULL} REGULATIONS
IN OREGON, WAS THAT IN 1978, BILL MATHIAS AND
OF SEASONS, DICK PENNY THOMPSON OF ASTORIA AND
DICK MATTHEW OF WILSON, GATHERED 573 HUNTERS
NAMES ON PETITIONS TO CHANGE THE SPIKE ELK TO
3 PT BULL ELK LEGAL HERE IN OUR SKIDDEE MOUNTAIN UNIT.
WE WERE OVERJOYED WE WON, BUT NOT EX-MINISTER TAYLOR
OF THE DEPARTMENT, WHO INSISTED WHOLESALE "SLAUGHTER"
OF CURB ELK BY 200 COW TAGS IN 1980, & 1500 COW
TAGS IN 1981! THIS REDUCED OUR ELK HERDS SUBSTANTIALLY.

DURING THE 1960'S I WROTE & CALLED FREQUENTLY THE
TRANSPLANT ELK IN OREGON, SO HUNTERS COULD BE DISPERSED
ALL OVER WESTERN OREGON WHERE ELK WERE TRANSPLANTED.

ONE COLUMNIST THAT HELPED IMMENSELY WAS TOM
MCCMILLISTER, THE "WILD OPEN SPACES" COLUMN WRITER
OF THE OREGON JOURNAL, WHO PUBLISHED MY IDEAS.
BILL MORRIS (A DON HULM), OF THE OREGONIAN SEEMED
TO LACK THE KEEN JUDGMENT OF JUSTIFIED SEASONS,
AS MR. MORRIS SWITCHED TO BOW ARROW FOR ELK.

IT'S BEEN "A LONG ROW TO HUE IN OREGON," I
HAD HOPED FOR SUPPORT FROM THE OREGON PEOPLE IN
CHARGE OF REGULATIONS, BUT THEY SEEM TO BE IN A
FOG INDUCED BY SOCIAL FACTORS EMPLOYED BY ANTI-
I AM GETTING TIRED OF "KUSING" TO CORRECT REGULATIONS
X - OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT FOR RARE BULL ELK SEASONS
IN OREGON SHOULD HAVE BEEN PART OF OUR RIGHTS.
THE LONGBOW/RECURVED BOWS, ARE NOW MOSTLY HIGH TECH
COMPOUND BOWS, & IT'S A SHAME TO SEE THEM IN THE STATE
OF ELK. SHOULD YOU ENDURE SHAME ON OREGON? DICK MATTHEW

TOM MURKIN
BIG GAME MANAGER
OREGON DEPT OF
FISH & WILDLIFE

I CAN'T ACCEPT LACK OF
WISDOM & PATIENCE IN
OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT ELK
IN MY STATE AT ALL.



Dick Mattson
32909 Highway 105
Warrenton, OR 97146
SUNNY MOUNTAIN

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10/15/10

CAUSING
50%
HUNTERS
TO CHEAT
MR. TOM MURKIN, RIFLE
A 4 DAY 3 PT BULL ELK REGULATION DOES
NOT MAKE A HUNTING SEASON FOR SADDLEBUT VARI
BULL ELK HUNTERS. WHY IS THAT? (REASONS)

UNFAIR!
(1) BOW & ARROW ELK HUNTERS GET 30 LONGER DAYS
IN THE ELK HUNTING SEASON, CALLED THE "RUT."

THESE BULL
ELK ARE
UP IN
GENERAL
ELK HERDS
(2) HERD BULLS ARE TARGETED BY ARCHERS AS HERD
BULLS ARE VULNERABLE WITH CANS IN ESTIMATES IN SEASON
(3) DAYLIGHT HOURS ARE ABOUT 50% LONGER IN THE
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER THEN IN NOVEMBER RIFLE SEASON
(4) WASTAGE OF ELK BY THE ARCHER HUNTERS IS ABOUT
50%, WE ESTIMATE, ARCHER HUNTERS 30% TO 40% OR SO.

(5) CONVERSELY WE ESTIMATE BULLS LOST BY ARCHERS
AT 10% OR LESS. (SMALL CANNIBALS SHOULD BE CULLED)

YOU
(6) HERMAN BRENNERBECK SAYS, "MAKE SURE TO TELL
IT'S A SOCIAL ISSUE, NOT A BIOLOGICAL ISSUE"

(7) WASHINGTON STATE HAS INFORMED BIOLOGISTS, AND
THEY WISE WASH STATE REGULATIONS DON'T PREVENT
TO ELK RIFLE HUNTERS. WHY CAN'T OREGON COMMISSION

TRUE
BUT THE
CHARGE
(8) 1987 WAS THE ARCHER REMAINING YEAR OF
FARMING IN OREGON'S BULL ELK REGULATIONS. SINCE
THEN THEIR 30 DAY "RUT" SEASON HAS HUNT BULL/COWHORN

(9) IN A BETTER WORLD, WE COULD HAVE A 20 DAY
ARCHERY SEASON, A ONE 3 PT. BULL ELK SEASON OF 9 DAYS.
BUT THAT WOULD TAKE US SOON, COVERAGE WITH OUR COMMISSION

(10) WE CAN LIVE WITH BAD REGULATIONS. WE ARE OLD FASHIONED
BUT WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF JUSTICE FOR BULL ELK RIFLE HUNTERS
WERE MADE LEGAL IN OREGON? I HOPE YOU AGREE MORE IMPROVED

OREGON ELK HAZARD COMMISSION

AND FROM OREGON'S

HELP

HERD BULLS!

2010



PROUD
SUPPORTER

NOTICE!

BULLS WILL BE REMOVED
FROM OREGON'S
ELK HAZARD

COMMISSION
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RESIST A RIPPED BULL FOR SEASONS
AND TO RESIST A RIPPED BULL FOR SEASONS
THE HERD BULLS AND TO RESIST A RIPPED BULL FOR SEASONS
ELK REGISTRATION

OREGON DOES NOT WANT TO HELP
THE HERD BULLS AND TO RESIST A RIPPED BULL FOR SEASONS
THE HERD BULLS AND TO RESIST A RIPPED BULL FOR SEASONS

Thomas Thornton

From: craig starr [starrcs@peak.org]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 8:38 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: 'Roy Elicker'; 'Ronald Anglin'; 'Thomas Thornton'
Subject: Coyotes and Elk season
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Dear Commission Members:

I was in elk camp again this fall with my rifle-hunting buddies. I wasn't actually hunting elk, of course, since I had an archery elk tag. Still, I always enjoy being in elk country and sharing the camaraderie of elk camp.

Our camp was visited by a member of your ODF&W staff during his "rounds" to check hunters and hunting success. One of my hunting buddies and I were in camp, and got to spend some chatting with your staffer. We asked him about game populations in the area and various game management issues that the area faces, including the issue of predation. He indicated that elk populations are on the upswing while deer populations are struggling (this is one of the MDI units). He indicated that one of the ODF&W staff's major concerns regarding deer in the area is predation by Coyotes.

As you will likely recall, I have previously urged you to eliminate your current prohibition against hunting of Coyotes with a centerfire rifle during rifle elk season. I frequently saw Coyote tracks throughout the area we were in and heard their howls. I would gladly have spent some of my time hunting Coyotes if I had been able to use my .223 (a rifle not even legal for elk hunting) and might have been able to do my bit to alleviate the area's problem with Coyote predation except for your current prohibition. I know that I could use my bow (except for an injury that currently prevents my shooting) or a shotgun and try to hunt Coyotes while I'm in the area for elk camp. However, I've hunted Coyotes a fair amount and I know from past experience that such relatively short-range weapons are a major handicap when hunting Coyotes, especially in eastern Oregon. I choose not to waste my time educating Coyotes to predator calling when I can't have a realistic chance to harvest an animal if it comes to the call.

I understand the concern about potential for party hunting or other poaching that results in your current prohibition against use of a centerfire rifle for hunting Coyotes during rifle season. Still, I think your prohibition is a bit like cutting off your nose to spite your face – it makes no sense to implement one action (your prohibition) intended to protect game while prohibiting another action (Coyote hunting) that would help address an issue of potentially greater impact.

I think it's past time that you and your ODF&W staff realize that the vast majority of hunters aren't "outlaws" and eliminate the prohibition against use of a centerfire rifle for hunting Coyotes during rifle elk season. Since predation by Coyotes (and Cougars) is a major contributor to game population concerns in many areas of Oregon, it's time to eliminate the administrative obstacles you've created that tend to prevent hunters from doing our part to control predator numbers.

Sincerely,

Craig Starr
P.O. Box 2277
Lebanon OR 97355

Colleen R Munson

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 10:15 AM
To: Colleen R Munson
Cc: 'Ronald Anglin'; 'Thomas Thornton'; Michelle Tate
Subject: RE: Coyotes and Elk season

Colleen:

Curt Melcher said to green-sheet this to Wildlife Division for response and review.

Thanks,
Teri Kucera

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Our camp was visited by a member of your ODF&W staff during his "rounds" to check hunters and hunting success. One of my hunting buddies and I were in camp, and got to spend some chatting with your staffer. We asked him about game populations in the area and various game management issues that the area faces, including the issue of predation. He indicated that elk populations are on the upswing while deer populations are struggling (this is one of the MDI units). He indicated that one of the ODF&W staff's major concerns regarding deer in the area is predation by Coyotes.

As you will likely recall, I have previously urged you to eliminate your current prohibition against hunting of Coyotes with a centerfire rifle during rifle elk season. I frequently saw Coyote tracks throughout the area we were in and heard their howls. I would gladly have spent some of my time hunting Coyotes if I had been able to use my .223 (a rifle not even legal for elk hunting) and might have been able to do my bit to alleviate the area's problem with Coyote predation except for your current prohibition. I know that I could use my bow (except for an injury that currently prevents my shooting) or a shotgun and try to hunt Coyotes while I'm in the area for elk camp. However, I've hunted Coyotes a fair amount and I know from past experience that such relatively short-range weapons are a major handicap when hunting Coyotes, especially in eastern Oregon. I choose not to waste my time educating Coyotes to predator calling when I can't have a realistic chance to harvest an animal if it comes to the call.

I understand the concern about potential for party hunting or other poaching that results in your current prohibition against use of a centerfire rifle for hunting Coyotes during rifle season. Still, I think your prohibition is a bit like cutting off your nose to spite your face – it makes no sense to implement one action (your prohibition) intended to protect game while prohibiting another action (Coyote hunting) that would help address an issue of potentially greater impact.

I think it's past time that you and your ODF&W staff realize that the vast majority of hunters aren't "outlaws" and eliminate the prohibition against use of a centerfire rifle for hunting Coyotes during rifle elk season. Since predation by Coyotes (and Cougars) is a major contributor to game population concerns in many areas of Oregon, it's time to eliminate the administrative obstacles you've created that tend to prevent hunters from doing our part to control predator numbers.

Sincerely,

Craig Starr
P.O. Box 2277
Lebanon OR 97355

Michelle Tate

From: Don Whittaker
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 2:43 PM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: mandatory reporting
Please add this to the correspondence file.

From: Jason Bader **On Behalf Of** Hunter Reports
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 12:23 PM
To: Ryan Torland; Greg Jackle
Cc: Don Whittaker; Ronald Anglin
Subject: FW: mandatory reporting

From: pvgdvg [mailto:pvgdvg@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 11:11 AM
To: Hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: mandatory reporting

I have completed my required mandatory reporting for 2010.

I find it very interesting that ODFW has already made the decision to make Desolation unit a "bull only" unit for archers in 2011.....(at least that's the word out in the woods)....and evidently, this decision was made prior to the collection of all of the reporting data from archers for 2010.

Kinda makes a guy wonder why we should even report....

And, in fact, if the Desolation unit does become a "bull only" unit for archers....this will be my last report....

Doug Van Gordon

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 8:11 AM
To: Don Whittaker; Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Frustrated Hunter

From: Jeff Groth [mailto:coachgroth@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 12:34 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Cc: ODFW Commission
Subject: Frustrated Hunter

To staff & Commission,

I am 44 yrs old and have been hunting in Oregon for well over 20 years. My family and I are avid outdoors-people and enjoy fishing and hunting as a family sport.

I have always supported the efforts of ODFW and continue to do so. I think this is only the second email I have ever sent and I am somewhat ashamed to say that I have never attended any public meetings.

I just completed my online hunter report and I felt compelled to share some feedback, as both a hunter and taxpayer.

I have a couple concerns regarding the future of hunting in Oregon, as follows;

- **Fees.** I know we are in tough times, I too work in the public sector and understand the effect of the economy. The fees for hunting licenses and tags continue to increase year after year and it is becoming increasingly difficult for my family to afford to go. I have no problem supporting the sport through my fees, but there may come a point when I simply cannot afford the cost of the fees. Remember that we all also have travel and other costs that we must be able to afford. I also have two sons to pay for beside myself, so please hold the line on fees.
- **Animals.** *Or the lack of....* I don't expect to find an elk or deer behind every tree, but some chance of success would be nice. I no longer hunt Blacktailed deer because I never see any. Something needs to be done, and fast, on the westside with regard to deer. On the eastside, it is starting to look the same way with the deer and elk, thanks, in part, to predation. I talk to a lot of landowners and the story is the same, far less deer and elk today than there used to be. In the last several years I have been hunting, I have seen more cat kills, or the remnants, than I ever used to see. Now, on top of that we have wolves. Here is the deal, when wolves were here long ago, there were a lot more deer and elk and far less people. It is faulty thinking to believe that our deer and elk herds can support wolves & cougars. I am not going to continue to pay my share in license and tag fees and watch it get eaten by the wolves and cougars. Please do something about predation.

Thank you for listening. I am committed to Oregon hunting and I want to see it succeed-Jeff

Jeff Groth
coachgroth@yahoo.com
(503)680-9968

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 3:49 PM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Problems with hunting this state is ODFW

For your review. – Teri Kucera

From: Henry [mailto:melhornh@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 12:23 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Problems with hunting this state is ODFW

The only problem Oregon has with managing game is ODFW and the people managing our game are inadiquit to do the job.

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 3:50 PM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: ODFW

For your review. – Teri Kucera

From: Henry [mailto:melhornh@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 12:44 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: ODFW

Oregon has several problems with big game management and an extensive record of doing the wrong thing at the right time. Number one problem right now is the people in position of top management, after a few conversations with management it is quite clear that leadership is lacking the knowledge needed to provide the right decisions needed to confront current problems with big game and predators, over populations of geese on farmers fields in the valley, the decline of mule deer populations in Oregon. Rules and regulations that restrict hunters abilities to kill predators. Your management is only good at two things using our money make our govenor happy degrading hunters while we are your mainfinancial base. Not only this but I have noticed that management is not communicating with the people who opporate the ODFW offices outside of Salem. There are more problems thst need mentioned, but lfeel you are getting the drift. Thank You and have a good day Henry melhorn Bend Oregon.

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Public Correspondence

Topic Ducks being hit by cars,
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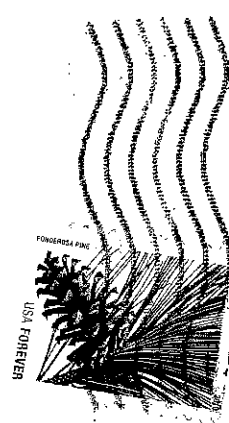
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Janice Bellis

From: Ronald Anglin [ronald.e.anglin@state.or.us]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 8:09 AM
To: BELLIS Janice B
Subject: FW: Stott Mountain Unit / disgraceful resource management

Public Correspondence
Topic Stott Mountain Unit

Ron Anglin
Wildlife Division Administrator
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
503 947-6312

From: Jim [mailto:JLBox@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 2:56 PM
To: Ronald Anglin
Subject: Re: Stott Mountain Unit / disgraceful resource management

Mr. Anglin,

I appreciate your reply, but you have simply reaffirmed my suspicion that the ODFW has simply given over control of the lands and wildlife to the timber companies' interests. The ODFW has become nothing more than the yes-men for the timber industry and the collector of fees for licenses and tags. It shows no desire to protect the fish and wildlife, and it is certainly not interested in the opinions of the hunters and fishermen that have used the rivers and mountains for generations. You do not need to look far to see why fewer folks are hunting and fishing. Like I said in my prior letter, I may continue to purchase a hunting license so that I can shoot my guns and call it varmint hunting, but I will not purchase hunting tags any more. The ODFW is to me a waste of taxpayer dollars and my future votes and communications with politicians will certainly reflect that. It would be a great place to reduce budgets.

Thank you for taking the time to reply.

James Box

From: Ronald Anglin
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 12:34 PM
To: Jim
Cc: Don Whittaker ; Eric Rickerson ; Thomas Thornton
Subject: RE: Stott Mountain Unit / disgraceful resource management

Mr. Box,

Thank you for taking the time to send me an email expressing your concerns and frustrations. You are correct there are a lot of changes occurring or that have occurred that impact wildlife populations and hunter access. Hopefully you can appreciate that private landowners have the ability to manage their lands for what they feel are the highest value. In the case of timberlands, shifts to more intensive management have lead to shorter rotations and increased use of herbicides. Both of these are approved forestry practices under the Forest Practices Act as administered by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

In some cases access to private property (in this case timberlands) has been restricted – not necessarily because of hunters, but because of vandalism caused by the general public that view these lands as a dumping ground for

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their trash, have no appreciation for the resource damage that can be caused by driving on dirt roads (but the timber companies are being held accountable for any muddy runoff), using logging equipment for target practice and dumping of meth lab contents. As responsible hunters we are paying the price for this disrespect, and it is hard to blame the private landowners for taking action to protect their lands.

Likewise closing roads and access to areas for wildlife purposes does come with its own challenges. Some hunters want more "walk" in areas where they won't be disturbed by 4wd vehicles or ATV's. Others want full access. What we try and balance when talking with either federal or private landowners on road closures is that fine line of hunter access along with reducing vulnerability of deer and/or elk to poaching. Some of our recent research in Central Oregon is showing that illegal harvest (of does) is equal to legal harvest of bucks. Poaching occurs in areas with easy access and the ability to quickly get an animal into a vehicle. In other words – more roads, more poaching, less deer for legal hunters. Clear back in the 1980's our Cascade elk study showed that we had a 15-19% loss of radio collared cows to poaching.

We are aware of the challenges facing deer and elk in the Coast Range and have been in discussions with industry groups, private and federal landowners about how to reverse trends and provide for sustainable timber harvest and wildlife populations.

Again, thanks for taking the time to write.

Ron Anglin
Wildlife Division Administrator
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
503 947-6312

From: Jim [mailto:JLBox@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 9:30 AM
To: Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us
Subject: Stott Mountain Unit / disgraceful resource management

Sir;

I am writing to the Commission today with the hope that I can draw attention to the utterly horrible hunting conditions and terrible habitat for wildlife in Oregon's Stott Mountain Unit. I have never seen hunting and game habitat as bad anywhere as it is in the Stott Mountain unit where I have hunted for the last 25 years.

Every year you think it couldn't get much worse, and the next season you find you were wrong... It is far worse. The hunting and game habitat in the Stott Mountain Unit is terrible due to logging practices and literally hundreds of square miles of hunting land is now inaccessible due to time restrictions and closed roads. Hundreds of hunters are now squeezed into small areas where game is simply nowhere to be found. You can't even get to the upper Siletz River to fish most of the year now because all of the roads are locked. I will continue to buy a hunting license each year so that I can shoot my guns in the mountains and claim to be hunting coyotes and varmints, but I think I will pass on buying game tags from now on. The hunts are not worth the gas it requires to drive to the unit any more. It makes no sense to spend money on hunting tags that will never be filled or to be so frustrated by such poor hunting conditions, and it is stupid to buy a fishing license and tags when the roads to the river are closed. A study would quickly show that the habitat for game has been horribly impacted by the current logging practices. Out of literally thousands of square miles of what used to be some of the most magnificent forest in the world, there now remains a single sixty acre plot of old growth forest, the Valley of the Giants, remaining in the entire Siuslaw Forest, and you can't go there to even go to look at them because of locked gates and closed roads. One of Oregon's last remaining old growth trees are locked up by timber companies. Irony, isn't it? However the new trees are planted so closely together that you could not drive a tank through them, and so much slash and trash remains in the clear-cuts that game even has problems navigating. You cannot hunt inside the trees because a deer or elk would

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 3:18 PM
To: Michelle Tate
Cc: 'Richard Hargrave'; Michelle Dennehy
Subject: FW:

From: Jerry VanSickle [mailto:jerry.vansickle@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 2:32 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject:

I am 39 years old. I moved to Oregon from Ohio when I was about 13 years old. I obtained my hunting license in Ohio at the age of 10. I started fishing at about the age of 5. As you can see, I am an avid outdoorsman. I like to spend my free time fishing and hunting. I spent my senior prom night out camping and fishing.

I'm really having problems and disagree a lot with what's going on at Fish and Wildlife. I feel that the agencies are more interested in how to earn enough money than they are with improving fish and wildlife populations.

I hate the politics involved and the direction this state is going in.

In this email, I want to address the issue of Wildlife. I recently read that ODFW is going to eliminate the second season cow bow hunt in the coast units in 2011. The Sept 30th meeting states;

Replacing general late season archery cow hunts with controlled hunts in Santiam, Stott Mt, Alsea, McKenzie and N. Indigo (due to declining elk populations and to better distribute hunters).

Yet, in the most current recreation forecast for Elk Rifle hunting it states;

First season coast bull elk season Nov. 13-16

Elk hunters should be completing their scouting in anticipation for the season to open. Coastal elk populations are healthy and there should be some branch antlered bulls available to hunters. See the [Big Game Fall Hunting Forecast](#) for more on what to expect. This information is contradicting. In one sense you say you are taking away our second season because in part elk populations are low and at the same time you tell the public that Coastal Elk populations are healthy. This isn't right. It leads me to believe that the main reason of eliminating the bow hunters second season is to make it a draw hunt which you can collect more revenues. Now your interest appears to be directed to making money and not for the health and wellbeing of our wildlife populations.

What we need to is to increase the population of the elk herds. Giving out more and more cow tags and charging people for a draw hunt isn't going to help. It probably needs to start at the top with our lame Governors.

My wife and I both worked for the state for multiple years. I currently have family that works for the State of Oregon as well as many friends. Our system cost way to much. I'm getting off topic. Sorry. You guys can't control that.

Back to Wildlife. Oregon needs to work on passing legislation that will allow the return of harvesting timber to our National Forrest. I've noticed my old hunting grounds in the

Cascades that use to be logged, no longer have good deer and elk populations. There is not enough feed to provide for the animals with the tall timber that is standing.

Secondly and probably most importantly, timber companies currently spray their land with nasty chemicals to control vegetation growth and give their new trees the ability to grow up before the other vegetation gets taller than the trees. Those nasty chemicals also reduce/eliminate other vegetation such as grass that the deer and elk feed on.

I generally hunt in the Stott Mountain Unit near my home in Dallas, Oregon because of convenience and cost. I do however hunt other areas once in a while over East, in the Cascades, and NW Coast. I also bear hunt near Florence.

I have seen many clear cut areas that don't have any vegetation for the deer and elk to feed on. It's pretty obvious that are wildlife can't survive without feed. Then we have booming populations of cougar and bear in our state. They take a big tow on wildlife numbers as well. Just two days ago, my wife witnessed a big coyote chasing a yearling doe in our neighbors field. Our population of deer near our house are also down. I believe that it is part to the coyote and cougars in our area. I have photographed the cougar with my trail camera on my property. My neighbor also saw a peer of cougars several years ago in the back of our property. ODFW released a breeding pair near our property a couple of years ago.

I believe the state of Ohio, where I am from, harbors more deer than the state of Oregon. Many Eastern states have more deer than Oregon. Some Southern states allow multiple deer harvest a day during their hunting season. Now, I know from personal experience that the human population back there is high and there is a lot of farm land in some areas. Eastern Oregon doesn't have a lot of feed available, some due to us leasing the lands out to cattle and sheep ranchers and that cuts down on the feed available for wildlife, but do believe there is no reason our populations of wildlife shouldn't be exploding from there current levels on the coast. We still allow logging in those areas and we need to get these timber companies to cut down on the chemicals or to change the formula to allow more natural vegetation or grasses to grow.

We also need to get the state to reverse the voter approved ballot that banned the harvest of bear and cougar by the use of dog and baiting.

I know that the state and private timber companies pay to trap bear in our state. I have a friend that use to trap for the state and his son in law works for the federal govt doing just that now. The hunter can and will do this if given the chance. Suburban Liberal Democrats in Multnomah County or Lane County should not be able dictate what happens in our state. The ODFW should go to congress and fix that ban. ODFW should support efforts to educate the public about the purpose and validity of dog and bait hunters. I believe the outside interest wrongfully portrait those hunters. I have personally harvest several bears and was just getting ready to start hunting with dogs with a neighbor and I know that I wouldn't of allowed the dogs to tear up a bear or cougar. The ideal is to harvest the animal, eat it, and mount the hide. If the dogs tear it up, I can't do that. I think I stand behind most hunters that feel that way. I have many friends that hunt and we all agree.

ODFW need to figure a way to allow hunters to use dog and bait. They also need to get timber companies to allow grass vegetation to grow among their trees they replant.

Legislation was passed to require timber companies to replant within a certain time frame. We also passed legislation to prevent them from harvesting near streams to protect the rivers. Now it's time to change their praying habits.

ODFW needs to do something. I've all but lost faith with Oregon. After many years of hunting and fishing, I've decided that this may be my last year of hunting. Goose hunting is getting impossible. Timber companies such as Forrest Capital are limiting access. Federal and many state

lands don't have the populations they once had. I can go on and on.

Fishing is not the best either and now we allow people to use two fishing rods. Ya, it's only in lakes and Res etc., but if we weren't stocking those lakes etc with trout raised in hatcheries, we could be raising salmon and steelhead to help those runs recover. We need to spend our money where it's most beneficial. We need to tackle our problems from the sources.

The question now is, will ODFW make things worse or will you do something to help. I don't think there is such a good track record thus far. It's time for change.

Have you addressed my suggestions? What can us hunters do to help?

Concerned Citizen,
Jerry VanSickle

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 7:55 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Hunting in Oregon

From: Dana Carlson [mailto:danacarlson@cascadeaccess.com]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 7:40 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: Hunting in Oregon

I am writing this in regards to my recent 1st season controlled hunt. I have hunted in Oregon my entire life and each year it just gets more expensive to hunt. I am required to buy a license to apply for a tag, If I don't get the tag then I am stuck with a worthless piece of paper. I apply for 5 years to get a controlled hunt tag and I saw more cougars than elk on my last hunt. The season is 5 days, but starting on a Wednesday and having to be back to work on Monday. A Sunday hunt is just about out of the question so basically 1st season is a 4 day hunt period. I am sure that you probably don't care one way or the other as it is obvious that you don't listen to the hunter, you know the guy or gal that buys the tag, buys the license, pays your salary and stimulates the local economy buy buying food, gas, etc. I hunt in a party of 8 people and next year we will consider applying for an out of state tag and forgo the Oregon hunting experience. As it is we will have to wait 5 yrs, buy 5 licenses to get a quality hunt in Oregon. We may have to wait a few years to get an out of state tag but when we finally do I am sure that it will be a much better experience than we are getting at home. Believe it or not the very same sentiment is shared by a number of other hunters that are not any way associated with our current party. If you would really like to know how the majority of the hunting population feels about Hunting in Oregon then I challenge you to take a poll, ask the painful questions that you would rather not hear the answer to. And is it any wonder why fewer and fewer people are going hunting, and why fewer youths are being introduced to the "Oregon Hunting Experience" Sincerely--Dana

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 3:27 PM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Crossbow permits

From: Ryan Green [mailto:government.relations@oregonpva.org]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 3:16 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: FW: Crossbow permits

Please see below an email I sent a few minutes ago to the ODFW Commission. Your thoughts are welcome!

Ryan

From: Ryan Green [mailto:government.relations@oregonpva.org]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 3:12 PM
To: 'odfw.commission@state.or.us'
Subject: Crossbow permits

Hi there, My name is Ryan Green and I work for the Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America here in Salem. We have a sports and recreation program here through our office where we arrange hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation activities for our members and other people with disabilities. Most of our members here in Oregon use a wheelchair for mobility, as do I.

I moved from South Dakota to Oregon at the end of June. I grew up hunting with a conventional bow and arrow system until I was paralyzed from the chest down after a car accident 15 years ago. Due to the paralysis I am not able to operate a conventional bow system even with a draw lock. I can however, safely use a crossbow and was allowed to hunt with one in South Dakota through the approval of a special permit issued by the State Game Fish and Parks. Please see their permit details here:
<http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/accessibility/crossbow-drawlock.aspx>.

There were around 75 crossbow permits issued in the state of South Dakota and each one of us were very thankful for the opportunity. It is very challenging hunting with a crossbow and there were several years I didn't even get a shot off but to me, and many others in my situation, it was still very rewarding to have the opportunity.

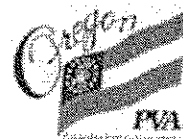
Do you think it would be possible for the state of Oregon to consider such permits here? I know there are several paralyzed veterans and other severely disabled people in this state that would love for you to consider it.

Please feel free to contact me and let me know your thoughts.

Respectfully,

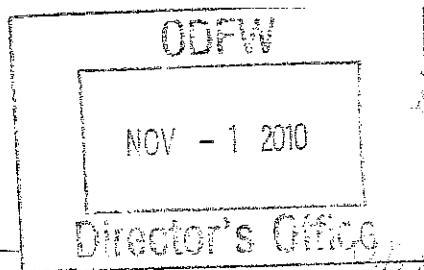
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This is a sad day that you and us
have let these environmental groups tell us
how to kill our wild life.

I went in to fish & wild life office 5 years
ago & told them we had a big trouble with
our gas. They told me we had more Elk.
than we ever had. Bull shit — the cats
at that time was killing 1-2 Elk month
on my place alone — then 3 yr. ago the
Wobles came in went back to office & told
them — they told me there were no Wobles
in Ore. 3 week later they shot one in
Pilot Rock — more Bull shit.

what has happen in the last five years
would take 10 years to start turn around —

you have to study it for 2 years before
you start to do something what bunch B.S.
I only have 100 acres in north corner of
Grant County — 1 mile of creek & meadow
used to have 10 to hundred head Elk in
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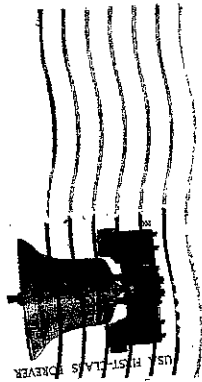
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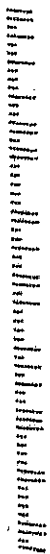
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-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Johnson [mailto:rnjl220@nehalem.tel.net]

Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2010 12:23 PM

To: betsy@betsyjohnson.com; dave_dorothy@yahoo.com; odfw.info@state.or.us

Subject:

TO: ODFW

Senator: Betsy Johnson

RE: No deer/elk

I have hunted Oregon and/or Washington for 40 plus years. When I needed meat I used a rifle and later went to bow hunting when it was just sport.

Having spent at least two weeks in the woods during the past couple of months I have seen almost no deer and some elk. The situation is appalling and alarming. This trend has been going on for the at least ten years and I have seen no effort by ODFW to address the problem in an effective manner.

You have the statistics to know what the main problem is. Cougars. By your estimates there are 5600 cougar in Oregon. That means 250,000 dead deer or elk (mostly elk calves) in a year. When these animals have diminished their food supply, (as they have now) they will turn to livestock, dogs, cats, and yes humans. Just in my own circle of contacts I know of one stalking incident (Bob Dennis) and one charge by a cougar, and that hunter (Joeffrey Saalborn) was lucky to kill the animal with a rifle near Chinook WA.

Stop studying the problem and take action. Get some Balls!! You must adopt emergency measures, because this is in fact an emergency. Implore the legislature to allow hunting of cougars with dogs and even put a bounty on the animals for a few years. There should of course be a review (a Sunset clause), but the goal should be to reduce their population to under 1,000.

In the meantime, all big game hunting should be suspended!!! I for one do not intend to buy another tag for deer or elk until their population has returned to responsible levels. At my age (66) that probably means I will never hunt deer or elk again. I used to pay out of state fees to hunt Oregon, until moving here in 2005. At this point, neither Oregon or Washington have big game populations which make paying out of state fees worthwhile.

Oh I know some PETA people will make noise, but they don't hunt, they don't pay fees, and they don't pay to conserve habitat. These mostly city folks caused the problem to start with.

The favor of a reply would be appreciated and if there is something I can do, let me know.

Thank You

Richard N. Johnson

From: Diana Pavlukov [mailto:dianapavlukov@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2010 9:27 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: deer hunting

deer hunting gets worse and worse this year i have not seen a single deer in the mountains not even a doe, i went to two different spots and i spend 3 days in one spot and 7 day in a different spot. i need to think if i should buy deer tags.

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 8:51 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: anterless elk /deer

-----Original Message-----

From: Glynn Sims [mailto:glynn_sims@smithfrozenfoods.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 4:06 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: anterless elk /deer

Why don't they allcate some anterless elk and deer tags for archery hunter to try for? (In the units were there is firle tags and archery hunters are not able to harvest these animals. Wouldn't it bring money in from the archery hunter?

Michelle Tate

From: Jason Bader on behalf of Hunter Reports
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 10:14 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: hunting experience

From: shunter [mailto:sjhunter@outdrs.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 9:06 AM
To: Hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: hunting experience

Only When ATVs are banned from the National and State forests during hunting seasons will our "hunting experience" finally return.
When the sheep and their guard dogs are removed from the Ochocho national Forest we'll have a better chance of finding huntable populations of Deer and elk.
Stan Hunter

Michelle Tate

From: Jason Bader on behalf of Hunter Reports
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 7:41 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: New regs

From: Greg Meiling [mailto:Gmcbuffalo@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 6:40 PM
To: Hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: New regs

I cannot tell you how disappointed I am with some of your new regulations for 2011. Are you listening to your hunters or just pushing your own agendas?

So youth under 17 will wear Orange for their safety I assume, what about all the hikers, bikers, and forest service workers that you encounter while hunting, are they going to be wearing Orange? What about their safety?

Closing down late season archery, having hunted late season archery in the Santiam forest for over 8 years and I have only harvested one elk, so I can't imagine archery hunters having a big impact of Elk or Deer.

What is meant by limited controlled hunts.

Greg Meiling

Thomas Thornton

From: Thomas Thornton
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:16 AM
To: 'Hewitt, Ronald C'
Subject: RE: Archery Tags

From: Hewitt, Ronald C [mailto:Ron.Hewitt@CenturyLink.com]
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 11:09 AM
To: 'Thomas.L.Thornton@state.or.us'
Subject: Archery Tags

Mr. Thornton,

I am not sure who to send this to but if you would direct it to the right person I would appreciate it.

I would like to see some out of the box thinking for some future hunts. Why is it that we have a restricted number of tags for mature bulls in the Walla Walla, Weneha and Mt. Emily units when there are unlimited spike tags? Why allow archery hunters (of which I am one) the chance to hunt spikes in these units while there is a quality hunt for mature bulls? Just because of money? I gladly spend \$600 a year to hunt in Idaho because Oregon is so messed up in the way we manage our game. I know that there is party hunting going on in these units for mature bulls just because people without mature bull tags can carry a bow and claim that they are spike hunting. This is just giving the dishonest hunter an open season to break the law. They are stealing my future elk and I resent that. So much so that I haven't bought a tag in Oregon for the last 5 years and haven't bought one for my son either. I buy him an Idaho tag because we can have a quality hunt there even with the wolf problems they have. I have never gotten to hunt in Oregon with him for elk because I choose not to hunt this state because of the gross neglect in game management. The almighty dollar speaks louder than the sanctity of the hunt.

Some suggestions. STOP the spike hunts in these units period. Most hunters will just hunt another unit or more blatantly break the law by carrying when they are not allowed. Raise the price of the quality bull tags to the \$300-\$400 range. Most hunters will not draw these tags often and would be willing to pay more for a chance at a quality bull. Look at New Mexico. They have different prices for quality hunts. If there were more spikes growing to maturity you could offer more mature bull tags at the higher price and make more money than before.

Make archery hunters draw for units the same as rifle hunters. Put a cap on them so as to eliminate overcrowding. A given unit can not handle as many bow hunters as rifle hunters without hurting the quality of the hunt. For one, when the bulls are bugling, every one is in a race to get there before someone else. There are not many hunters that will back off because someone else is in front of them. Instead it becomes a footrace to see who gets there first. We need more road closures to give the elk more sanctuaries. Stop the 4 wheelers from driving everywhere. Bow hunters should not be shooting at moving elk. With overcrowding the elk are on the move constantly and this is bad for the bow hunter. Rifle hunters like it because they can shoot elk on the move. Bow hunters need space for the quiet sneaky approach.

I implore you to look at some different scenarios for the archery, spike and mature bull hunts. Give us a reason to buy tags in Oregon. If you don't care about us as individuals then I guess I will just continue to hunt elsewhere and support their cause.

Sincerely,

Ron Hewitt

10/27/2010

Thomas Thornton

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 3:45 PM
To: Thomas Thornton
Subject: FW: Elk Hunting.

From: Michael Lloyd [mailto:mlloyd5@bendbroadband.com]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 9:32 PM
To: Nancy.L.Breuner@state.or.us
Subject: Elk Hunting.

Miss.Breuner.

Oct 25,2010

I know this will go on deaf ears, but I just had to say something. I have been hunting in Oregon for over 12 years.

Always paying for the hunting & Fishing Lic. Elk tag at \$42.50 plus fishing Lic# cost. Hotel cost, gas, food.

But it seems like the O.D.F. & W does not care if there are Mountain bikers & runnings out in the area that I hunt.

Not even a clue. I sure hope somebody never gets hurt. I sure don't see those people paying a cost like us hunters.

I can't believe how much MONEY the O.D.F.&W. take's in. I understand it pay's your salary, But what about something

in the paper about hunting in Oct & Nov. So they can at least take a week off. We only get (7) days they have

all year to ride.

Michael Lloyd

mlloyd5@bendbroadband.com

Thomas Thornton

From: Thomas Thornton
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 1:33 PM
To: 'shep1@optech-center.net'
Cc: Michelle Tate; Don Whittaker
Subject: RE: moving elk out of the cascades

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 8:00 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: moving elk out of the cascades

From: Greg & Robin [mailto:shep1@optech-center.net]
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2010 9:13 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: moving elk out of the cascades

Just got back to California after hunting 6 days during the Cascade Bull Elk Hunt in Oregon. Saw far fewer Elk than in years past & was not successful. There was a lot of talk among the locals about you folks moving three or four hundred head of elk out of the cascades & trading them to Kentucky for whitetail deer. This was supposedly done shortly before the opening of bow season. Sounds like a very ambitious & costly undertaking. This information would have been very valuable before making the decision to purchase my \$500.00 out of state elk tag. Any info on this subject would be of great interest to someone who has hunted elk in Oregon 15 different seasons & always felt that Oregon was managing their wildlife superbly. Sincerely, Gregory A. DeRose

Thomas Thornton

From: Thomas Thornton
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 1:15 PM
To: 'ken_swipies@yahoo.com'
Cc: Don Whittaker
Subject: RE: Hunting Seasons

-----Original Message-----

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 8:50 AM
To: Michelle Tate; Tami Mordica
Subject: FW: Hunting Seasons

-----Original Message-----

From: kenneth swipies [mailto:kenneth_swipies@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 8:40 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us; tami.mordica@state.or.us
Subject: Hunting Seasons

Well, elk season is now over for the general season hunters here in the Upper Deschutes area. While I did not expect a reply to my previous e-mail, and Ms Mordica did not receive a copy of that since I addressed her copy wrong, I hope she will get this one.

The problem, as I stated previously, is in the scheduling. Elk season started just 2 days after the end of deer season thus not allowing the elk to settle down. Then there was the full moon which did not help.

Controlled hunts, on the other hand, are just now getting started after allowing the elk a 2 week resting period, and the full moon is now gone.

This obviously places the general season hunters at a disadvantage, and makes those of us who are on fixed incomes, or disabled, wonder if we would not be better off just poaching an elk, or even a deer, since we cannot afford the added cost of applying for a controlled hunt permit, or the expense of traveling to a controlled hunt area. It also smacks of discrimination on the part of the State in favor of those who can afford the added cost.

I really could have used the meat as could many others. Some I know are planning on just poaching since they could not find an elk, and in these times who can blame them.

Well, you could since you don't have the problem.

Kenneth Swipies
PO Box 1709
La Pine, Or. 97739
541-535-2268

Thomas Thornton

From: Thomas Thornton
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 11:12 AM
To: 'kimtustin@msn.com'
Subject: RE: Dismal season

From: Jason Bader **On Behalf Of** Hunter Reports
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 7:48 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Dismal season

From: KIM TUSTIN [mailto:kimtustin@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 9:13 PM
To: Hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: Dismal season

To Whom it may concern,

This was the most dismal hunting season I have ever experienced in Oregon and I'm not so sure I want to hunt here anymore. We (a group of 8) hunted elk every day but Friday Oct. 22 and saw nothing but old dried up Elk poop. Hear tell, and the story was not denied at an ODFW field office, that 400 or more elk were transported out of the area pre-season!!! No wonder we were unable to fill our tags in the Indigo Unit!

I take one vacation every year and I look forward to it all year long with great anticipation. I save up my money and I plan and I communicate with my friends about how much fun it will be. We are all so disappointed this year and I for one am considering going out of state to hunt in the future. I would still be loyal to Oregon and would not be so sad, if somewhere, anywhere, I had heard of the. Did we get more turkeys again like before????

From: Douglas HOFFMAN [mailto:dougrhoffman1039@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 7:27 PM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us; ODFW Commission
Cc: ranwindsor@msn.com; scallaway1@charter.net
Subject: Elk Trapping and Transfer

During the 2010 High Cascade Elk Season, rumors abounded about ODFW having trapped anywhere from 200 to over 500 elk from the Cascade range (specificly in 2009 taken from the Dixon and Indigo Units) for an exchange program with the State of Kansas.

In checking your news releases for 2009-2010, I find no mention of such an occurrence.

Could you please provide any details about such a program, when it may have occurred, the number of animals involved, and what units the animals may have been taken from.

Thank you

Doug Hoffman
Roseburg, Oregon]

-----Original Message-----

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 8:50 AM
To: Michelle Tate; Tami Mordica
Subject: FW: Hunting Seasons

-----Original Message-----

From: kenneth swipies [mailto:ken_swipies@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 8:40 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us; tami.mordica@state.or.us
Subject: Hunting Seasons

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Kenneth Swipies
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10/22/2010

Roy Elicker, Director
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Headquarters Office
3406 Cherry Ave. NE
Salem, Or 97303-4924

Public Correspondence

Topic Cow elk
Hunt # 254A

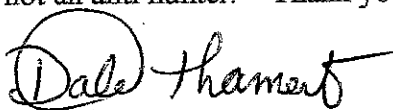
Dear sir,

I am writing to you about a particular cow elk hunt which I feel should be abolished as it has served its purpose and is no longer a useful tool in managing elk crop damage. The hunt which I am referring to is the Pumpkin Ridge cow elk hunt #254a in Northeastern Oregon. At its conception it was designed to haze the elk out of the garbanzo bean fields on the south west end of Pumpkin Ridge. It started with 25 cow tags.

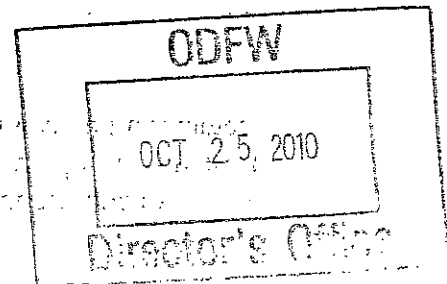
Currently there are no bean fields or very few bean fields on Pumpkin Ridge and have not been for several years. The tag number has risen to 52, which doesn't seem like many, but the resident population of elk has been drastically reduced. Now 52 elk tags are a significant number.

As I live on Pumpkin Ridge the population of elk, which has been reduced due to predation, habitat quality, and over hunting is a real concern to me. As I know you are a busy person, I will not recount the horror stories of blood trails, dead elk left unclaimed and poor hunter ethics, etc. that I have seen or heard.

Please consider eliminating this hunt before it is too late for the elk. And yes I am a hunter, not an anti hunter. Thank you for your consideration.



Dale Thamert
69634 Hallgarth Road
Elgin, Oregon 97827
541-519-0308

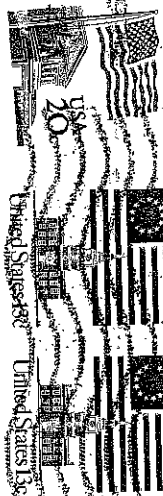


10/19/10



Larry Rohrbacker
1710 W 13th Ave.
Junction City, OR 97448-1108

13 OCT 2010 PM



Oregon Dept. of Fish + Wild Life =

After several attempts to contact your dept. by phone + unable to report ^{to} your survey as requested, below is my written report.

Hunter ID = 133680

I hunted 3 days in below unit.
unit #77

No youth mentored

No animal harvested

The toll free number you have would pick up, but when I entered my ID number it would not continue to proceed.

I was going to spend the entire deer season. I went over 4 days early to scout. I have hunted the Fort Rock area since I was 15 yrs old + I'm now 70. It is the worst I have seen it for animals. Not a horn did I see + only 4 does. I hunt the East side of hwy 97 in closed road areas I walked in to areas that have normally been productive for bucks + did not see a animal. Likely to hunt out of state next year.

ODFW

3406 Cherry Av. NE
Salem, OR 97303-4294

Michelle Tate

From: Jason Bader on behalf of Hunter Reports
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 8:58 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Management of Big Game

From: Stan Owens [mailto:soowens@kahalamgmt.com]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 4:54 PM
To: Hunter.reports@state.or.us
Subject: Management of Big Game

The mountain lions are eating up all the game. They are out of control and someone needs to

Man up or Woman up and deal with it.

The bear sign is increasing.

Now I hear Wolves of all things have been brought into Oregon. This is in addition to the ones that

Have crossed the border from Idaho and already been documented.

Elk herds have dwindled as have the Deer herds. All the hunters I talk with say the same thing.

The Game is not there anymore.

Sportsman and Hunters spend a lot of money for the opportunity and privilege.

When will the department of fish and game start managing fish and game and stop with the Politics of allowing folks in the city to vote on issues they do not have a clue about?

That's my take it for what it's worth

Stan Owens

*Big Game***Michelle Tate**

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 8:12 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: 2010 Deer Hunt

From: Desiree Russell [mailto:desireerussell@q.com]
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 9:28 AM
To: odfw.info@state.or.us
Subject: 2010 Deer Hunt

To Whom It May Concern:

I returned home from my 2010 Buck Deer Hunt on Saturday, October 9, 2010 and I am very concerned about the Mule Deer population this year. I have been hunting the Beulah Unit my whole life and the Deer numbers and quality were very low this year. I also participate in many out of state hunts throughout the season and the deer numbers and quality are so much better in all other states that I hunt in. It makes me very concerned for the mule deer future in Oregon and for my children's hunting future in our home state. The deer numbers were lower this year than I have ever seen them and there were way more hunters in the field than I have ever encountered. Oregon needs to reduce their tag numbers and implement an antler restriction along with predator control. Then, maybe my children will have a memorable and successful hunting future in their home State of Oregon.

Thank you for your time,

Jacob S. Russell
ODFW ID#183146
PO Box 2207
La Pine, OR 97739
(541) 536-8028 Phone

10/18/2010

OCT-14-2010

TOM THORNTON: THANK YOU FOR THE LETTER
I HAVE TAKEN BOTH GROUSE AND
GRAY SQUIRRELS IN WISCONSIN AND
COLORADO WITH AN AIR RIFLE. (PELLET
GUN)

WISCONSIN SPECIFIES THAT THE
PROJECTILE BE .22 CALIBRE PELLET.

COLORADO DOES NOT. [↑] THE USE OF
AIR RIFLES FOR SMALL GAME IS
LEGAL IN BOTH STATES, STILL AS
FAR AS I KNOW.

YOU WROTE A NICE LETTER BUT
YOU ACTUALLY DID NOT SAY WHETHER
AN AIR RIFLE IS LEGAL IN OREGON....
OR NOT??

PLEASE ADVISE:

JOEL M. BAKER
1865 "A" STREET - NE
SALEM, OR. 97301-2708

P.S. I ALSO DO NOT BELIEVE
THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOULD
BE HUNTING OUR GAME LAKE. IN
WISCONSIN THERE IS A GAME
COMMISSION WHICH DOES THIS, ALSO
IN COLORADO. (NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT)

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OCT 15 2010

WILDLIFE DIVISION

Public Correspondence
Topic Air Rifle's

OCT-14-2010

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OCT 15 2010

WILDLIFE DIVISION

HELLO TOM THORNTON:

THERE IS ANOTHER LAW WHICH WE
HAVE BEEN SCRATCHING OUR HEADS OVER

WHY DOES ODFW REQUIRE PROOF
OF SEX FOR DEER & ELK FOR "ANY DEER"
OR "ANY ELK" SEASONS??

THIS LAW IS A VERY QUESTIONABLE
LAW.

I HOPE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO
RESPOND WITH THE RED HERRING
WHICH STATES THAT YOU ARE FOLLOWING
"TRADITION" .. THIS IS A POOR EXCUSE.

WE JUST WANT TO LEAVE
EVERYTHING IN THE WOODS THAT WE
DON'T HAVE TO MESS WITH. KEEP
IT SIMPLE.

PLEASE ADVISE - THANKS

JOEL M. BAKER
1865 "A" STREET- NE
SALEM, OR

97301-2708

Public Correspondence
Topic Proof of Sex

10/12/10

OCT 13 2010

WILDLIFE DIVISION

ODFW Wildlife Div. ?

I would like to comment on the area I have been hunting since I was 15 yrs old and I'm now over 70. Fort Rock area is the location I hunted. This year is the worst I have ever seen for seeing any bucks. I went 4 days early to scout etc. Sadly to say no horns seen at all prior & only 3 does opening week end. I usually spend a week or more to hunt if necessary. This year I hunted 2 1/2 days & returned home. I hunt the closed road areas at Walker Mtn & rim areas. I walk in to the areas that have in the past been productive for me. I'm not a road hunter. My personal opinion is the period between bow season and rifle is too short, rifle season is too early as our weather has changed over the years. Rifle season should be the 2nd week end of October & open for 12 days. This also leaves a 2 week span between bow & rifle season. Even with the controlled hunt & road closures I have not seen an increase in buck population. It appears to me to be the opposite. Besides myself, others feel the same way. This will be my last year to hunt in Oregon unless the ODFW comes up with a different program.

Larry Rohrbacker
1710 W. 18th Av.
 Junction City, OR 97448

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 8:23 AM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Hunting

For review. Thanks. – Teri Kucera

From: Leslie Wilber [mailto:JonesJohnL@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 10:27 AM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Hunting

ODFW Commission,

Pitiful. That's the only way I can describe the Deer hunting in Oregon. I cannot see how you can continue to justify selling tags. The Deer are almost gone. I hunted hard since the season opened. That means putting one foot in front of the other and hiking, not riding an ATV or driving my truck around on the roads. I bought my first tag in Oregon when I was 12. I am now 54 and I have not ever seen it this bad. There is not even any sign out there, tracks, etc. I guess it is all about the money not the quality. I've talked to several other hunters from different units and hear the same story, pitiful. You can blame it on all the usual reasons for the decline, but there is only one. Predators. The public I talk to knows this. I guess I should have followed the lead of several of my friends and not even bothered to apply. Next year you will not receive a Deer application from me. I'm done. I intend to apply for Elk one more time as I have points, but they are going the way of Deer, Elk calves are not making it to replace what is lost from Predators. I probably won't draw after writing this, but it doesn't change my mind of 1 more application then I'm done with Elk hunting. The ODFW receives the majority of their funding from selling licenses, tags, and other fees. Something needs to be done. No more BS. My two Grandsons have already told me the don't want to go next year, so you're losing replacement hunters. Thank you for your time.

Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 3:04 PM
To: Michelle Tate
Subject: FW: Logging and brush cutting during hunting season.

From: Todd D Buchholz [mailto:tbuchholz@fs.fed.us]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 2:32 PM
To: Steve Cherry
Cc: cspradlin@fs.fed.us; francis_grice@yahoo.com; ODFW Info; Randall L Scarlett; Shannon Jewett
Subject: RE: Logging and brush cutting during hunting season.

Francis, Steve is correct. The Heppner Ranger District has several management activities operating across the District, including timber harvest, prescribed burning, and road improvements. Many of our projects are weather driven; we don't harvest timber over muddy roads and we can't effectively reduce forest fuels in the snow. Often the best time to work on these projects is also during the various hunting seasons after the fire season restrictions are reduced.

With elk bow hunting beginning in mid-Sept, then deer, late elk/cow, turkey, upland bird, etc going until early December, there are bound to be conflicts between hunters and forest management activities. We do try and minimize such conflicts. For instance, we stopped our prescribed burning operations in the Wall Creek drainage prior to opening rifle season, despite having one of the best burning windows in a decade, and a backlog of several thousand acres to treat. We do post our activities and locations on our website as well as in our office in Heppner, so if you'd like to avoid the noise and bother of our logging/burning operations, please give our front desk a call, 541-676-9187. Or give me a buzz at 676-2110.

Thanks for you candid email,

Sincerely, Todd

Todd D. Buchholz
 District Ranger, Heppner Ranger District
 Umatilla National Forest
 P.O. Box 7, 117 S. Main Street
 Heppner, OR. 97836
 Office: 541-676-2110
 Cell: 541-969-4619

"Steve Cherry" <steve.p.cherry@state.or.us>

10/06/2010 11:28 AM

To: cspradlin@fs.fed.us, "ODFW Info" <odfw.info@state.or.us>, "Randall L Scarlett" <rscarlett@fs.fed.us>, "Shannon Jewett" <shannon.jewett@state.or.us>, tbuchholz@fs.fed.us

cc <francis_grice@yahoo.com>

Subject RE: Logging and brush cutting during hunting season.

10/7/2010

Mr. Grice,

My name is Steve Cherry and I am the ODFW District Biologist for the Heppner unit. I am sorry to hear that you had unsuccessful hunt last weekend. The work that is being completed is authorized by the local Forest Service office and I have forwarded your comments on to them as well. The Forest Service has many projects, including timber management that they complete throughout the year and usually do not suspend operations during hunting seasons. While I understand your frustration with the increased activity in your hunting area I can assure you that it was not done in an effort "to keep the animals down in the private lands below Tamarack Mountain". I sincerely hope that you decide to return this weekend to perhaps an area with a little less disturbance and enjoy the rest of your hunting season. Please feel free to call me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully,
Steve Cherry
District Biologist
PO Box 363
Heppner, OR 97836
(541) 676-5230
steve.p.cherry@state.or.us

From: ODFW Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 9:38 AM
To: Steve Cherry; Shannon Jewett
Subject: FW: Logging and brush cutting during hunting season.

From: francis grice [mailto:francis_grice@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 9:23 AM
To: odfw.web@state.or.us
Subject: Logging and brush cutting during hunting season.

I just returned from an unsuccessfully hunt in the Hepper unit. I drove in to the Umatilla National Forest on last Thursday 9/30/2010. We camped at Tamarack springs below Tamarack Mountain and Lookout. At approximately 4:30am on Friday the day before the season opened we found an active logging and brush cutting crew working right in the middle of our hunting area. My questions are many. Why now? Who authorized this? Who scheduled this at this time? Who's paying for it? Why weren't hunters notified of this activity? Why did this activity continue during the season? Why during high fire danger and several hundred hunters camping in the field? I am one of many hunters that are just mad as hell about this. We spend our hard earned money to support ODFW and the wildlife and get slapped in the face by someone who just doesn't care or possibly on purpose to keep the animals down in the private lands below Tamarack mountain. I am a partially disabled veteran who is limited to hunting in improved areas because of my inability to hike up mountains anymore. I have one more week to hunt and would love to get some answers before I head back out to the same area!! I will forward my questions to the media and my local politicians to try and prevent this in the future. Please respond to my questions or forward them to someone who can.

Sincerely,
Francis Thomas Grice

10/7/2010

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Portland, Oregon 97220
francis_grice@yahoo.com
503-896-2793

CCFW

Doctor's Office

OCT 1, 2010

Mr Roy Elcher!

acknowledging the fact you've received
several communications as this - I'll be
~~very~~ ^{very} ~~much~~ ^{much} ~~pleased~~ ^{pleased}

purchasing licenses since I was a teen
in New Port Ar. we purchase County license for
\$2.50 I've purchased close to 50-55 years
+ tags.

I'm now 71. acquired ~~fish~~ ^{fish} ~~licenses~~ ^{licenses} at
65. I've put in & in
I'm acquainted with individuals that hook
out year after year & get plural deer tags

personally - this is not right. Doesn't make
sense - they hunt year & year & you cater
to these! Definitely not ~~Capitol~~ ^{Capitol} right. To me
I've also spent 1 year as a Senior fishing
Buddy's member. Teaching 5th 6th grade
How to fish, about Gales, Tures, life jackets.
Recognition of aquatic fish - 1. Rules.

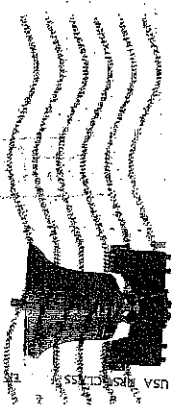
the Doctor Deemed me 100% Disabled at
48. - Social Security then also. When ~~last~~ ^{last} ~~working~~ ^{working}
in 65. I fell 37' to Concrete - 59 days in Bed at 2
5 years to return to work Went back for 22 yrs
& Couldn't go any more.

Whether you feel that you'll return again
probably wouldn't matter - however. Decided to
express my feelings. Respectfully yours
Mr Warren R. Sturman



Warren Stevenson
 4945 Colony Dr. SE
 Salem, OR 97302

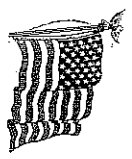
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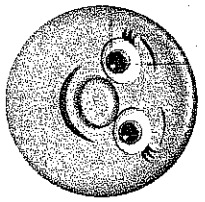
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Mr Roy Echever
 Headquarters office
 3406 Cherry Ave. NE
 Salem OR 97302



Thomas Thornton

From: Hewitt, Ronald C [Ron.Hewitt@CenturyLink.com]
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 11:09 AM
To: 'Thomas.L.Thornton@state.or.us'
Subject: Archery Tags

Mr. Thornton,

I am not sure who to send this to but if you would direct it to the right person I would appreciate it.

I would like to see some out of the box thinking for some future hunts. Why is it that we have a restricted number of tags for mature bulls in the Walla Walla, Weneha and Mt. Emily units when there are unlimited spike tags? Why allow archery hunters (of which I am one) the chance to hunt spikes in these units while there is a quality hunt for mature bulls? Just because of money? I gladly spend \$600 a year to hunt in Idaho because Oregon is so messed up in the way we manage our game. I know that there is party hunting going on in these units for mature bulls just because people without mature bull tags can carry a bow and claim that they are spike hunting. This is just giving the dishonest hunter an open season to break the law. They are stealing my future elk and I resent that. So much so that I haven't bought a tag in Oregon for the last 5 years and haven't bought one for my son either. I buy him an Idaho tag because we can have a quality hunt there even with the wolf problems they have. I have never gotten to hunt in Oregon with him for elk because I choose not to hunt this state because of the gross neglect in game management. The almighty dollar speaks louder than the sanctity of the hunt.

Some suggestions. STOP the spike hunts in these units period. Most hunters will just hunt another unit or more blatantly break the law by carrying when they are not allowed. Raise the price of the quality bull tags to the \$300-\$400 range. Most hunters will not draw these tags often and would be willing to pay more for a chance at a quality bull. Look at New Mexico. They have different prices for quality hunts. If there were more spikes growing to maturity you could offer more mature bull tags at the higher price and make more money than before.

Make archery hunters draw for units the same as rifle hunters. Put a cap on them so as to eliminate overcrowding. A given unit can not handle as many bow hunters as rifle hunters without hurting the quality of the hunt. For one, when the bulls are bugling, every one is in a race to get there before someone else. There are not many hunters that will back off because someone else is in front of them. Instead it becomes a footrace to see who gets there first. We need more road closures to give the elk more sanctuaries. Stop the 4 wheelers from driving everywhere. Bow hunters should not be shooting at moving elk. With overcrowding the elk are on the move constantly and this is bad for the bow hunter. Rifle hunters like it because they can shoot elk on the move. Bow hunters need space for the quiet sneaky approach.

I implore you to look at some different scenarios for the archery, spike and mature bull hunts. Give us a reason to buy tags in Oregon. If you don't care about us as individuals then I guess I will just continue to hunt elsewhere and support their cause.

Sincerely,

Ron Hewitt

Dept of Fish & Wildlife
3406 Cherry Ave NE
Salem, OR
97303

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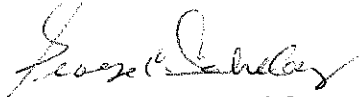
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I will not be purchasing a deer tag, so am returning all your information.

I, along with many other hunters, am getting tired of all the requirements and restrictions you place on hunting as well as abuse of a corpse. You have taken the enjoyment out of hunting. I will not be applying for tags in the future.

I believe you are trying to eliminate the average ever day hunter through increased costs and restrictions. Your greed is going to catch up with you someday. I know quite a few others who have given up the sport of hunting.


George C. Sahlberg

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WILDLIFE DIVISION

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HELLO FISH & WILDLIFE:

ON PAGE 30 OF THE REGULATIONS
THE STATE OF OREGON DESCRIBES
"ANY RIFLE" AS BEING A LEGAL
MEANS TO HARVEST WESTERN GRAY
SQUIRRELS.

THERE IS NO "GENERAL PROVISIONS"
REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF
A "RIFLE"

DOES THIS MEAN "CENTER FIRE
FIREARM" ONLY??

OR DOES "ANY RIFLE" ALSO
INCLUDE PNEUMATICALLY POWERED
AIRGUNS ... SUCH AS A PELLET RIFLE?

THE TERM "ANY RIFLE" MAKES
ME WONDER WHAT A JUDGE
WOULD RULE IN A COURT OF
LAW? REGARDING THIS VAGUE
TERMINOLOGY.

PLEASE ADVISE

JOEL M. BAKER
1865 "A" STREET- NE
SALEM, OR

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Public Correspondence
Topic Rifle definition

LEGAL HUNTING METHODS

Species and Season	CENTERFIRE FIREARMS						OTHER WEAPONS					
	Rifle		Handgun		Shotgun (any barrel)		Muzzleloading Firearm			Archery		
Note: Some hunts and areas have specific weapon restrictions; consult hunt tables and descriptions for other restrictions.	.22 cal. or larger	.24 cal. or larger	.22 cal. or larger	.24 cal. or larger	#1 buck or larger	Slugs only	any .40 cal. or larger	.40 cal. or larger; open or peep sights & open ignition	any .50 cal. or larger	.50 cal. or larger; open or peep sights & open ignition	.40 lb. or greater recurve, long, or compound bow	.50 lb. or greater recurve, long, or compound bow
BLACK BEAR & COUGAR General or controlled seasons	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
PRONGHORN Rifle	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Muzzleloader (slugs only)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Archery	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
BUCK DEER General or controlled rifle	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Muzzleloader (#1 or larger buckshot, slugs)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Archery	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
600 SERIES DEER HUNTS*	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
ELK General or controlled rifle	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Muzzleloader (slugs only)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Archery	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
BIGHORN SHEEP and ROCKY MT GOAT	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
WESTERN GRAY SQUIRREL	Any rifle; handgun; shotgun; muzzleloading firearm; or long, recurve or compound bow.											

* Except during 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only.

GENERAL PROVISIONS:

CENTERFIRE FIREARM

- Fully automatic firearms prohibited.
- Semiautomatic rifles with a magazine capacity greater than five cartridges prohibited (except for western gray squirrel).
- Military or full-metal jacket bullets in original or altered form prohibited.
- Hunters may use any muzzleloader with any ignition type, except matchlock, any legal sight, any propellant, or any bullet type during centerfire firearm seasons, provided the weapon meets caliber restriction for the species.

SHOTGUN

- Shotgun is a smooth bore firearm, designed for firing bird shot and intended to be fired from the shoulder, with a barrel length of 18 inches or more and with an overall length of 26 inches or more.
- Shotguns equipped with rifled slug barrels are considered shotguns when used for hunting pronghorn antelope, bear, cougar, deer, or elk when centerfire rifles or shotguns are legal weapons.

MUZZLELOADER

- Scopes (permanent and detachable), and sights that use batteries, artificial light or energy are not allowed during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only, except for visually impaired hunters who have a visual acuity of $\leq 20/200$ with lenses or visual field of ≤ 20 degrees (a permit is required; please see page 86). Open and peep sights made from alloys, plastic, or other materials that do not have the properties described above are legal sights. Fiber optics and fluorescent paint incorporated into or on open or iron sights are legal.
- It is illegal to hunt with jacketed bullets, sabots and bullets with plastic or synthetic bases during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only. Conical lead or lead alloy bullets with a length that does not exceed twice the diameter and lead or lead alloy round balls used with cloth, paper or felt patches are allowed.
- It is illegal to hunt with centerfire primers as an ignition source during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only.
- It is illegal to hunt with pelletized powders or propellants during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only. Granular (loose) black powder and black powder substitutes are the only legal propellants during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only.
- No other firearm may be used for hunting during a muzzleloader-only season. See definition on page 82.
- Muzzleloading firearms with revolving actions are prohibited during muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only.
- For muzzleloader-only seasons and 600 series hunts where there is a weapon restriction of shotgun/muzzleloader only or archery/muzzleloader only, the muzzleloader must have an open ignition. See definition on page 82.

ARCHERY

- Broadhead blades must be fixed, unbarbed and at least 7/8" wide (except for western gray squirrel). It is illegal to hunt with or possess mechanical or moveable blade broadheads when hunting game mammals except western gray squirrel.
- No device secured to or supported by a bow may be used to maintain the bow at full draw.
- No electronic devices may be attached to bow or arrow.
- No device that supports or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow string when the bow is at rest (undrawn) may be secured to or supported by a bow's riser. Overdraws meeting this restriction are legal during archery seasons.

From: Riley Timmins [mailto:riley_141@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2010 8:36 PM

To: ronald.e.anglin@state.or.us

Subject: State of Hunting in Oregon

Dear Mr. Anglin,

I have some concerns and thoughts on the state of hunting in Oregon, specifically in the archery sector. I've been an archery for 16 years, since I was 12 years old. I've been hunting Northeast Oregon for the last 10 years in one area exclusively and have had the unfortunate opportunity to watch it wither away into an unproductive area. 10 years ago I would see elk every morning and every evening of a 9 day hunt. Last year I didn't see a single elk for the first five days! Many factors have contributed to it's decline, some are out of our hands, ie predators, others we do have control over.

First I believe there are far too many archery hunters. Archery has become the cool thing to do in many eyes, it's made to look easy on T.V., and many have flocked to it with the hopes of bugling in a huge bull just by blowing on a fancy call. The difficulty to draw rifle tags has also contributed to increased archery hunters but that issue doesn't seem to be one anyone wants to deal with.

Road densities in Oregon are appalling. Compared to other western states, Oregon has too many roads and it makes it next to impossible to get a mile from any form of a road. Our wilderness areas, with the exception of the Eagle Caps, are so small that it's difficult to get away from anyone. With so many roads and remnants of them, people are running everything they can on a quad. Elk especially have a very difficult time finding any place that they can rest and hold up, atleast where I hunt. They are consantly being pushed all season long. Hunters now are running at all times during the night on burmed and closed roads calling and looking for elk for the next day. This puts even more pressure on them as some of these areas are bedding and feeding areas. In one area I hunt, the elk use to use a meadow up on top of a ridge at night. They no longer use it because people run through there at night now. As I see it, this is wildlife harassment and should be listed in the game regulations as such.

I believe that the numbers of hunters that are listed in the ODFW Statistics are far lower than what they really are. I, and many many others believe it is time that some of the Northeastern units go to a limited entry system. There is absolutely no shred of quality in my hunting experience in the last several years. This is the first time I have forgone elk season in Oregon, as well as one of my brothers, no tags purchased. As far as next year, I believe my families hunter dollars will be spent in Wyoming. I know so far this year, my hunting partners haven't seen an elk yet in 4 days of hunting. Another partner of mine who was hunting the same general area hunted for 5 days before heading home without seeing a single elk. Like I said earlier, we use to see elk every day!

Another problem is that due to some units becoming one bull, it has pushed many hunters into nearby units causing further crowding. With the advent of more draws, it will cause more crowding into units that are general. So where does it end? Something needs to be done with the number of hunters.

So my questions are...What is ODFW going to do to remedy this? Are any draws planned in the coming years?

People are buying fewer and fewer licenses and tags because it is not worth the time and money to spend time in the woods with thousands of other people and no animals. People want a quality experience and they're not getting it.

I sincerely hope that ODFW has plans to increase the quality of hunting in Oregon.

Thank you for your time,

Riley Timmins

SEPT 7 2010

Additional Notes

This date should be remembered
for yrs to come -

Just got back from a bow hunting
trip "5 DAYS"

Results - absolutely zero for
5 of us in party I was
speaking only for my self - hunting from
tree stand I didn't see an Elk or a
single deer

In the "old" days we could count
on at least a 30% success rate -

Jim Goyes old bow hunting is over
but I feel sorry for son in law and
grand son's.

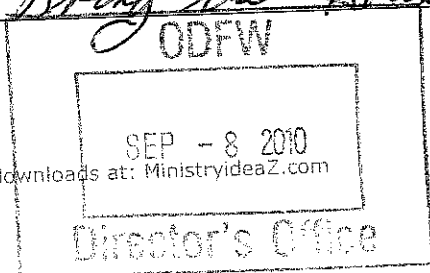
I have no doubt that lions and bears
have devastated the herds - also I have
had coyotes follow me back to camp but
guess what - I didn't even see 1 coyote!

Suggestion! Turn in your resignations
get some new blood in leadership before
the whole system goes to hell.

I hunt 1/2 way between Heppner and Ukiah -

P.S. Bring the Herds back

How Nesmith



Mr Don L Nesmith
29710 SE Haley Rd.
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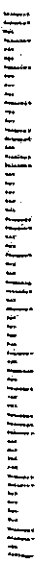
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Thomas Thornton

From: Michelle Tate
Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2010 8:17 AM
To: Thomas Thornton; Don Whittaker
Subject: FW: Request for Game Regulation change.
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red
Attachments: Oregonian letter.doc

FYI

From: BRENNANS@usa.redcross.org [mailto:BRENNANS@usa.redcross.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2010 10:50 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: Request for Game Regulation change.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please see attached letter that I recently sent to Bill Monroe. Mr. Monroe asked if I was going to contact you since he thought my letter made a number of good points, so that is what I am doing.

I believe it is time to ban the use of permanent tree stands and the use of "bait" in regards to elk or deer hunting. I as my letter states, I recently encountered a hunter who said that his party has 43 permanent tree stands in the area they hunt. The unit is Heppner and the stands are spread-out throughout a wide area. He also mentioned that they had taken the time to place salt blocks around many of the stands. This flies in the face of what "hunting" should be about and dramatically increases their success ration; 10 of 18 last year and 5 opening morning this year with 4 more weeks to go.

I'd appreciate it if you would seriously look into this request. It may not stop hunters from doing what this group is doing, but it would at least cause some hunters to think twice about what they are doing.

Sincerely,
Steve Brennan
Tigard, OR

9/15/2010

Mr. Monroe,

Opening day of the Oregon archery deer and elk season was this past weekend, drawing thousands of hunters into the woods which for most, I believe anywhere from 70 to 85%, will be a futile attempt at "bagging" an animal.

So I was a bit disappointed when my hunting partner passed on some information he had obtained from a fellow hunter that he came across while hunting through the woods in Heppner. The hunter was resting on the ground beneath a tree stand that had been permanently attached to the pine tree. The following morning I came across the stand; it was weathered but well built. At least four bolts were driven into the tree to secure the main frame of the stand. Another ten to twelve spikes, at least $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter, used for foot pegs meandered up the side of the tree. Obviously, they were driven deep enough into the trunk of the tree so they could support the weight of an adult.

Evidently, this hunter from Walla Walla, WA was part of a large hunting camp; 18 hunters that have frequently hunted this area for a number of years. In the course of the conversation he revealed that they had 43 of these permanent tree stands spread throughout the area and that they had spent, "not hundreds, but thousands of dollars" in setting-up and maintaining this operation. The investment not only included the materials for the tree stands, but also the salt blocks that they use to bait them and the trail cameras they mount to monitor the activity around the stands.

Evidently in 2009 the group of 18 harvested 10 bulls out of the area. Opening day of 2010 they harvested 5 bulls and still had another five weeks to hunt. I have a hard time calling this hunting. It is more like chumming for elk. I am sure these hunters put in many hours sitting waiting for elk to come into the trap, but I find it difficult to call this hunting. The success ratio is way out of proportion to the average hunter who neither has the time, money or the inclination to set-up such an operation.

There appears to be nothing illegal, at least as far as the Oregon Hunting Regulations is concerned, about placing permanent tree stands in a public forest. So given the freedom to do so, these hunters take full advantage of the latitude given them by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Unfortunately, they do not realize that they denigrate the hunting experience by the use of such methods and obviously have no concern for the damage they have done to the 43 pine trees that are now home to these permanent fixtures. I believe it is time that the ODFW take a look at this practice and ban the use of placing permanent tree stands in the forest and the use baiting techniques.

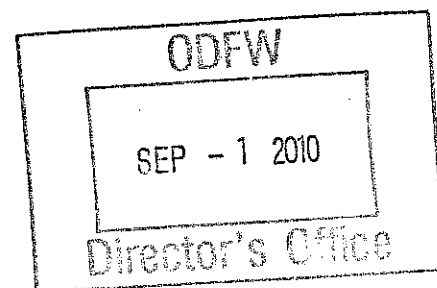
This experience was not all bad though I was able to teach my son that there is more to hunting than the harvesting of an animal, and that this group of "hunters" seem to have forgotten that.

Sincerely,
Steve Brennan
Tigard, OR

August 30, 2010

To: Roy Elicker

Re: Your comments in the Oregon Big Game Synopsis



1. What important wildlife programs? (Cougar studies, wolf studies, bear studies sheep studies, goat studies; ongoing Elk studies (Starkey Exp. Forest). Every one of these has been studied to death. Also the ongoing year after year, Grouse studies. Amazing!
2. Are you going to start citing cougars, bears, and wolves for poaching? How about hawks, owls, crows, magpies, coyotes, foxes, bobcats and weasels? Are you going to cite them for poaching grouse and other game birds? Poaching is such a small part of the problem. Don't waste our money! Poaching is probably less than 1/2 of 1 percent of the problem.
3. We had cherished outdoor hunting traditions until you guys (ODFW) started messing with unit quotas of deer and elk numbers and now we get to hunt about every third year unless we pay out hundreds of dollars per family to get a chance to hunt something and then only some one in the party gets an opportunity. What a waste of my resources. If you are on the low end of the pay scale, you cannot afford hunting. If you want to make it easier for hunters, go back to the way it was in the 1950s-1970s. Put a quota on predators and we will have plenty of hunting opportunities.
4. Mandatory reporting is not needed and has no bearing on huntable numbers of animals. Could be you just need to pay a bounty on predators. Does less than 17% of hunters reporting tell you something? The report is they don't want mandatory reporting. Who are you as a government agency rewarding people for anything? If a person is eligible to hunt they should get no more or no less opportunity than any other. You sir, are straying out of your authority to even say such a thing. Who are you to distinguish one hunter from another? Why should one eligible hunter pay less than another? As a government agency, you sir, should be blind to age. Cost should be the same. Just lower overall costs.
5. Global warming is more and more being shown to be a scientific hoax and you sir should not be commenting on anything but solid science. Where was the voice of science when the vote on hunting bears and cougars with dogs was on the ballot? ODFW was unusually quiet on the subject. Why would you want to spend dollars on something that probably isn't so?
6. I did not buy tags this year. I will no longer support cougars, bears, wolves or other predatory species by giving you my hard earned resources to promote environmental policy that makes no sense. I will also spread my thinking to any who will listen. It is not hard to grow deer or elk. They just need a chance to grow up. We have more deer per acre in La Grande, Union, and Elgin than there is for every 1000 acres on national forest land. That's because they are safe in town. Does it really take dollars to turn around mule deer numbers or do they just need protection from predators? Also, shut down Starkey Experimental Station.

No longer supporting you,

Chris Marcum

Director's Message



Fall is approaching and another hunting season is on its way. This season promises to be a good one because, thanks to you, we will have the budget needed to maintain important wildlife programs. So what will this fee increase do for you?

Because of the fee increase, Oregon's prized deer and elk herds will continue to be surveyed and we will be able to make an aggressive effort to turn around declining mule deer numbers. More Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife officers will be on the ground, watching for poachers and others who would steal our precious wildlife resources. And families will find it more affordable to go hunting and fishing together and build cherished outdoor traditions, thanks to an investment in reduced youth license fees, including a new \$55 SportsPac for those under 18 years of age.

We are researching options to make life easier for hunters. We are looking into ways for those who miss the tag sale deadlines or purchase a Sports Pac but forget to pick up their tag before the deadline. Look for more details to come out next spring that will be implemented for the 2010 seasons.

We are also looking at ways to make it easier to comply with mandatory reporting rules. Everyone is required to report on each and every big game and turkey tag purchased, even if you don't fill your tag or go hunting. Unfortunately, less than 17 percent of all hunters reported for the 2008 seasons. Beginning this year, we're going to reward those of you who report on time. One incentive we are planning to implement is entering you into a drawing to obtain a special deer, elk or pronghorn tag. More details on incentives will be coming soon.

A convenience we created for you is our new My Hunter Information tab, available on the ODFW website under Hunting Resources. This "one-stop-shopping" Web page allows you to see your preference points, controlled hunt application status, draw results, season closures and tag sale deadlines all in one place.

We're also preparing for other issues that could affect hunters. Many scientists predict that climate change will affect wildlife and their habitats, and presumably, hunting. What key habitats will be effected, and how? What tools do we have now, or will have in the future, to protect key wildlife species and their habitats? With specific direction from the Governor, state natural resource agencies are now working together to plan for climate change impacts in the future.

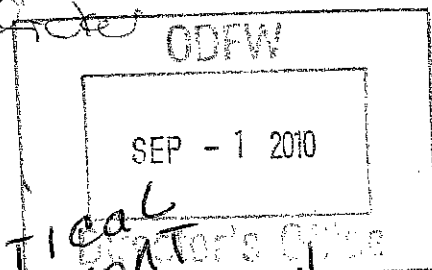
Another important issue, the use of lead in ammunition and fishing gear, is becoming a major issue nationally. We're working with other western fish and wildlife agencies to better understand how lead affects fish, wildlife, and humans, what alternatives are available, and the potential impact on hunting and fishing. We hope that by getting involved now, we can help identify a solution that protects fish and wildlife, and minimizes the impact on Oregon hunters.

Finally, we want to work with you to preserve the incredible hunting opportunities this state has to offer. One way you can help is to be a safe and ethical hunter. While hunting is often a solitary and spectator-free activity, the truth is that the rest of the hunting public often pays for someone's lapse in good judgment. If we are not careful, bad behavior can lead to the loss of access or attempts to limit hunting opportunities.

All hunters have a responsibility to be safe and ethical and to pass along our hunting heritage. We can do this by recruiting our youth, by helping older hunters stay engaged, and to do all we can to support healthy populations of big game species which will ensure we can maintain our hunting heritage.

Good luck, be safe, and have a great hunting season.

Roy Ellicker
Roy Ellicker
Director

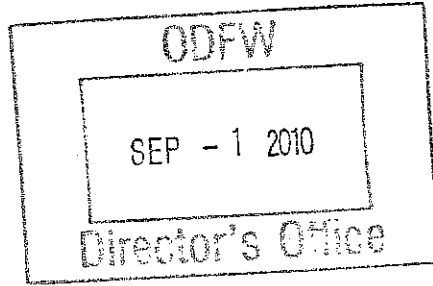


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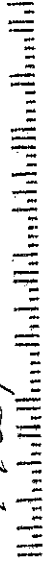
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Hi Marla et al,

I am writing to request your consideration in amending and clarifying the 2010 Big Game regulations for General Season Bow elk in the Maury unit. I have outlined the actions, background and issues below.

Please feel free to contact me with any question you might have.

Thanks in advance for your prompt consideration.

Regards,

David Long

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED Investigation to provide documentation that shows the exception to the General Bow Elk 2010 season in the Maury Unit (page 80 Big Game Regulations) took into consideration the number of hunters who would have a controlled antelope tag during the same season. Amend regulations to clarify what type of tag is necessary for hunting which type (Bull or Antlerless) elk during the general bow season in the Maury unit. Amend General Bow Elk 2010 Big Game regulations (page 80) "exceptions" to include hunters who have a valid "controlled antelope tag" for one elk hunting in Maury unit during the general archery elk season.

BACKGROUND 2010 Big Game regulations page 80, "Exceptions", specifically for the Maury unit states one may only hunt "One Elk" if you have a controlled deer tag. It then states, "One Bull Elk" can be harvested in the Maury unit.

ISSUE #1 2010 Big Game regulations are not clear. Is it No archery elk in the Maury unit or ONLY One Bull Elk or only One Elk if you have a controlled deer tag? (see page 80 Big Game Regulations or below excerpt)

ISSUE #2 For 2010 if the attempt was to limit the number of archery elk hunters in the unit, was the number of hunters who have a controlled antelope tag considered? It is equally, if not more difficult to obtain a controlled antelope tag. Those with a controlled antelope tag should be included in the exceptions for archery elk in the Maury unit.

Excerpt from page 80 of the 2010 Big Game Regulations

ONE ELK:

Beatys Butte, Beulah, Biggs, Columbia Basin, Desolation, E Fort Rock (that portion east of Hwy 97), Fossil, Grizzly, Hood, Imnaha, Juniper, Lookout Mtn, Malheur Rvr, Maupin, Murderers Cr, Northside, Owhyee, Paulina, Pine Cr, Silvies, Steens Mtn, S Sumpter (see page 74), Wagonfire, White Rvr, Whitehorse,

EXCEPTIONS:

■ Ochoco and Sled Springs units are closed to deer and elk bowhunting unless the hunter has a controlled elk bow tag for the respective unit.

■ **Maury**, Steens Mtn and Warner units are closed to deer and elk bowhunting unless the hunter has a controlled deer bow tag for the respective unit.

■ Columbia Basin Unit is closed to all bowhunting beginning at Heppner; north and west on State Hwy 74 to Lexington; north and east on Hwy 207 to Butter Cr Junction; south on Butter Cr Rd to Hwy 74 at Vinson; west on Hwy 74 to Heppner.

ONE BULL ELK:

Catherine Cr, W Fort Rock (that portion west of Hwy 97), Heppner, Interstate, Keating,

Keno, Klamath Falls, **Maury**, Metolius, Minam, Upper Deschutes, Silver Lake, Snake Rvr, Sprague, Starkey, N Sumpter (see page 74), Ukiah, and Warner units.

EXCEPTIONS:

■ Starkey Experimental Forest except by controlled elk bow tag;

■ Chesnimnus Unit is closed to deer and elk bowhunting unless the hunter has a controlled elk bow tag for the unit.

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Hi Tom, my name is Anthony R. Lasich. I have been an Oregon resident & outdoorsman for the past 60 years, my question is would there be a possibilty that a change could be made in controlled hunt tags, for instance as you get older say past the age of 65 that your chances of drawing a tag would increase. It seems that the older I get the fewer tags I get. I've got friends in their late sixties into their seventies that don't get tags & they don't have many more seasons left, maybe we could do something for the elderly as we have for the youth programs. Appreciate you reading this.

Sincerely

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Dear Mr. THOMAS LIFE DIVISION

I'm writing this letter in regard to an article in Oregon Hunter magazine concerning proposed changes in the big game regulations. The proposed changes include:

1. 'Allow any legal weapon during "rifle" pronghorn & elk hunts.' This sounds fine, but why not deer too?

2. 'Allow "Sport pac" hunters to use the deer voucher for 600 series hunts.'

Absolutely not!

Currently a person may have to wait years before drawing a tag. If this were allowed anybody with

enough money to buy a sports pac would get to move to the front of the line!

3. 'Allow limited tag sales after deadlines.'

No. A deadline is a deadline.

4. 'Allow ~~ten~~ second choice after using "Preference points" as first choice.'

I'm not clear on what that means. If you don't draw your 1st choice; then you have the option to apply your preference points to your 2nd choice; then sure.

But if that means your preference points are automatically applied to your 2nd choice,

then I'd be strongly opposed.

5. 'Implement a winter range closure at Phillip W. Sch - neider wildlife area.'
Great idea!

6. 'Extend Murderers Creek - Flagtail TMA, so it begins 3 days prior to archery season.'
Sounds fine to me.

7. 'Replace general late season archery cow hunts with controlled hunts in Santiam, Stott Mt., Alsea McKenzie and N. Indigo'

That sounds good on the surface but the fact is rifle

hunters Killed 113 cows in the Santiam unit in 2005, Bowhunters had a grand total for both the early & late seasons of 80 Elk (cows & bulls).

Once again Bowhunters are being blamed for something they didn't do! Clearly it's the rifle hunters that kill more Elk.

In 2005 Bowhunters Killed 411 Cow Elk, 794 Bull Elk, a total of 1,205 for Roosevelt & Cascade areas. Rifle hunters Killed 2,035 Cows, 3,215 Bulls, a total of 5,250 Elk for the Roosevelt & Cascade areas. If any body needs to be restrained it's the rifle hunters!

This is what I'd propose. There are too many Elk hunts; Some units have 9 hunts. I'd streamline Elk seasons. Elk Bow: no changes. Elk muzzle loader no changes. Elk Rifle: 1st season controlled only; Bag limit any Elk. 2nd season: general tag; Bag limit spike only. Both 1st & 2nd season regs. would apply state wide. Season dates: 1st mid Oct. 2nd, 2nd week of Nov.

If the Elk seasons were setup like this it'd be much easier for law enforcement to know who's poaching & who isn't.

I would also eliminate all cow rifle hunts.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely
Phil Kron *Phil Kron*

6-3-10

Dear Sir(s)

I just finished reading the directors message in the 2010 Oregon Big Game Regulations. Towards the end of the message he said we need to recruit more young hunters and help older hunters stay engaged.

I would like to suggest a way you might keep some older hunters hunting and might bring some older hunters back into hunting.

There are a lot of controlled hunts in Oregon for Deer, Elk and Antelope. I think if you would let older hunters who have earned the right and privilege of possessing a pioneer hunting/fishing license be able to hunt some of the controlled hunts without having to wait for a draw - you would help keep older hunters hunting and younger hunters something to look forward to.

Thank you for considering my suggestion.

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Re: Murderer's Creek elk hunt

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Dear Sir or Madam;

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My partner, Rick Sonerholm, and I had been saving up our elk hunt points until we had seven between us. We had also been researching some of the best units in Oregon that provide a good opportunity to see a nice bull. We consulted with my son who lives in Mt. Vernon and works for the BLM and with a friend who has hunted murderer's creek for many years. Our friend used his maps to show us the two areas he and his party had hunted with good success in years past, and point out good camping spots. With the points we had accumulated by denying ourselves an elk hunt for several years, we decided that the Murderer's Creek unit looked good. So we applied and were fortunate to be drawn—we thought.

I traveled to the unit twice in September to scout; I talked to bow hunters who enthusiastically reported being in elk every day; I saw a couple of nice bulls hanging in camps. I decided that we would camp along Deer Creek and at least begin our hunt by hunting from the top of the ridge to the south back down to camp—about six miles but mostly down hill. We had been told to find and follow an old fence line that goes north from the top past an old gravel pit and comes down to Deer Creek just west of our camp.

As you will recall, we even received perfect tracking snow the weekend before opening morning. We hunted two days in this area and never encountered an elk track that had been made at any time since we received the light snow on the previous Saturday night. We worked down different ridges each day. We encountered only feral horses and a few deer.

So we moved to another recommended area some twelve miles away on the east side of Flagtail. We again covered about six miles each in six hours and never encountered an elk track that had been made since the light snow—only feral horses. We hunted above Deer Creek again the last day with the same results. We found only one elk—a spike—hanging in one other camp out toward the Izee Road.

The question becomes: "What happened to the elk?" The first theory of some was that F&W must have used a helicopter to disperse the elk and wound up hazing the elk out of the area. A second and more probable theory is that the bow hunters, with their extra long season, harassed the elk until they finally left seeking solitude and wound up on private ranch lands—where they stayed

partner and I wasted our time and money—and accumulated preference points—hunting elk where there were none. All of that after I had spent hundreds more dollars making two scouting trips.

I do have some suggestions for the commission:

- 1) First, you need to make changes that will result in it being less likely that the elk will not have been hazed onto private land before the rifle seasons begin. The one obvious change would be to shorten the bow hunting season. Three weeks and four weekends would seem to be a very generous season for the bow hunters. Open a week later and close a week earlier is the obvious recommendation. The present seasons are playing right into the hands of the ranchers who host expensive private land hunts. There needs to be a balance between their desires and the public land hunter's desires.
- 2) The feral horses would seem to me to also be a problem for the elk in the Murderer's Creek Unit. While we may have seen some horses twice, we saw a total of about fifty horses in five days of hunting. I was told that the biologists would like to have less than a hundred horses in the unit and there are now four or five times that many. I'm going to guess that the ranchers keep them off their lands.
- 3) And all of us hunters are concerned about burgeoning predator numbers; the incursions of wolves into northeast Oregon and beyond now replacing the Mountain Lion and Black Bear as our primary concern because of the disastrous impact they have made on elk numbers in Wyoming and Idaho. I especially don't like wolves because I don't like cruelty. That hunters had replaced the function of wolves was a good thing for the elk—we hunt and kill selectively during one period of the year while wolves terrorize elk year around and kill unselectively. We kill humanely; they do not. It was the wolf that taught the pioneers to hate the wolves. But all of those observations and concerns are now sadly irrelevant—even by the anti-hunters who purport to also hate cruelty.

The one thing you can do immediately is to shorten the bow season (to a still very generous three weeks, four weekends) to help keep the elk dispersed on public lands during the rifle seasons. I would also recommend that for those units that have a second general spike-only elk season, that the first season be branched antlered elk only and save some spike elk for the guys who haven't drawn and have to hunt the late season or not at all.

Your courtesies regarding this letter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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It was a good informational meeting, but there was little discussion of the effects predators are having on deer and elk populations & no discussion at all of wolf numbers spreading in to central Oregon.

Another topic, not pertinent to this meeting, but one that needs clarification is the legal status of rangefinder scopes on big game rifles - my strict interpretation of the wording in the big game regulations they would be illegal. I have contacted OHA, Or. State Police Game Law Enforcement and several biologists, and they see no reason that they should be illegal, as there is no visible light or aiming involved. They are strictly for rangefinding, and are no different than any hand held rangefinders which are legal. The consensus of the people I have talked to is that the statement in the reg needs to be brought up to date, in order that rangefinder scopes should be as legal as lighted reticles, which are addressed in the reg. Any help in getting this matter clarified would be appreciated. JEFF WARREN
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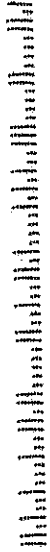
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