

# **Exhibit E**

## **2013-2014 Big Game Regulations**

**Public Correspondence received as of  
May 22, 2013**

## Roxann B Borisch

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**Subject:** Comment on proposal to allow crossbow hunting during archery season.

**From:** Gordon Matzke [<mailto:matzkeg@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2013 9:54 PM

**To:** ODFW Commission; Craig Starr

**Subject:** Comment on proposal to allow crossbow hunting during archery season.

Dear Commissioners:

It is my understanding that you are about to consider a proposal to allow crossbows as a legal weapon for use during archery seasons in Oregon. Before making an affirmative decision on this matter, I hope you consider the views of archers in Oregon. I have yet to meet an Oregon archer who considers the crossbow to be a weapon associated with the sport of archery.

I have served as Outdoor Range Captain for the Benton Bowmen for more that ten years. At no time in the history of this organization have we allowed crossbows to be shot on our range. The speed of the bolts would pass through, and destroy our our target butts. Their use has nothing in common with the skill set required of archers.

The crossbow is much more akin to a rifle in terms of the skills required for their effective use for big game hunting. Archers approach game to a close distance and then make very visible time consuming movements to draw the bow, aim, and release. All of these actions can, and do, trigger a flight response that rapidly sends the quarry out of range. At the time of the stalk, crossbows require skills similar to those of a rifle hunter, not an archer.

Thank you for considering my comments on this issue. I thank you even more for your willingness to serve on the Commission in service to the people and wildlife of this state.

Gordon Matzke  
Corvallis, Oregon

## Roxann B Borisch

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**Subject:** FW: Future of archery hunting in Oregon

**From:** Patrick Fenner [<mailto:patrick@fireserve.net>]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 09, 2013 10:12 AM

**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)

**Subject:** Future of archery hunting in Oregon

Dear commission members,

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this e-mail concerning the future of bow hunting in Oregon. I think everyone sees that change is coming and I would like to add my two cents on the subject. I'm not a credentialed expert by any means but I've been an avid bowhunter in Oregon for nearly 20 years and I've watched as this wonderful opportunity and passion has turned into chaos and "silly season."

But first, I want to mention that I attended the local big game meeting put on by ODFW in Klamath Falls last night and I was impressed. This is the first time I have attended and I have to say that the three staff members and OSP officer were courteous, knowledgeable and put on an excellent meeting. In particular, Tom McCollum (sp?), the lead district biologist, was exceptional in his presentation and in his approachability. I made a point to thank him after the event because these guys did a great job. They were faced with members of the public basically shouting at them, questioning their judgment, and demanding pie-in-the-sky solutions that were clearly out of their hands. They handled it all very professionally and should be commended for the work that they are doing. And they still managed to be very informative and I left knowing much more than I anticipated.

Anyway, one topic that was briefly mentioned was the ongoing concerns about archery hunting trends in the state. Several possible solutions were discussed and staff asked for input from the public. I voiced my support for several of these proposals and several of the hypotheticals that were voiced. In particular, I wanted to write to you and voice my support for making LE archery tags (like Ochoco, Chesnimnus, Mt. Emily) a hunter's only hunting opportunity. I personally try to get the Ochoco LE elk tag for a bow every year and this would limit my personal hunting opportunities (no more general season archery in addition) but in the big picture this is a fair trade. General season archery elk has gone from an excellent hunting opportunity to overcrowded units, stressed out animals, and a diminished experience for most bowhunters. This move would be an excellent first step to addressing SOME of this.

In the much bigger picture, I, and many other bowhunters I talk to, would love to see all of Eastern Oregon's archery elk hunting go to a limited entry system. There are several ways to achieve this but as the assistant biologist at last night's meeting told me, "It's coming." The suggestion that I've heard a few times that I think is the best solution is that archery elk hunting go to a zone system with set tag numbers. In this scenario, the state is broken up into elk zones (Northeast, Northwest, High Desert, Blue Mountains, Southwest, etc.). Each zone would have a set number of tags and archery hunters would apply for their preferred zone, you get first, second, third choice, etc. This would also allow the agency to cap the number of out-of-stat hunters during general archery season at 5%. Anecdotal observation tells me this is a big part of the problem. All of this would mean no more statewide archery elk hunting, pick your region and go. OTC archery hunting has been a great perk in the past for bowhunters like myself, but we are ruining this through sheer numbers and shooting ourselves out of this opportunity.

Thank you again for taking the time to consider my e-mail and giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion.

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## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Michelle Tate  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 2:19 PM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton; Don Whittaker  
**Cc:** Roxann B Borisch  
**Subject:** FW: OBH proposal / primitive weapon hunts

**From:** Terry Choate [<mailto:TerryC@hookercreek.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 2:03 PM  
**To:** 'odfw.info@state.or.us'  
**Subject:** OBH proposal / primitive weapon hunts

I am in favor of adding more archery deer hunting opportunities in units affected by controlled hunts. I also would like to see later season primitive weapon hunts in other units. There are many units that seem to have plenty of tags allowed during rifle season, but no late season opportunities.

Upper Deschutes is an example, there are 2700 tags proposed for 2013 rifle deer season. Archery deer seasons general, so the way I look at it there are plenty of deer to allow such a generous amount of deer hunting. Why the no later season muzzle loader or archery is controlled hunts available?

I've often wondered why there are no early season muzzle loader elk hunts available. I would love to hunt elk in the Cascades the week in between bow season and rifle season with a muzzle loader.

I would love to see more primitive weapon hunts available in the future..

Thank you,  
Terry Choate  
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## **Roxann B Borisch**

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed 2014 Regulation Changes

**From:** CRAIG [<mailto:craig1945@centurylink.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 7:49 AM  
**To:** odfw commission  
**Cc:** ronald e anglin; thomas l thornton  
**Subject:** Proposed 2014 Regulation Changes

Dear Fish and Wildlife Commissioners,

I attended the public meeting last evening in Springfield where your staff presented proposals for 2013 tag numbers and 2014 regulatory changes. Even though your staff was taking notes of comments made in the meeting, they suggested that we send comments to you in our own words to be sure our views were properly presented. Following is an outline that addresses the areas that I commented on in the meeting:

### **Crossbows in archery season**

- Strongly opposed by TAO and OBH.
- Crossbows have more characteristics in common with firearms than with bows and arrows.
- Crossbows will be an effective poacher's weapon once legalized.
- In state after state, use of crossbows by disabled individuals has opened the door for continual expansion of crossbow use.
- Strongly support better definitions/requirements re: disabilities and use of adaptive archery equipment.
- Rifle season – okay as a lesser weapon.
- Why not look at a separate crossbow season to address ADA issues if rifle season won't do it so seasons can be managed based on harvest effectiveness as now occurs with firearms?

### **Spike-only elk tag numbers**

- How were 350 spike-only tags decided on for all three trophy elk units combined?
- 578 archery spike-only bowhunters in 2011 in the units. 741 archery deer hunters the same year.
- ODFW's proposal was to control spike-elk tags in order to limit in-season poaching of branch bulls. No argument was presented to restrict hunting opportunity more severely as proposed.

### **Antlerless elk tags**

- Support proposal for controlled archery antlerless elk tags in Heppner, Ukiah, Snake River and Chesnimnus in 2014 to begin to address current inequity with firearms tags.
- Tag should be good state-wide as a general archery elk tag in addition to applicability to unit for which drawn.
- There is no enforcement issue. We haven't been allowed an antlerless harvest for years in the units. Why would ODFW now care if the controlled tag is filled in another unit as a general tag? Concern should be that too many antlerless elk not be taken, not too few!
- Precedent used with late northwest archery antlerless season should also apply to this proposal.

### **OBH late-season deer hunt**

- Over 1/3 of bowhunters drawing elk tags in Ochoco, Sled Springs and Chesnimnus units don't hunt deer in those same units. Same should be expected in the trophy elk units.
- Control of archery spike-only elk hunting will eliminate deer hunting opportunity in trophy elk units by 300 to 450 hunters, probably closer to the latter.
- Sled Springs and Chesnimnus already impacted in like manner years back.

- **OBH proposal for 250 archery late-season deer tags in the five (5) units only partially offsets the lost bowhunting opportunity resulting from ODFW's elk management actions in the units.**
- **Strongly urge approval!**

**Craig Starr**

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Michelle Tate  
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2013 10:22 AM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton; Don Whittaker  
**Cc:** Roxann B Borisch  
**Subject:** FW: Crossbow Hunting

**From:** The Barnetts [<mailto:peter@pkbarnett.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2013 7:38 AM  
**To:** [odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Crossbow Hunting

I am opposed to the proposal to allow crossbows for any kind of hunting in Oregon. This proposal is poorly thought through. If anything, the disability hunt system needs to be reevaluated to make sure that those who claim disability are, in fact, disabled to the degree that they need special accommodation.

For the record, I received my Pioneer license for the first time this year. When I can no longer see well enough to hunt, it is time to hang up my gear. Having someone else shoot my elk for me is not hunting. At that point, I would not be hunting. I would simply be hiring a killer on my behalf. I won't do that! And, the State of Oregon should not be sanctioning that sort of behavior.

Similarly, using a crossbow is no longer bow hunting. Other than the limitations of range, it is little different than using a rifle. Heck, they are sold as packages by Cabela's and Bass Pro Shops to include red dot or telescopic sights which are not allowed for regular archery hunters in Oregon.

There are alternatives to allowing crossbows for disabled hunters. There are archery companies advertising 99% let off compound bows. If someone needs an advantage, the rules can be modified for a disabled archery hunter to use one of them and still maintain all of the other rules.

Short answer - allowing crossbows in the woods for hunting in Oregon is a bad idea.

Peter Barnett  
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## Roxann B Borisch

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**Subject:** FW: Comments on 2013 Big Game Proposals

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From: [briguy@eoni.com](mailto:briguy@eoni.com) [mailto:[briguy@eoni.com](mailto:briguy@eoni.com)]

Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 1:37 PM

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Cc: [Pat.Mathews@state.or.us](mailto:Pat.Mathews@state.or.us)

Subject: Comments on 2013 Big Game Proposals

I'd like to voice support for many of the changes and additional hunts as proposed by my regions biologists. I had the pleasure last week to have a discussion with Pat Mathews, biologist from Enterprise, about the new hunts he is proposing, as well as general herd health, etc.

I am strongly in favor of the new controlled archery elk hunts being proposed in Heppner, Ukiah, Tioga, Chesnimnus, and Snake River. I do favor seeing all of those hunts being the hunters "Only archery opportunity". I don't view these tags as a reduction in opportunity, because they are new hunts that will allow the taking of antlerless animals in areas where it has not been allowed for some time.

Additionally, I am in favor of the late season archery deer hunt being proposed by OBH. Although I am in favor of the hunt in general, I am concerned somewhat that these areas can support a continued harvest of bucks during a rut hunt of this nature. I would bring up the following alternatives for consideration:

1. The area already contains the Union County, and N Wenaha/E Sled Springs Muzzleloader hunts that would be going at the same time. Consider adding a few tags to each of those hunts, and make them into a "primitive weapons" hunt allowing either muzzleloader or archery only.
2. Consider making each unit (Mt. Emily, Walla Walla, Wenaha, Sled Springs, and Chesnimnus) a seperate controlled hunt, so that hunter numbers and harvest could be better managed.

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Brian Martin

## Thomas Thornton

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Friday, May 03, 2013 11:24 AM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton  
**Subject:** FW: 2013/2014 Big Game Regulation Concepts

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**From:** Jeff Price [<mailto:Jeff@pkaarchitects.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 02, 2013 4:59 PM  
**To:** [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** 2013/2014 Big Game Regulation Concepts

To Whom It May concern,

Two items of interest are noted in the agenda for public meetings on Big Game Regulations in Oregon; I am submitting comments as attendance to a meeting is not likely for me:

Crossbows: I personally DO NOT AGREE with ANY use of crossbows in the state of Oregon; archery season, crossbow season, handicapped use, or lesser weapon. There are ample opportunities in existence for handicapped hunters/hunts without adding a tool such as the crossbow. Crossbows during archery season push the limits of ethical and fair take. Lesser weapons during rifle seasons simply become another hindrance and another, in particular to crossbows, potentially illegal take on game animals due to accuracy and stealth.

Hunter reporting: I DO NOT AGREE with proposed incentives programs. Drop the incentives; keep the mandatory reporting as long as it works for our Biologists. There are ample venues for persons to report without giving away more opportunities. The fee that exists is ample incentive and generates fees instead of expending them.

Thank you for the comment opportunity,

Jeff Price  
Portland, Oregon

## Thomas Thornton

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2013 8:01 AM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton  
**Subject:** FW: Crossbows

**From:** John Cloutier [<mailto:clue97@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2013 7:43 PM  
**To:** [odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Crossbows

To whom it may concern,

I have been shooting bows for a few years now. I also have nerve damage in one of my shoulders. It works but can get sore when I carry a pack and try to shoot my bow. So I thought "self , what if we look into a crossbow ?"

Then I read on the internet that Oregon won't let you use a side ways bow. Some how this is probably racist.

What the hell ?

Can you please direct me to the info on why crossbows are illegal for hunting in Oregon ?

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Take care ,

John Cloutier

## Thomas Thornton

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2013 8:51 AM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** Ross Mathews [<mailto:rossmathews267@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 29, 2013 8:47 AM  
**To:** mailto:  
**Subject:**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you people who are running our hunting into the ground. I have a few complaints and a side study you should read.

Your imposed 25\$ fine for not reporting is an insult to every hunter in Oregon. You will lose more hunters because of this. I hunted the entire state last year and talked to 138 hunters in the field. I asked every one of them if they followed the rules on reporting. 43 hunters said they did and the rest said they put down nothing killed as that was the easiest to do. Majority of those hunters had taken animals. If you people are going off of those reporting, you are getting inaccurate info on animals harvested. All of these regs are turning people off of hunting.

The director's so-called 'experts' in the field are nothing short of baffoon's. Here's what they do on the coast for reporting black-tail deer. They drive around and spotlight in fields and count the deer, then they drive back thru and count the same deer again. Shameful. The other thing is damage-control tags. I personally know property owners who decimate elk herds when they get one tag, and you all wonder why elk numbers are going down.

You people keep raising the price on tags and licenses and you'll lose more hunters. More and more people I know are going out and killing illegally. You people better get your shit together. Thank you for your time.

Ross Mathews

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Michelle Tate  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2013 4:29 PM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton; Don Whittaker  
**Cc:** Roxann B Borisch  
**Subject:** FW: Season Dates (establishing)

**From:** Wilson, Chris [<mailto:CHRIS.WILSON@LibertyMutual.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2013 12:16 PM  
**To:** [odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Season Dates (establishing)

I'm not sure if this is a question that is better suited for the commission... if so please let me know.

I'm wondering what criteria is being used in establishment of the season dates for Archery Elk, specifically the early season.... is there a biological behind this?

Also, I wanted to express some concerns about how early the season open date has been recently. Over the last couple years the season has opened extremely early during a time that has traditionally not been slated for hunting. The extreme heat conditions and fire dangers at this time of year often make this a very dicey time to hunt. Meat spoilage, travel/vehicle restrictions and forest fires are all very real concerns even into September. Opening as early as the season has the last few years has really amplified these impacts. As archery hunters we face additional challenges just from the biology of the elk too. The patterns that the elk follow in many areas means that they may not even be present in some of those places when the season opens. Often time elk aren't present in any real huntable numbers until at least the first week of September. With majority of the state under limited/controlled draw this severely impacts a hunters ability to take advantage of the full season. Additionally it results in many hunters concentrated in relatively limited time/space slot. I would like to encourage for establishment of a more stable opening date on around the first of September.

Sincerely  
-Chris Wilson

## Roxann B Borisch

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**Subject:** FW: Possible Licensing Changes

**From:** Edd Neal [<mailto:emitrebel@hotmail.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2013 8:44 AM

**To:** [odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)

**Subject:** Possible Licensing Changes

I recently read that ODFW is thinking about selling multi-year fishing and hunting licenses. I think this is a FANTASTIC idea and fully support it. The article mentioned a discount for purchasing the multi-year license but I would be willing to forgo the discount in favor of a "hard card" license similar to your drivers license or your Boaters Education Card. The paper licenses that I've had just aren't that durable to last more than a year. Maybe have the "hard card" option as a value added service by licensing agent.

I also read about the changes for Active Duty Servicemen possibly getting resident rates. Another FANTASTIC idea. With the disparity between resident and non-resident rates this is a great opportunity to show that Oregon honors the commitment made by members of the Armed Forces. I can't see any down-side to this.

I applaud the people that came up with the ideas. Keep up the good work.

Edd Neal  
Oregon Native

## Thomas Thornton

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 7:54 AM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton  
**Subject:** FW: crossbows

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**From:** John Radebaugh [<mailto:channel.talk@charter.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 8:57 PM  
**To:** [odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** crossbows

Hello,

I am a resident just north of you in Washington State. I have worked in the field of archery for many years as a professional instructor and business person. I am retired now and continue to enjoy hunting in several states with my crossbow. It is enlightening to see so many states joining the ranks of allowing crossbows to be part of archery seasons. However, it is quite sad that Oregon seems to be so far behind the reality of realizing that crossbows are as viable a hunting tool as modern guns, muzzleloaders and conventional archery equipment.

I have wanted to hunt in Oregon for many years,( and I am certainly close enough here in Eastern Washington to do so), but as long as your rules preclude the use of a crossbow, my money will be spend elsewhere.

I hope that those that make the rules on Oregon will become a bit more realistic and up to date about crossbows for hunting.

Thanks,

John Radebaugh  
Wenatchee, WA.

**Thomas Thornton**

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**Subject:** RE: Elk hunting in controlled area hunts

**From:** [cenneberg@gmail.com](mailto:cenneberg@gmail.com) [<mailto:cenneberg@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 12:38 PM

**To:** [Thomas.L.Thornton@state.or.us](mailto:Thomas.L.Thornton@state.or.us)

**Subject:** Elk hunting in controlled area hunts

Hi my name is Craig Enneberg and I sent an email on march 5 th and got no response. I'm trying sending it to you now instead of to [odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)

I hope to hear back from you soon. Thanks,

Craig

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Craig Enneberg <[tinkertoy\\_47@hotmail.com](mailto:tinkertoy_47@hotmail.com)>

**Date:** March 5, 2013, 10:23:15 PM PST

**To:** <[odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)>

**Cc:** <[cenneberg@gmail.com](mailto:cenneberg@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Elk hunting in controlled area hunts

Hello. My name is Craig Enneberg and am a rifle hunter. I have hunted elk in saddle mountain since i was in high school and plan on continuing to do so but i have a concern with how things are being managed in this unit. With the increasing popularity of bow hunting there is more pressure on the elk in my unit and all the other units. For me to hunt in this area as a rifle hunter i have to apply for a limited number of tags and have a very short season to complete my hunt. You do this to manage the elk population to keep it healthy and maintain hunting for generations to come. The problem I have is that you don't do the same with archery hunters, this unit is part of their general season meaning any archery hunter can hunt there, uncontrolled. How are you able to manage this unit as a whole when you treat it as two halves? What happens if they are very successful and the numbers decline? The only control elements you have in place are for rifle hunters. Do you decrease the number of tags that are available for rifle hunters to make up for it?

I feel that if a unit is a controlled hunt for one type of hunting it should be for all types of hunting. Also, I don't think that its fair that one group gets such a huge advantage over another. Bow season is 30 days, can access almost the entire state on a general season tag, get to hunt in the rut, and take an animal of either sex. The majority of hunters in the state hunt with a rifle so its mostly our money funding things from tags so why do they get treated so well?

Back in saddle mountain unit bow hunters took 1/3 of all bulls taken in 2011. They also took 69% of the 6 point or larger bulls. This is not right, please start controlling bow hunting. Not just in my unit but all controlled hunt units.

I look forward to hearing back from you on this subject.

Craig Enneberg

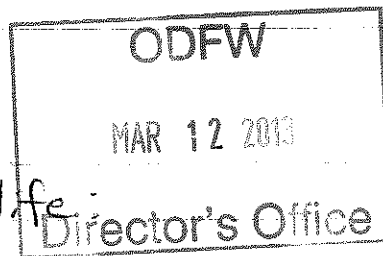
## Thomas Thornton

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 7:47 AM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton  
**Subject:** FW: Crossbow Hunting

**From:** Faith Johnson [<mailto:faithjohnson62@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 09, 2013 2:18 PM  
**To:** [odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Crossbow Hunting

I would like an explanation as to why Oregon does not allow crossbow hunting even for disabled persons during either firearm or archery hunting season. It is the only state out of the states with hunting seasons that does not allow crossbows. I am disabled, have MS and nerve damage in one arm, and unable to use a regular bow. I love to archery hunt and would love to use my crossbow. Please let me know as soon as you can regarding this issue. Thank you. Faith R. Cooley



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Dept of Fish & Wildlife  
Director's Office

I have a lot of questions. I am stating that, not knowing exactly how Landowners Preference Program works, but I do know that they sell tags to hunters at a good price. That maybe ok with D.F.W. ~~to~~ to help pay Farmers for damages but what about the Oregon hunter? The wildlife belongs to the state of Oregon not to the farmer.

Farmers Feeding and Fencing in big game animals does not create a good hunt. Hunters go out in ATV or pickup truck, shoot a fenced in animal, that's not a hunt, I have seen it. You do not have to kill in order to have a good hunt.

There is options, the state can pay the farmer for successful hunts, the successful hunter leaves a portion of the tag with the farmer, the farmer then is reimbursed through the state such as the state of Wyoming is doing in some areas.

Therefore, If the hunter does not fill ~~his~~ his tag, then the farmer receives no payment from the state. But the farmer would work with the hunter or hunters for successful hunts and the state does not pay the farmer.

Archery hunters not recovering their kill. I have heard statements from a lot of Property owners and hunters on such matters. Should Elk Archery be limited to every other year? I ~~do~~ do not know, they will continue to make bad shots and not wait for a good one. Still they may not recover the animal.

Mushroom pickers live in the woods for months and are eating yearlings. Ask around it is happening.

The Road - Closures back in the 1980's sounded like a good thing and I believe it worked. But ~~has~~ some of these closed roads lead up to farmland, keeping hunters out, helping the farmer with selling game tags.

If only the rich hunt, what will happen to the Hunting Industry. Try to encourage young kids to hunt.

The state needs to stop selling state land, free access to BLM land from farmland owners, and stop support to farmers for selling wild life tags to the Landowner Preference Program. There must be another way.

The less young hunters, the less hunting licences and tags sold, DA!

Curtis LeMont

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## Roxann B Borisch

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**Subject:** FW: Request for a Rules Change

**From:** Steve's Outdoor Adventures [mailto:steve@stevesoutdooradventures.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2013 12:06 PM

**To:** ODFW Commission

**Subject:** Request for a Rules Change

**Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife**

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ODFW Commission:

I would like to request and propose a single word rules change. On page 28 of the 2013 Oregon Big Game Regulations I read the rule:

- "Use an artificial light for hunting any wildlife, except raccoon, bobcat, and opossum provided the light is not cast from or attached to a motor vehicle.  
This includes laser sights or any other sights which cast a beam to the target. This does not include battery operated sights which only light the reticle."

I would propose that the word "visible" be added to this rule so that it read:

- "Use an artificial light for hunting any wildlife, except raccoon, bobcat, and opossum provided the light is not cast from or attached to a motor vehicle.  
This includes laser sights or any other sights which cast a **visible** beam to the target. This does not include battery operated sights which only light the reticle."

This word and rule change would not change the spirit of the law which when it was written was intended to stop people from using scopes or sights which projected a laser beam and aiming point to an animal in low light or dark conditions.

I am sure those laser sights were and still are a favorite tool of the poacher. However without the word "visible" included this makes thousands of Oregon hunters who are using scopes with built in laser rangefinders law breaking criminals.

There is little to no difference between having a rangefinder in your pocket to range the distance to an animal and having it built into your scope... you just have less in your pockets and a few extra ounces on your gun.

I believe we have tremendous public support from hunters and shooting enthusiasts who would also request that this rule simply be changed to include the word "visible", AND given the number of hunters in Oregon who already own laser rangefinder scopes made by Nikon, Burris, Bushnell and other major manufacturers I would request that the commission consider making this simple rule change before the coming hunting seasons to avoid the unfortunate prosecution of hundreds and likely thousands of law abiding hunters who just do not read the fine print in the regulations but have the best of intentions as they enter the field.

Please feel free to call me at any time to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

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## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Michelle Tate  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2013 11:20 AM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton  
**Cc:** Roxann B Borisch  
**Subject:** FW: missing date for reporting hunting a non success(?)!

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### -----Original Message-----

**From:** Jeff Eicher [<mailto:j33@machmedia.net>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 23, 2013 10:04 AM  
**To:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** missing date for reporting hunting a non success(?)!

Charging a fee for not reporting is just wrong!! Wake up folks! We are tired of this! Guess us simple under class people won't be able to afford to hunt in Oregon much longer.

## Thomas Thornton

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**From:** Doug Bateman <fatcutty2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2013 10:26 AM  
**To:** Thomas.L.Thornton@state.or.us  
**Subject:** High Cascade Buck Hunt

Thomas,

You are probably not the guy that needs to hear this but I am sure you know that person. My wife and I had a pretty negative time in Eight Lakes Basin last September. I have been going to write but keep forgetting or having computer issues. I thought ODFW could use the feedback.

We are backpackers and neither of us has been a hunter so we are generally pretty ignorant of hunting seasons. We like to hike in the Duffy Lake/Eight Lakes Basin around Three Finger Jack in the fall. This year there were way to many hunters. There were at least two hunter camps at Duffy, two at Mowich, one at Red Butte, one at Jorn, one on an unnamed pond east of Jorn, and one at Bowman. Those are the only lakes we visited. I am sure there were camps at Blue and Santiam as well, there were probably camps at every source of water from the number shots we heard. My wife and I lost count of the between 60 and 80 on Saturday morning. We had some jerks walk through the middle of our camp with the severed head of a deer. There was no reason for them to enter our camping area. They were obviously recent graduates from the Dick Chaney school of hunter safety as they held the guns by the stock parallel to the ground so each time they turned toward us to speak their guns were pointing at us.

These same guys were discharging their guns very close to Mowich Lake where, along with us, there were two other camps of hikers, some with small kids. There were also three camps of hikers at Duffy.

We think there are a number of potential solutions:

- 1) Give all hunters a basic intelligence test and if they don't pass don't sell them a license.
- 2) Reduce the number of tags issued for this hunt.
- 3) Move the hunt to later in the season when other recreational users are less likely to be there.
- 4) Have a no shooting rule within half mile radius of the major lakes where people are most likely to camp.
- 5) Post signs at trailheads that state seasons. (People like us show up and we don't have bright clothing that would be good to wear if you knew people were going to out with guns).

I work with a bunch of guys that are avid hunters and I know a lot of hunters are very considerate of other users. In fact we meet several on this same trip that were very nice. I have lived in Oregon for 60 years and spend a lot of time in this part of the Cascades and this is the first time I have actually been a bit scared. There were enough hunters of questionable ethics that you were nervous about finding a place away from the lake to take a dump. I think that it is a clear sign of over use. We have been in this area in years past, during this hunt, over a similar Friday-Sunday time period and heard 3-5 shots all very far away and seen 3-5 hunters total. It was not threatening at all. In contrast, the number of hunters associated with the camps we saw and the ones we ran into on the trail was in the around 40. There were 11 hunters at Mowich alone.

Hopefully this helpful.

Sincerely,

Doug Bateman

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Michelle Tate  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2013 8:12 AM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton; Joel Hurtado  
**Cc:** Roxann B Borisch  
**Subject:** FW:

**From:** [twanger24@aol.com](mailto:twanger24@aol.com) [mailto:[twanger24@aol.com](mailto:twanger24@aol.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 21, 2013 5:09 PM  
**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)  
**Subject:**

Greetings,

I am curious as to which statute allows the state to infringe on my constitutional right to privacy and liberty. Mandatory reporting infringes on citizens constitutional rights. Under the fourteenth amendments section one it states "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. There has been no due process of law here. Forcing citizens to report on their hunts infringes on their liberty. Forcing citizens to report hunts is also an invasion of privacy.

Justice Brandeis's dissent in *Olmstead v. U. S.* (1928):

"The makers of our Constitution understood the need to secure conditions favorable to the pursuit of happiness, and the protections guaranteed by this are much broader in scope, and include the right to life and an inviolate personality -- the right to be left alone -- the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized men. The principle underlying the Fourth and Fifth Amendments is protection against invasions of the sanctities of a man's home and privacies of life. This is a recognition of the significance of man's spiritual nature, his feelings, and his intellect."

Furthermore, penalizing a citizen for exercising constitutional rights has been ruled against many times.

"The claim and exercise of a constitutional right cannot be converted into a crime." *Miller v. U.S.* 230 F 486 at 489

"Where rights as secured by the Constitution are involved, there can be no rule making or legislation which will abrogate them." *Miranda v. Ariz.*, 384 U.S.

436 at 491 (1966).

"The general rule is that an unconstitutional statute, though having the form and name of law, is in reality no law, but is wholly void, and ineffective for any purpose; since unconstitutionality dates from the time of its enactment, and not merely from the date of the decision so branding it.

No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional law, and no courts are bound to enforce it." - Sixteenth American Jurisprudence, Second Edition, Section 256 137, 180

"Since an unconstitutional law is void, the general principles follow that it imposes no duties, confers no rights, creates no office, bestows no power or authority on anyone, affords no protection and justifies no acts performed under it. No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional law and no courts are bound to enforce it." 16 Am Jur 2nd Section 177

"All laws, rules and practices which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void." Marbury v. Madison

"The United States is entirely a creature of the Constitution. Its power and authority have no other source. It can only act in accordance with all the limitations imposed by the Constitution." Reid v Covert 354 US 1 (1957)

Mandatory reporting is unconstitutional; infringing my right to privacy and liberty. I will not report my hunt; and if I am fined at the time of purchasing my next license I will pay the fine and use the receipt as evidence in a Federal lawsuit against ODFW for infringing on my constitutional rights.

I see no statute on mandatory reporting.

497.112 Hunting tags; fees; restrictions; rules. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission is authorized to issue, upon application, to persons desiring to hunt wildlife the following general tags and shall charge therefor the following fees:

- (a) Resident annual elk tag to hunt elk, \$40.50.
- (b) Nonresident annual elk tag to hunt elk, \$498.50.
- (c) Special annual elk tag for holders of pioneer or disabled veteran hunting licenses to hunt elk, one-half the fee imposed under paragraph (a) of this subsection for a resident annual elk tag to hunt elk.
- (d) Resident annual deer tag to hunt deer, \$22.50.

- (e) Nonresident annual deer tag to hunt deer, \$373.50.
- (f) Resident annual black bear tag to hunt black bear, \$12.50.
- (g) Nonresident annual black bear tag to hunt black bear, \$180.50.
- (h) Resident annual mountain sheep tag to hunt mountain sheep, \$120.50.
- (i) Nonresident annual mountain sheep tag to hunt mountain sheep, \$1,298.50.
- (j) Resident annual mountain goat tag to hunt mountain goat, \$120.50.
- (k) Nonresident annual mountain goat tag to hunt mountain goat, \$1,298.50.
- (L) Resident annual cougar tag to hunt cougar, \$12.50.
- (m) Nonresident annual cougar tag to hunt cougar, \$12.50.
- (n) Resident annual antelope tag to hunt antelope, \$42.50.
- (o) Nonresident annual antelope tag to hunt antelope, \$331.50.
- (p) Resident annual turkey tag to hunt turkeys, \$20.50.
- (q) Resident annual juvenile turkey tag to hunt turkeys, \$8.50.
- (r) Nonresident annual juvenile turkey tag to hunt turkeys, \$8.50.
- (s) Nonresident annual turkey tag to hunt turkeys, \$75.50.
- (t) Outfitter and guide annual deer tag to hunt deer, \$495.25.
- (u) Outfitter and guide annual elk tag to hunt elk, \$731.75.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 496.146 (10), the commission is authorized to issue each year one special tag that is auctioned to the highest bidder in a manner prescribed by the commission for each of the following:

- (A) Mountain sheep;
- (B) Antelope; and
- (C) Mountain goat.

(b) In addition to the tags referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the commission is authorized to issue each year one special tag that is raffled in a manner prescribed by the commission for each of the following:

- (A) Mountain sheep;

(B) Antelope; and

(C) Mountain goat.

(c) Moneys received under this subsection for:

(A) Mountain sheep tags shall be placed in the Mountain Sheep Subaccount established in ORS 496.303;

(B) Antelope tags shall be placed in the Antelope Subaccount established in ORS 496.303; and

(C) Mountain goat tags shall be placed in the Mountain Goat Subaccount established in ORS 496.303.

(d) Notwithstanding ORS 496.146 (10), the commission, upon the recommendation of the Access and Habitat Board to fulfill the board's charge of providing incentives to increase public access and habitat improvements to private land, is authorized to issue each year up to 10 elk and 10 deer tags to hunt deer or elk. The tags shall be auctioned or raffled to the highest bidder in a manner prescribed by the commission. The Access and Habitat Board, in recommending any tags, shall include a proposal as to the land on which each tag can be used and a percentage of funds received from the tags that may revert to the landowner if the tag is limited to private land. However, the percentage cannot be more than 50 percent and the programs must, by written agreement, provide for public access and habitat improvements.

(3) The tags referred to in subsection (1) of this section are in addition to and not in lieu of the hunting licenses required by law.

(4) The commission may, at the time of issue only, indorse upon the tags referred to in subsection (1) of this section an appropriate designation indicating whether it is for a game animal to be taken with bow and arrow or with firearms, at the choice of the applicant. The commission may prescribe by rule that the holder of such a tag is not authorized to take the game animal by any other means than the tag so indorsed.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, a person is not eligible to obtain, in a lifetime, more than one controlled hunt tag issued by the commission to hunt mountain sheep and one controlled hunt tag issued by the commission to hunt mountain goat.

(6) A person is eligible to obtain mountain sheep tags, antelope tags or mountain goat tags described in subsection (2)(a) and (b) of this section, regardless of whether the person has previously taken a mountain sheep, antelope or mountain goat or previously obtained a mountain sheep tag, antelope tag or mountain goat tag issued pursuant to subsection (1) or (2)(a) or (b) of this section.

(7) The number of nonresident mountain goat tags and nonresident mountain sheep tags shall be decided by the commission, but:

(a) The number of nonresident mountain goat tags may not be less than five percent nor more than 10 percent of all mountain goat tags issued.

(b) The number of nonresident mountain sheep tags may not be less than five percent nor more than 10 percent of all mountain sheep tags issued.

(8) The number of tags issued by drawing under subsection (1)(g), (m) and (o) of this section shall be decided by the commission, but for each class of tag so issued, the number may not be more than three

percent of all tags of that class issued for hunting in a particular area except one nonresident tag may be issued for each hunt when the number of authorized tags is less than 35. The number of tags issued under subsection (1)(g) of this section for the general hunting season may be decided by the commission, but the number may not be more than three percent of all tags issued the previous year for hunting in a particular area.

(9) The number of tags issued by drawing under subsection (1)(b) and (e) of this section shall be decided by the commission, but for each class of tag so issued, the number may not be more than five percent of all tags of that class issued for hunting in a particular area except one nonresident tag may be issued for each hunt when the number of authorized tags is fewer than 35. The commission shall set the percentage by rule each year after holding a public hearing.

(10) If a controlled hunt for game mammals is undersubscribed during the primary controlled hunt drawing, the commission may issue the unallocated tags to licensed hunters at up to four times the standard tag fee on a first-come, first-served basis. This controlled hunt tag program shall be in addition to and not replace any existing controlled hunt tag program.

(11) The commission by rule may authorize the issuance of free tags to hunt antelope, deer and elk to provide an incentive to increase compliance with hunting reporting requirements. [1973 c.723 §53; 1975 c.454 §3; 1975 c.487 §1a; 1979 c.715 §1; 1981 c.445 §6; 1985 c.60 §1; 1987 c.255 §2; 1991 c.364 §1; 1991 c.661 §2; 1993 c.336 §1; 1993 c.659 §21; 1997 c.225 §1; 1997 c.341 §1; 1999 c.624 §1; 1999 c.685 §1; 1999 c.1006 §5; amendments by 1999 c.1006 §15 repealed by 2001 c.949 §1; 2003 c.612 §1; 2003 c.644 §2; 2009 c.832 §6; 2011 c.523 §1]

497.115 [1971 c.530 §3; repealed by 1973 c.723 §130]

497.120 [Amended by 1955 c.358 §2; 1957 c.148 §1; 1959 c.221 §1; 1961 c.536 §1; 1967 c.278 §2; 1971 c.446 §7; repealed by 1973 c.723 §130]

Sent from Windows Mail

12-14-12

Roy Elicker, Director  
Headquarters Office  
3406 Cherry AVE. NE  
Salem Oregon 97303-4924

Dear Mr. Elicker.

I'd like to share some views about elk management in the Tioga area. I've hunted there off and on for about 50 years. When I started in the early sixties I felt fortunate if dad or I saw a bull. At that time you could shoot any bull. We often saw a lot of elk, but no bulls at all.

At some point in time regulations were changed to the three point rule. Elk flourished, and multiplied quickly. I'd guess that the elk population in the Tioga unit peaked in the late eighties or early nineties. We saw hundreds of elk each season. It was fun because someone in our party would get an elk, and we all saw bulls, some of which may have been legal, but because of low light, thick brush, or something couldn't tell for sure. The three point rule does stack the deck in favor of the bulls, and whenever I'd pass up a spike I'd tell myself, "there's next year." It filled me with optimism and actually adds to the quality of the hunt. At least for me.

The elk population has declined tremendously since the early nineties. Cow hunts, the disabled shooting cows, and I suppose there are land owner preference tags as well, have contributed to the decline, but probably the biggest reason for the decline is the change in timber harvest practice. The timber company's backs are against the wall. They can't depend on any cutting off of Federal lands, so they need to maximize output from their own lands. They do everything possible to minimize elk numbers. They minimize edge effect with huge clear cuts, hardly burn anything, which eliminates the nutrient flush for forage, plus the slash is an obstacle which makes elk expend more energy getting through. Then they apply herbicide, which further reduces forage. I wouldn't be surprised if they shot elk on sight.

I'd estimate that the historic overharvesting of cows, (which I believe was reduced tremendously by not allowing disabled to shoot cows during the regular season) and

timber company's management practice, has reduced overall elk numbers to less than 15 percent of what it was in the 1980's. There was scarcely a day in the eighties when I didn't see 50 elk. This year I saw 16 total. Two years ago I never saw one! I'd think there shouldn't be even a whimper about elk damage by timber companies these days.

There is no way timber companies can rely on any meaningful supply of timber from Federal lands. Therefore I understand the need of timber companies to maximize timber output on their holdings. Therefore, it is imperative that ODFW work with timber companies to formulate a way to make elk an economic asset to the timber companies. That would change the status of elk from an economic liability to a source of revenue. They would be more likely to embrace management practices that did more to enhance elk habitat. I suggest a system similar to Montana's block management policy, where land owners are financially rewarded for number of acres made available, hunter participation, and hunter success.

You are going to tell me that ODFW can't afford that. You are wrong. It's a matter of priorities. Montana manages to do it successfully with fewer hunters, thus less revenue, and with a equally complicated or more complicated program. I hate to see timber companies go to a trespass fee, or worse, a hunting lease program like Plumb Creek timber company. Hunting is already a expensive undertaking. If timber companies go to such things hunting will become more expensive, and out of the reach of most hunters. Hunting will become, if it hasn't already, a pastime of the elite and rich. It will lose popularity, and ODFW will lose support.

I do commend you on your decision to disallow the disabled to shoot cows. That may help, but until elk are recognized as a resource to help pay the bills by timber companies I believe elk numbers will continue to slide.

Thank You, Merry Christmas

Don Wilson

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**Subject:** Questions

**From:** Todd Levings [mailto:[todd1@bowtecharchery.com](mailto:todd1@bowtecharchery.com)]

**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 10:23 AM

**To:** ODFW Commission

**Subject:** questons

Fish and game commission

Hello my name is Lane Carter I have been a resident in Oregon my whole life and hunted in Oregon since I was of legal age. I was hoping you would have a second to answer a few questions I have?

One of the main things I have is why are there so many out of state hunters allowed to come in and hunt our state when the game numbers have suffered so much. There is a majority of Oregon residents that have not been able to fill there tags and can't even hunt spots that their families have hunted for many years because people form out of state have come in and do not have a care in the world for our local resources. This just doesn't seem fair to me or a lot of other Oregonians.

The second question I have is what is the state doing to combat the growing mountain lion problem we a beginning to have? I have hunted in several areas around the state bow hunting this year and it appeared every where I went I seemed to see cougar tracks and found several cougar kills. Is the state of Oregon doing anything to maybe think about allowing dogs to run them again? If so what can us as hunters do to help push that along? I firmly believe the large number of cougars in the state are doing a sever number on or deer and elk herds.

Look forward to hearing your responses thank you and have a nice day

## Roxann B Borisch

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**Subject:** controlled archery spike

**From:** Curtis Odgers [mailto:curtisodgers@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 07, 2012 10:15 AM

**To:** [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us)

**Subject:** controlled archery spike

- Change spike-only archery tags from general season to controlled in three premier elk units, Mt Emily, Walla Walla, and Wenaha. The purpose of the rule change is to close a loophole that allowed spike-only tag holders with general season tags to poach trophy elk in these units but pretend to have shot the elk elsewhere. Bowhunters that choose to hunt one of these trophy units will be limited to these units.
- Require an archery elk tag to archery hunt deer in the Mt Emily, Walla Walla, and Wenaha units, again to reduce poaching

### Wildlife Commission Members:

I am saddened to see the changes being made with regard to controlled archery spike hunts in Walla Walla, Wenaha and Mt. Emily units. I am a hunter who frequently enters the National Forest lands of all three of these units for my hunting ventures. During the archery season I am able to hunt the Walla Walla unit for deer and spike during weekdays and travel to other units (Starkey and Desolation) for branch bull hunts during the weekends. I live for archery hunting and all of you have decided to ruin my life.

The logic behind your decision to 'reduce poaching' is completely backwards. Enforcement is the key to reducing poaching. You guys know this. The rules must be enforced as they are. I understand that you probably recieved a letter from some disgruntled branched bull hunter in the one of these units and from that you decided to make your irrational decision.

I manage a tree farm in Milton Freewater and have opportunities to hunt deer in my own backyard with my bow with the current season. Now I will have to waste preference points for a coveted (sarcasm) spike elk tag in order to deer hunt in my own back yard. Essentially you have given me these three options:

-Hunt spike elk in Walla Walla so I can get a deer tag. This ruins my dream of ever tagging a branched bull.  
-Go elsewhere (Washington) in order to be a successful hunter. This definitely is out of my hunting budget but at least I won't support ODFW.

-Poach. This is currently my best option. You all are turning me into a poacher. I can't wait to blast a 400 class bull in the Walla Walla unit just to spite the 7 of you.

I am ashamed of the commission,

Curtis Odgers



# OREGON BOW HUNTERS, INC.

October \_\_, 2012

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission  
3406 Cherry Avenue NE  
Salem OR 97303-4924

RE: Alternate Archery Hunting Opportunity

Dear Commissioners:

Please find attached a proposal for ODFW to establish an alternate 2013 archery deer hunting opportunity to replace the opportunities lost to secondary closures of deer hunting due to ODFW management actions related to elk hunting in several northeast Oregon game management units.

At your October 5, 2012 Commission meeting, a representative of Oregon Bow Hunters (OBH) provided testimony against closing archery deer hunting in the Wenaha, Walla Walla and Mt. Emily game management units unless a hunter possesses a controlled archery elk tag. As was pointed out in your meeting, the secondary closure of deer hunting opportunity in the Wenaha, Walla Walla and Mt. Emily units is a special concern to OBH. Those units (together with the Sled Springs and Chesnimnus units which already had a similar restriction on deer hunting by archers) make up a very substantial portion of the area in the relatively limited part Oregon where a bowhunter could realistically pursue a Whitetail deer with a general archery deer tag. Now, your action to approve the staff recommendation has eliminated that opportunity over a large geographical area.

Although you approved the staff proposal, the discussion in your meeting seemed to indicate an appreciation for OBH's concern over the restriction of archery deer hunting opportunity in north-eastern Oregon resulting from the closure action in the Wenaha, Walla Walla and Mt. Emily units.

Please consider the attached proposal and ask your ODFW staff to establish an alternate 2013 archery deer hunting opportunity in the northeast Oregon units subject to a secondary closure of archery deer hunting due to management actions related to archery elk hunting.

Sincerely,

Buck Kelly, President  
Oregon Bow Hunters

Cc: Roy Elicker, Director, ODFW  
Curt Melcher, Deputy Director, ODFW  
Ron Anglin, Administrator, Wildlife Division, ODFW



# OREGON BOW HUNTERS, INC.

## PROPOSAL

OBH proposes establishment of a 2013 alternate archery hunt to replace the loss of general archery deer hunting opportunity resulting from archery elk management actions taken by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) in northeastern Oregon consistent with the following:

1. The hunt area should include the Wenaha, Walla Walla, Mt. Emily, Sled Springs and Chesnimnus units.
2. The alternate archery hunt should begin on Saturday, November 16, 2013 and run through Sunday, December 15, 2013 (30 days following the start of the hunt).
3. The alternate hunt should be a controlled hunt with a bag limit of either one (1) Mule deer buck with a visible antler or one (1) Whitetail deer.
4. At least 250 tags should be available for the alternate archery hunt in 2013.

## Thomas Thornton

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**From:** Steve Chalker <scchalker@webformixair.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2012 10:17 AM  
**To:** Ronald.E.Anglin@state.or.us; Thomas.L.Thornton@state.or.us; Rod.W.Krahmer@state.or.us; Jon.P.Germond@state.or.us  
**Cc:** odfw.commission@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us; odfw.commission@state.or.us; dhamrick@hookercreek.net  
**Subject:** [Fwd: bmeagle letter]

October

26,2012

Dear Editor

I had the unfortunate pleasure of reading an article today in Blue Mt. Eagle about the elk issues in Grant county.

I am absolutely aghast that these ranchers have the audacity to put this issue in front of the county and the ODFW with a straight face.

How about these ranchers take their cattle off OUR public lands and stop over grazing the national forest and the BLM lands that supports theses herds of elk and deer. Then maybe the elk and deer won't have to leave the public land to find feed. These grazing allotments are an absolute tragedy the way the cattle destroy riparian areas and the summer and wintering range. There is no doubt why they leave the public lands. By the time the cattle get done grazing the public land what's left is not enough to support the wildlife. Influx of archery hunters??

What all of a sudden they have become the issue it sounds like a hidden agenda from some of the area ranchers and now they want more tags and have these tags go beyond the fence lines too wouldn't that just compound the problem? Hmmm- I have been and am currently both archery and rifle hunter a horse ,cattle and landowner I can see both sides of the fence quite clearly and I don't like what I see one bit. I hope the county and the ODFW have the common sense to look past this nonsense.

Steve Chalker

[http://www.bluemountaineagle.com/free/elk-surge-into-john-day-valley/article\\_877cf38c-1e06-11e2-ba81-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.bluemountaineagle.com/free/elk-surge-into-john-day-valley/article_877cf38c-1e06-11e2-ba81-0019bb2963f4.html)

## Thomas Thornton

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**From:** ODFW Info  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2012 8:30 AM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton  
**Subject:** FW: R4eporting Penalties

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**From:** [DMCowell@aol.com](mailto:DMCowell@aol.com) [<mailto:DMCowell@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2012 6:26 PM  
**To:** [odfw.info@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.info@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** R4eporting Penalties

To Whom It May Concern:

The penalty for not reporting, \$25, does not seem to be enough to get anyone's attention, if this information is so important to ODFW. One may look at \$50 for every tag that the hunter was successful drawing and did not report, and suspension for hunting of that next year. ODFW then would not find a revenue loss for the tags/applications that would not be purchased during the suspended year, and it would let everyone know that this is a serious matter that ODFW makes it out to be.

The second issue that came up this year during doe season, was the miss information that was sent out and posted in the regulations for the Flora unit (Oct. 13-17) and the boundaries that were set. The map that was sent in the mail was different from what the regulations stated as far as the boundaries went. Even the office of ODFW in Enterprise Oregon was giving out different information from what was sent to successful hunters in the mail. This isn't too big of a concern, just would be nice for an even playing field for all hunters that adhered to the information that was mailed out. By limiting some of us, we were not hunting in some of our favorite area like some of those that paid no attention to the changed boundaries. Other changes that were made to the regulations for the year were posted in blue, so I see that there should have not been a problem of clear boundaries that were made by ODFW.

Respectfully,  
Ray Cowell

## Thomas Thornton

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**From:** ODFW Comments  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2012 4:29 PM  
**To:** Thomas Thornton; Meg Eden  
**Subject:** FW: Comment on Archery Elk Seasons

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**From:** Dano RITCHIE [<mailto:huntemdano@msn.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2012 7:06 PM  
**To:** [odfw.comments@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.comments@state.or.us)  
**Subject:** Comment on Archery Elk Seasons

To Whom it may concern,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be heard. I am an avid archery elk hunter. I work hard for a living as do my hunting partners. The thing we all look most forward to is the archery elk season. We spend lots of money and time to get ready for our trip. I spend lots of time in the woods, scouting, hiking and looking for antlers. I am a law abiding citizen with a great respect for the outdoors and the animals I hunt. I also respect the rights of others who are out there to do the same thing.

I think the quality of hunts in Oregon can be so much better with so little effort that would not impact the rights of others. I believe the efforts ODFW can put forward to ensure quality hunts for those like me would be minimal and highly effective. I hunt the Ochoco unit, when I am lucky enough to draw a tag. I have found that it usually takes me 2 points to draw that tag and I am willing to wait to get that tag, however after waiting two years I would like to enjoy a quality hunt. In my opinion there are 3 small, but do-able things your organization can do to help make this happen.

1. If you draw a controlled archery elk tag that's the only unit you can hunt. You already do this for rifle hunters. I believe this will reduce the number of hunters putting in for the tag and make the possibility of getting the tag easier. (Not sure how things work but I seen guys draw Ochoco 3 years in a row with 0 points and I can't get it with one!)
2. Put into effect the travel management areas that are in effect during the rifle season. I can't tell you how many hunts were blown as a result of someone driving off road. Limiting access will reduce the ATV pressure and give ATV/road hunters a second look at hunting the unit. This was done in the Murderers Creek unit 2 years ago and I can tell you it has made a huge difference in hunting pressure!
3. Let the season end the 4th week of September when the bulls are bugling. Being in bugling bulls is the best part of archery elk hunting, harvesting an elk is a bonus..again the quality of the time spent outdoors is what it's all about in our camp.

I don't want to get too wordy here because I want to be heard so I leave it at that. Just my 2 cents.

Again thank you for giving me the opportunity to be heard.

Dan Ritchie  
Elk Hunter

*Big Game*

**Thomas Thornton**

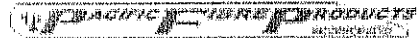
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**From:** Ron Barber <rbarber@pacfibres.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2012 2:15 PM  
**To:** Thomas.L.Thornton@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Deer Hunting

Dear Mr. Thornton

We drew a North Warner deer tags this year. I just wanted to thank you and your staff for the great management in that unit. I wish all of the other units were as well managed. I know a positive letter will help you and your staff, keep up the good work.

Thanks  
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