

# STAFF PROPOSALS

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## INTRODUCTION

For over 20 years, setting Big Game Regulations and seasons has been a two Commission Meeting process. Controlled hunt tag numbers in a given year were set in June. Hunting regulations for the following year, season dates, bag limits, controlled hunts, etc. were set in October. Timing of the June Commission meeting created an extreme time-crunch in the spring. To meet the legal requirements for the June Commission Meeting, some biologists have been making recommendations before they have completed spring herd surveys and before harvest information is available from late hunts, sometime leading to recommendations changing at the last minute.

To ease this process and allow the Department to set season, tag numbers, and regulations based on complete information, the Department is moving to a single meeting, season setting process, whereby regulations, seasons, and tag numbers will be set during the September Commission meeting for the following year.

This year, 2016, is the transition year in moving to this new process. As such, controlled hunt tag numbers for 2016, and seasons and controlled tag numbers for 2017 will be adopted June, 2016. Beginning in 2017, the Department will use a streamlined process timed to adopt seasons and tags for 2018 at the September 2017 meeting.

Tentative 2017 Big Game Regulation Development Timeline for 2018 Seasons. Timeline dates may vary depending on the final dates of 2017 Commission Meetings.

- November, 2016 – March, 2017: Districts conduct field surveys
- April 1, 2017: Deadline for canceling 2017 hunts or making emergency tag reductions
- May 15: District proposal deadline
- Mid-June: Division meets with Biologists to discuss 2018 seasons, tag numbers, etc.
- Late-June: Information for public outreach/meetings distributed to Districts
- July 1-15: Districts conduct public outreach/meetings
- Late-July: Commission packet due to Division Administrators
- September 2017: Commission Adoption of 2018 seasons and tag numbers
- November, 2017: 2018 Big Game Regulations printed and delivered to vendors

This document includes tables of controlled hunts with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) recommended tag numbers for 2016 and 2017 controlled seasons, and proposed seasons and regulation changes for 2017.

## Potential Regulation Changes and Concepts Under Consideration for 2017

Several regulation concepts and proposals were mentioned in the information provided to the Department's wildlife districts for discussion at public meetings held in May (Table 1). If proposals are adopted, they will be incorporated in the 2017 Big Game Regulations.

Table 1. Location, date, and time for 2016 Oregon big game public meetings.

City	Date	Time	Location
Lakeview	May 3	6 - 8 pm	Eagles Lodge 27 South "E" Street, Lakeview OR
Redmond	May 3	6 - 8 pm	Redmond High School Community Room, 675 SW Rimrock, Redmond OR
Ontario	May 3	6 pm MDT	OSU Extension Office 710 SW 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Ontario OR
Burns	May 4	7 - 9 pm	Harney County Community Center 484 N Broadway, Burns OR
Heppner	May 4	6 - 9 pm	ODFW Heppner District Office 54173 Highway 74, Heppner OR
<i><u>Online Chat</u></i>	<i>May 5</i>	<i>12 - 2 pm</i>	<i>Live Twitter chat with @MyODFW, use #askODFW hashtag</i>
Klamath Falls	May 5	7 pm	Shasta Grange Hall 5831 Shasta Way, Klamath Falls OR
La Grande	May 5	6 pm	Cook Memorial Library 2006 4 <sup>th</sup> St, La Grande OR
The Dalles	May 5	6 pm	The Dalles Screen Shop 3561 Klindt Dr, The Dalles OR
John Day	May 10	5:30 - 7 pm	John Day District State Forestry Office 415 Patterson Bridge Rd, John Day OR
Roseburg	May 10	6 - 7:30 pm	ODFW Roseburg District Office Conference Rm, 4192 N Umpqua Hwy, Roseburg OR
Springfield	May 10	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Oregon Dept. of Forestry 3150 East Main St, Springfield OR
Seaside	May 10	4 - 7 pm	Seaside Civic & Convention Center - Seamist Rm 415 First Ave., Seaside OR
Charleston	May 10	6:30 - 8:30 pm	North Bend Public Library 1800 Sherman Ave, North Bend OR
Clackamas	May 11	5:30 - 8 pm	ODFW Clackamas District Office Bldg 16 17330 SE Evelyn Street, Clackamas OR
Grants Pass	May 11	7 pm	Elmers Restaurant 175 NE Agness, Grants Pass OR
Pendleton	May 11	4 - 7 pm	Pendleton Convention Center 1601 Westgate, Pendleton OR
Newport	May 12	6 - 7 pm	ODFW Marine Resources Program Office 2040 SE Marine Science Dr, Newport OR
Salem	May 12	7 - 9 pm	ODFW Headquarters Office 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE, Salem OR
Medford	May 12	7 pm	The Eagles Lodge 2000 Table Rock Rd, Medford OR

### **Define Edible Parts:**

The Department is proposing to define “edible parts” for the purpose of waste regulations. Defining edible parts would provide clarity for hunters and assist with enforcement of waste regulations. The opinions of what constitutes the edible portions of an animal varies widely. In addition, the growing popularity of the “gutless” method of field dressing has generated requests from the public to define edible portions. A definition of edible portion would add clarity to the regulations and has the support of OSP field troopers and HQ officers.

The current Big Game Regulations state, “**No Person Shall:** Waste any game mammals or parts thereof, except that meat of cougar need not be salvaged.”

The new wording would read **No Person Shall:** Waste any edible portion of any game mammal, except that meat of cougar need not be salvaged. At a minimum, “edible portion” means the meat of the front quarters as far down as the knees (the distal joint of the radius-ulna), meat of the hindquarters as far down as the hocks (the distal joint of the tibia-fibula), and the meat along the backbone including the loins (back-strap), and tenderloins (Figure 1(draft)).

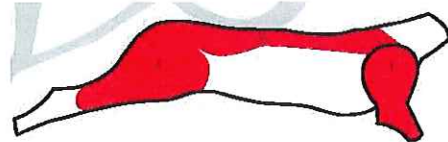


Figure 1 (draft). Minimum edible portions of game mammals.

Similar wording is proposed to be developed for next year’s game bird regulations. Edible portions of game birds would include the breasts and legs.

### **Sale of Taxidermy Mounts:**

Currently, in Oregon, other than taxidermists who can sell unclaimed mounts to recover their costs; individuals can only sell taxidermy mounts of game mammals that occur in Oregon, “one-time”, as part of an estate. At the January 2016 Commission Meeting, the Commission received testimony from a person asking for the opportunity to sell taxidermy mounts of animals he has taken through the years. He is now downsizing his residence, will not have a place to display the mounts, and the proceeds of the sale would be helpful. Following testimony and discussion of the issue, the Commission directed the Department to look into the feasibility and consequences of extending the one-time opportunity to sell taxidermy mounts. The Commission raised the idea of extending the option to individuals who reach a specific age.

Concerns related to liberalizing the sale of taxidermy mounts include increased workload on Department wildlife field staff to mark and record mounts being sold, and increased interest in large specimens because of their monetary value. To mitigate concerns the Department is proposing to implement a fee for marking mounts and making it clear an individual can only sell mounts of animals they personally harvested. Following is the proposed Draft OAR with some of the new wording emphasized.

### **635-200-0120**

#### **Taxidermy Mounts**

- (1) A game mammal taxidermy mount from an Oregon **resident 65 years of age or older and legally harvested by the same individual**, or acquired from an Oregon decedent by survivorship or any form of succession may be sold by the person 65 or older, or the decedent's survivor or successor, to any person provided that the seller first obtains a registration permit from the department.
- (2) **A registration permit requires a \$25.00 non-refundable permit administration fee which covers up to five taxidermy mounts and a processing fee of an additional \$5.00 for each additional mounted game mammal.**
- (3) To obtain a permit, if the seller acquired the mount(s) by survivorship or any form of succession they must provide the department with:
  - (a) An Oregon death certificate for the decedent; and

- (b) For mounts of game mammals harvested before January 1, 2017, a properly validated tag as in (c) or an affidavit by the seller stating that (to the best of the seller's knowledge) the decedent legally harvested the game mammal and describing how the seller legally acquired the mount by survivorship or succession; and
- (c) For mounts of game mammals harvested on or after January 1, 2017, a properly validated tag which the decedent used to document legal harvest of the game mammal.
- (4) To obtain a permit if the seller is an Oregon resident 65 years of age or older they must provide the department with:
- (a) For mounts of game mammals harvested before January 1, 2017, a properly validated tag **from the same person** as in (b) or an affidavit by the seller stating that the seller legally harvested the game mammal; and
- (b) For mounts of game mammals harvested on or after January 1, 2017, a properly validated tag **from the same person** to document legal harvest of the game mammal.
- (5) Upon compliance with the requirements of subsections (2) and either (3) or (4), the department shall register the mount(s) and affix a permanent identification number.

#### **Adopt Controlled Hunt Application Change Fee:**

Hunters can change their choices for controlled hunt up to June 1<sup>st</sup>, approximately two weeks after the Controlled Hunt Application deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>. There are many reasons hunters may choose to change hunt choices, change in health, availability to take time off, and other unanticipated change to plans. There are also hunters, who with no justification required, and no limit on the number of changes they can request, have Department staff make multiple changes to their controlled hunt applications.

Currently, the Department does not charge for the service of making these changes. Changes to controlled hunt application are very time consuming for Licensing Division, Controlled Hunt Program staff. The changes must be made manually and can include not only the individual requesting the change, but considerable follow-up time spent contacting other individuals of a party to determine if they wish to make the same change.

The Department has received legislative approval to charge an administrative fee for making changes to controlled hunt choices. Recognizing there are many reasons changes may be requested, the Department is proposing to implement the following fee structure beginning with 2017 controlled hunt applications: --No charge for the first controlled hunt application change for each controlled hunt series (200 Series = Elk, 400 Series = Pronghorn, etc.), there would be a charge, \$25 is being considered, for subsequent controlled hunt application changes to the same hunt series.

### **GENERAL TOPICS and UPDATES**

#### **Elk Damage Tag Program Implementation**

During the 2013 Regular Legislative Session, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2027 which directs the Department to create and implement a statewide Oregon Landowner Damage Program to address damage caused by elk. Patterned after the successful Southwest Damage Pilot program, the new elk damage program may provide elk damage tags to landowners in areas where elk are currently causing damage, in areas where there has been a history of elk damage, and in areas currently designated as an elk de-emphasis area. The elk damage tag program does not have minimum acreage requirements and does not limit the number of tags a landowner may

acquire. However, no more than 5 tags may be valid at any given time. Additionally, the option for landowners to exchange unused LOP tags 1 for 2 was removed.

The first year of the expansion of the elk damage tag program statewide resulted in an overall statewide increase in the number of elk tags issued to address damage from 2,498 to 3,108 and associated harvest increased from 1,175 to 1,565 (Table 2). The second year of the expanded elk damage program, 2015-16, saw the total number of damage tags decline slightly from 3,108 to 2,835 and harvest stayed stable from 1,565 to 1562. Similar to the previous year the majority of elk tags issued to address damage were allotted in Northeast Oregon. The number of LOP and controlled hunt tags exchanged fell from 1,152 to 64 tags the result of a strong shift towards elk damage program tags.

Table 2. Elk tags exchanged, elk damage tags issued, and related harvest, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

Watershed District	2014 – 2015				2015 – 2016			
	Exchange Tags Issued	Elk		Harvest	Exchange Tags Issued	Elk		Harvest
		Damage Program Tags	Total Tags			Damage Program Tags	Total Tags	
North Coast	37	187	224	120	8	229	237	141
N Willamette	9	32	41	17	18	44	62	26
S Willamette	35	27	62	30	8	25	33	12
Umpqua	111	78	189	114	1	106	107	75
Rogue	142	90	232	77	0	2	2	1
Deschutes	110	201	311	120	8	185	193	108
John Day	328	661	989	497	16	1171	1187	581
Grande Ronde	367	658	1025	569	5	894	899	550
Klamath	1	5	6	6	0	12	12	10
Malheur	12	17	29	15	0	103	103	58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>3,108</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>2,835</b>	<b>1,562</b>

### **Mule Deer Landowner Preference Tags**

In addition to creating the Oregon Landowner Damage Program described above, House Bill 2027A authorized the Commission to limit mule deer buck tags in WMUs where the mule deer population is below the Management Objective (MO). In October 2014 the Commission adopted the same formula that has been used for quite some time for selected deer and elk hunts with limited LOP tags. In these hunts LOP tags are limited to five tags or 10 percent of the total controlled hunt tags authorized for each hunt, whichever is greater.

Beginning in 2015, LOP tags were limited for mule deer buck hunts (100 Series) in WMUs where estimated populations were below 100% of the established population MO for the unit. In 2015, 18 of the 91 controlled mule deer buck hunts where LOP tags were limited had 100% of the tags drawn during the regular June drawing. With first-come first-served sales of leftover LOP tags after the drawing, an additional 6 hunts reached the cap on LOP tags available for the hunt. The Department has received some complaints from landowners and realtors regarding results this restriction and the lack of certainty they will receive mule deer LOP tags.

Based on spring 2016 data, all mule deer populations are below 100% of population MO except for the Metolius, West Biggs, and Wagontire units (Table 3). Applying the five tag or 10% formula to the controlled mule deer hunts results in 5,595 mule deer LOP tags available in 85 LOP limited hunts for 2016. For 2017, 5,579 LOP tags will be available for drawing, a decline of <1%.

Table 3. Number of LOP Mule Deer Buck Deer tags available during the 2016 and 2017 seasons.

2016 Hunt #	Hunt Name	% of Unit Population MO	Controlled Tags Available in 2016	LOP Tags Available in 2016	Controlled Tags Available in 2017	LOP Tags Available in 2017
131	Keno Unit	47%	1,100	110	1,100	110
131R	Keno Unit Bow	47%	136	14	136	14
132	Klamath Falls Unit	55%	927	93	927	93
132M	Klamath Falls Muzzleloader	55%	27	5	27	5
133	Sprague Unit	14%	660	66	660	66
134	Upper Deschutes Unit	70%	2,860	286	2,860	286
135	Paulina Unit	49%	1,760	176	1,760	176
135M	Paulina Unit Muzzleloader	49%	11	5	11	5
135R	Paulina Unit Bow	49%	11	5	11	5
136	Maury Unit	73%	378	38	378	38
136R	Maury Unit Bow	73%	122	12	122	12
137	Ochoco Unit	73%	2,915	292	2,750	275
138	Grizzly Unit	85%	1,308	131	1,308	131
139	Metolius Unit	129%	400	No Limit	400	No Limit
139M1	Metolius No 1 Muzzleloader	129%	40	No Limit	40	No Limit
139M2	Metolius No 2 Muzzleloader	129%	21	No Limit	21	No Limit
139R1	Metolius No.1 Bow	129%	20	No Limit	20	No Limit
139R2	Metolius No.2 Bow	129%	28	No Limit	28	No Limit
140	Maupin Unit	95%	495	50	495	50
141A	Hood-White Rvr	89%	165	17	165	17
141B	White Rvr Unit No 1	89%	2,090	209	2,090	209
141C	White Rvr Unit No 2	89%	10	5	10	5
141M	Hood-White River	89%	43	5	43	5
141T	The Dalles Watershed	89%	7	5	7	5
142A	Hood Unit No 1	71%	770	77	770	77
142B	Hood Unit No 2	71%	10	5	10	5
143A	E Biggs	66%	715	72	715	72
143B	W Biggs	100%	935	No Limit	935	No Limit
144	Columbia Basin	71%	1,980	198	1,980	198

Table 3. Continued.

2016 Hunt #	Hunt Name	% of Unit Population MO	Controlled Tags Available in 2016	LOP Tags Available in 2016	Controlled Tags Available in 2017	LOP Tags Available in 2017
145	Fossil Unit	79%	2,200	220	2,200	220
145M	Flatiron	79%	61	6	61	6
146	Murderers Cr Unit	67%	990	99	990	99
147	Northside Unit	43%	1,320	132	1,320	132
148	Heppner Unit	68%	3,520	352	3,520	352
148M	Ditch Cr Muzzleloader	68%	193	19	193	19
149	Ukiah Unit	94%	1,898	190	1,898	190
150	Desolation Unit	47%	1,210	121	1,210	121
151	Sumpter Unit	89%	1,650	165	1,650	165
152A	Starkey	83%	825	83	825	83
152B	Starkey Exp. Forest	83%	25	5	25	5
153	Catherine Cr Unit	38%	420	42	420	42
154A	E Mt Emily	76%	218	22	218	22
154B	W Mt Emily	76%	523	52	523	52
154C	Mt. Emily	76%	10	5	10	5
154R	Mt Emily Unit Bow	76%	440	44	440	44
155A	Walla Walla Unit	95%	245	25	245	25
155B	Mill Cr Watershed	95%	0	5	0	5
155R	Walla Walla Unit Bow	95%	165	17	165	17
156	Wenaha Unit	65%	495	50	495	50
156R1	Wenaha Bow	65%	275	28	275	28
157	Sled Springs Unit	58%	1,925	193	1,925	193
158	Chesnimnus Unit	60%	550	55	550	55
159	Snake Rvr Unit	45%	330	33	330	33
160	Minam Unit	37%	660	66	660	66
161	Imnaha Unit	43%	825	83	825	83
162	Pine Cr Unit	67%	385	39	385	39
163	Keating Unit	54%	540	54	540	54
164	Lookout Mt Unit	73%	318	32	318	32
165	Beulah Unit	85%	1,980	198	1,980	198
165A	Se Beulah	85%	495	50	495	50
165R	W Beulah Bow	85%	20	5	20	5
166	Malheur Rvr Unit	77%	1,870	187	1,870	187
166M	N Malheur Muzzleloader	77%	55	6	55	6
167	Owyhee Unit	78%	491	49	491	49
167A	Ne Owyhee	78%	138	14	138	14
168A	Trout Cr Mtns	45%	74	7	74	8
168B	E Whitehorse	53%	275	28	275	28
168M	Ne Whitehorse Muzzleloader	53%	26	5	26	5

Table 3. Continued.

2016 Hunt #	Hunt Name	% of Unit Population MO	Controlled Tags Available in 2016	LOP Tags Available in 2016	Controlled Tags Available in 2017	LOP Tags Available in 2017
168R2	SE Whitehorse Bow	53%	20	5	20	5
169A	Steens Mt	47%	263	26	263	26
170A	Beatys Butte	68%	220	22	220	22
170M	Hart Mt Muzzleloader	68%	15	5	15	5
170R1	Hart Mt No 1 Bow	68%	17	5	17	5
170R2	Hart Mtn No 2 Bow	68%	17	5	17	5
170R3	Hart Mt No. 3 Bow	68%	5	5	5	5
171A	N Juniper	57%	110	11	110	11
171B	S Juniper	57%	110	11	110	11
171M	Juniper Muzzleloader	57%	10	5	10	5
172	Silvies Unit	83%	856	86	856	86
172M	Silvies Unit Muzzleloader	83%	54	5	54	5
173	Wagontire Unit	118%	216	No Limit	216	No Limit
174A	N Warner	51%	50	5	50	5
174B	S Warner	51%	303	30	303	30
174R1	N Warner Bow	51%	65	7	65	7
174R2	S Warner Bow	51%	94	9	94	9
174T	Warner Unit Youth	51%	20	5	20	5
175	Interstate Unit	32%	1,760	176	1,760	176
175M	Interstate Unit	32%	28	5	28	5
175T	Interstate Youth	32%	30	5	30	5
176	Silver Lake Unit	74%	2,200	220	2,200	220
176M	Silver Lk E Ft Rock	74%	54	5	54	5
177	Fort Rock Unit	33%	2,750	275	2,750	275
Total Tags			56,851	5,595	56,686	5,579

### **Wildlife Area and Travel Management Area (TMA) Changes**

**Junction City Pond:** The Department is proposing to add administrative rules to guide use of Junction City Pond, including the new archery range. The archery range will be constructed on a 38.53 acre property the Department acquired from ODOT, adjacent to the 8 acre Junction City Pond the Department already owned. The new area includes a block of over 30 acres of additional wildlife habitat. The archery range is expected to be completed this fall (2016). Following are the proposed OARs for the Junction City Pond property.

#### **635-008-0112**

#### **Junction City Pond**

**The Junction City Pond area is open for public use unless otherwise excluded or restricted by the following rules:**

- (1) Hunting is prohibited.**
- (2) Discharging firearms, crossbows, air guns, BB guns or paint ball guns is prohibited.**
- (3) Discharge of archery (recurve, long, or compound bows) is allowed only within the designated archery park.**
- (4) Public use is prohibited between the hours of 10 pm to 4 am daily.**
- (5) Motor vehicles are prohibited except on parking areas or open roads: no cross-country travel or off road motor vehicle use allowed.**
- (6) Operating motor propelled boats prohibited.**
- (7) Open fires are prohibited.**
- (8) Trapping is prohibited except by access permit issued by ODFW.**
- (9) Dog training is prohibited.**
- (10) All dogs must be on a leash.**

**Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area:** Except for two youth deer hunts, portions of Ladd Marsh WA east of Foothill Road have been closed to big game hunting. The Department is proposing to allow additional big game hunting on the WA as drafted below:

All land north and east of Foothill Road are open to big game hunting Wed., Sat., Sun. and federal holidays August 1 through January 31. The use of centerfire rifles and handguns is prohibited. A free daily access permit is required. All safety zones and refuge areas are closed to all hunting. All lands west of Foothill Rd are closed to all entry Feb 1 – Mar. 31, except by access permit issued by ODFW. ODFW parking permit is required (see page xx for more information).

**Wenaha and White River Wildlife Area Winter Closures:** Other Department Wildlife Areas (WAs) that have large numbers of wintering big game, or have winter feeding programs, currently have closures to limit disturbances from the public during the winter stress period. Due to increased public use during winter months, which coincide and sometimes conflict with winter-feeding programs, the Department is proposing to implement winter closures on the Wenaha and White River Wildlife Areas. Increased public use is moving deer and elk off feeding sites located on these wildlife areas, and onto adjacent private lands where they cause damage to crops.

Wenaha Wildlife Area: Under the proposal for the Wenaha WA, the area would be open to the public from April 1 through December 31, or by permit. Year-round public access would be permitted at designated camping areas (Wenaha WA headquarters and Griz Flat), on Department land along the Wenaha River, and between the Grande Ronde River Road and the Grande Ronde River from the Redmond grade bridge below Troy to the mouth of Wildcat Cr.

White River Wildlife Area was established in 1953 with the primary purpose of providing winter range habitat for black-tailed deer and rocky mountain elk and to minimize big game damage to adjacent private agricultural lands.

White River Wildlife Area is 30,760 acres in size. The Department is proposing a winter closure of public access on approximately 14,500 acres on the north end of the Wildlife Area. The closure period would be December 1-March 31. December 1 is the same day gates are closed on roads into the proposed closure area. The proposed closure is to address impacts to wintering

deer and elk and wildlife conflicts on agricultural lands. White River Wildlife Area's north, south and east boundaries are delineated by an 8' game fence to prevent wintering big game from negatively impacting agricultural crops.

Continuous and increased pressure throughout the winter months from shed hunting and other activities on the wildlife area has pressured elk off feed sites and caused them to find undisturbed areas. Unfortunately, the undisturbed areas include agricultural ground North and East of the wildlife area, thus forcing elk through the game fence and onto private lands. The proposed closure includes all WA lands north of Forest Road 27 (Map attached as Appendix 1).

**Weyerhaeuser Company Permit and Lease Fee Access Areas**

**Weyerhaeuser Company  
Permit and Lease Fee Access Areas**

Weyerhaeuser Company is implementing a variety of access permits and/or leases. The level of impact to access of affected controlled hunts, general seasons is estimated in Appendix 2. In Western Oregon, plus the Hood WMU, Weyerhaeuser, in 2015 owned 1,274,796 acres; after the addition of approximately 338,000 acres of Plum Creek Timber Company lands, primarily in SW Oregon, Weyerhaeuser now owns a total of ~1,612,796 acres in Oregon. For 2016, 70% of the 2015 lands (1,274,796 acres) are in the fee access program. For 2016, Weyerhaeuser has not extended their fee access programs to Plum Creek Timber lands (Table 4).

Table 4. Acreage of Weyerhaeuser owned lands enrolled in a lease or permit access program in Oregon.

Year	Lease Acres	Permit Acres	Total Acres
2014	38,132	320,062	358,194
2015	107,134	625,980	733,114
2016	118,414	780,787	899,201

Weyerhaeuser anticipates additional changes to the fee access program in the future. Lands not included in the program are generally parcels where controlling access would be difficult to administer, such as where Weyerhaeuser property is checker-boarded with BLM land. It is the hunter's responsibility to confirm access for the hunts they apply for. Hunters will need to contact Weyerhaeuser to determine permit system timing, including when permits will go on sale, and what restrictions may be in place. For details, contact Weyerhaeuser at 1-888-741-5403 or online at: <https://www.wyrecreationnw.com/>.

**Mandatory Reporting of Hunter Harvest and Effort**

**History and Status of the Mandatory Reporting System in Oregon:** The Mandatory Reporting system has been operational for seven full years. The 2015 reporting rates are generally higher than previous years. Reporting rates for pronghorn, SW spring bear, and general fall turkey all dropped slightly. Similar to last year two courtesy reminders were sent out prior to each reporting deadline. First, an email went out, then two weeks later the postcard reminders were mailed to hunters. For the January 31, 2016 deadline, 34,159 emails and 104,237 postcards were sent. The April 15, 2016 deadline had 1,445 emails, and 3,300 postcards sent. Through these efforts, the overall reporting rate increased slightly to 84% (Table 5). The 2015 reporting rates are generally higher than previous years. Reporting rates for pronghorn, SW spring bear, and general fall turkey all dropped slightly.

Although not ideal, data for most hunts can be used in the management decision making process. While it varies from hunt to hunt, overall there continues to be a slight positive bias to the data.

The bias likely occurs because even with reporting rates of ~80% hunters who did not hunt or were unsuccessful are those most likely to fail to report.

**Implementation of the Mandatory Reporting Penalty:** Although Mandatory reporting has been a requirement since 2007; the penalty was not established until after the passage of HB 2125 during the 2011 Oregon legislative session. The Legislature authorized a way to allow hunters who either refuse to report or missed the deadline to “buy” back in and hunt. In October, 2012, at the urging of hunters, the Commission established the \$25 penalty, because in spite of outreach efforts by the Department only 41% of 2011 tags were reported on by the deadlines (the 50% shown in Table 5 includes reports after the deadline).

Table 5. Mandatory harvest reporting rates, 2007 – 2015.

Hunt Type	% of Tags Reported								
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Controlled Antlerless Deer	5%	22%	49%	69%	64%	91%	90%	91%	93%
Controlled Buck Deer	4%	21%	47%	69%	61%	91%	89%	91%	92%
General Bow Deer	3%	14%	33%	53%	47%	82%	79%	81%	83%
General Rifle Deer	1%	10%	25%	45%	37%	79%	76%	80%	82%
<b>Total Deer</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>86%</b>
Controlled Elk	4%	20%	46%	69%	62%	91%	89%	90%	91%
General Bow Elk	3%	15%	35%	57%	49%	83%	80%	82%	84%
General Cascades Elk	2%	12%	29%	50%	42%	81%	80%	82%	83%
General Coast Elk	2%	12%	29%	50%	42%	81%	79%	82%	83%
General Rocky Mtn. Elk	4%	16%	35%	59%	50%	87%	84%	86%	88%
<b>Total Elk</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>87%</b>
Controlled Spring Bear	6%	8%	61%	79%	79%	92%	92%	93%	93%
SW Limited Spring Bear			47%	69%	66%	86%	86%	87%	86%
General Fall Bear	4%	16%	35%	55%	49%	77%	76%	80%	81%
<b>Total Bear</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>Cougar</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>Pronghorn</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>92%</b>
General Spring Turkey	5%	3%	42%	61%	54%	79%	79%	81%	82%
Controlled Fall Turkey	15%	40%	67%	84%	84%	93%	91%	90%	93%
General Fall Turkey	5%	20%	37%	53%	52%	70%	71%	72%	71%
<b>Total Turkey</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>All Tags</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>84%</b>

The Department has heavily promoted the Mandatory Reporting requirement:

- It is on the cover of the annual Big Game Regulations
- There is a page dedicated to Mandatory Reporting in the regulations
- It has been on the back of all licenses and tags for several years
- Postcard reminders were sent to hunters who had not reported on 2010, 2012, 2013, or 2014 deer and/or elk tags
- Emails to hunters the Department has email addresses for
- The reporting requirement is mentioned in ODFW’s weekly recreation report
- News releases each year, and in social media
- Advertising in sportsman magazines

- As an incentive to report on time, ODFW has offered the chance to win a special big game tag to three randomly drawn hunters who report on time each year

Reporting deadlines for tags issued for 2014 hunting seasons were:

- January 31, 2015 for hunts that ended on or before December 31, 2014
- April 15, 2015 for hunts that ended from January 1- March 31, 2015

Beginning with the 2012 license year, hunters who did not report by the specified deadlines for deer and elk tags have been assessed a \$25.00 non-reporting penalty. For 2014 tags, the fee was assessed beginning December 1, 2015, with purchase of a 2016 license. Some hunters purchase both deer and elk tags, so the estimated number of unreported tags is higher than the number of hunters assessed the non-reporting fee (Table 6). The non-reporting fee is set at \$25 regardless of the number of tags that are not reported on in a given year. All fees collected go into the department's ending balance and are used to fund wildlife programs. Fees paid associated with 2014 licenses will continue to be collected, particularly near the controlled hunt application deadline and tag sales deadlines for major general deer and elk seasons.

Table 6. Non-reporting fee assessment, 2012-2014.

License Year	No. of deer and elk tags		No. of hunters	
	Sold	Unreported	Assessed non-reporting fee	Paid non-reporting fee <sup>a</sup>
2012	298,000	46,000	33,600	22,091
2013	305,828	53,750	39,778	25,430
2014	307,353	46,832	34,589	7,604

<sup>a</sup> As of 4/22/2016.

Hunters who purchased bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain goat tags do not need to report as these hunters are required to check out of the hunt area. Although bear and cougar are required to be checked in, it is important that all hunters report so the number of hunters who did not hunt, success rates for each WMU, and other information can be determined.

### **First-Come, First-Served Tag Sales Update**

Controlled tags leftover after the drawing are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tags sold in this manner are in addition to tags drawn normally. Last year (2015), no controlled deer tags were sold in this manner. For controlled elk, 1,041 elk tags in 12 hunts were sold; most tags sold in a matter of minutes. For 2015 Spring Bear hunts, 19 tags in three hunts were sold in the first-come, first-served process. For the 2016 Spring bear, 11 tags in two hunts were sold.

### **Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permits**

To be considered a person with a disability under the wildlife laws, a person must provide to the Department either written certification from a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant of certain specified disabilities, or written proof from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces showing the person to be at least 65 percent disabled.

Prior to 2005, the Disabilities Permit was considered permanent; there was no requirement to renew. With "permanent" permits, the numbers increased from 600 permits in 1999 to over

19,600 in 2006. In 1999 in addition to the disabled veteran category the requirements for a disabilities permit were, 1) unable to be mobile without the assistance of a wheelchair or, 2) visually impaired. In 2000, in addition to disabled veterans, the criteria for issuing a Disabilities Permit were expanded to five categories: 1) Permanently unable to walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, wheelchair, scooter or walker; 2) restricted by lung disease; 3) a cardiac condition; 4) a permanent, physical impairment that prevents the person from holding or shooting a firearm or bow or from holding a fishing rod in hand; or 5) a visual impairment.

Beginning in 2006, hunters were required to renew their Disabilities Permit every two years, beginning in 2015 the renewal period was extended to five years. Since hunters have been required to renew Disability Permits, permit numbers have been quite stable with approximately 7,000 active permits each year. Harvest 2012-2015 has averaged around 500 elk and 1,400 deer per year.

## **HUNTING SEASONS and SPECIES SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

### **Proposed Change to 2016 Hunts and Regulations for Adoption in June**

#### **North Wagontire Muzzleloader Pronghorn Hunt:**

In October 2015, based on draft Big Game Regulations provided, the Commission adopted a bag limit of “One buck pronghorn” for the North Wagontire Muzzleloader Pronghorn Hunt, #473M2. The bag limit was intended to be changed to “One pronghorn either sex” for the 2016 season. The mistake was discovered and corrected by temporary rule and printed in the 2016 Oregon Big Game Regulations. The Department is proposing the either sex bag limit be adopted for 2016, hunt 473M2, at this time. The bag limit change creates consistency with the bag limit in the South Wagontire muzzleloader pronghorn hunt, and provide landowners the opportunity to take antelope causing property damage. This change is necessary because Landowner Preference Tags for pronghorn cannot be issued for pronghorn hunts with a bag limit of “One buck pronghorn”.

#### **Northside-Ritter Private Land Hunt Boundary:**

The boundary description for the Northside-Ritter Private Lands Hunts, 247D1 and D2, on page 81 of the 2016 Big Game Regulations, includes an error that removes the eastern portion of the Northside WMU. The Department is proposing the correction be made in June, 2016, so tags for the Northside-Ritter Private Hunts, 247D1 and D2 will be valid in the entire Northside WMU, as intended. This is a private-lands-only hunt to address property damage caused by elk. The correction is shown by the strikethrough below.

HUNTS 247D1 and 247D2: Northside-Ritter Private - 0% public lands. PRIVATE LANDS ONLY in that part of Unit 48 south and east of N Fork John Day River and all of Unit 47 [~~west of US Hwy 395~~].

**Rickreall TMA:** Landowners, with lands managed by Hancock Forest Management, have officially withdrawn from the Rickreall Regulated Hunt Area. These lands comprised 85% of the TMA, therefore, the TMA has been terminated. This change occurred early enough last fall to be addressed by Temporary OAR, the TMA was removed from the 2016 Big Game Regulations. At this time Division 065 is being amended to remove the Rickreall TMA.

635-065-0760 (10) [(e) Rickreall Regulated Hunt Area: November 1 through November 30 annually—That part of Stott Mt. Unit as follows: 12 square miles in Townships 7 and 8 South, Ranges 6 and 7 West;]

**Heppner Regulated Hunt Area (RHA):** The Heppner RHA is listed in two places in Division 65, with overlapping regulations; it is listed in the TMA section under 635-065-0760 (10)(y), as well as in the section listing **Regulations For Wildlife Areas, Refuges and Special Areas** under 635-065-0625 (10). To alleviate confusion the Department proposes to remove reference to the Heppner RHA from the TMA section 635-065-0760 (10) (y).

~~[(y) Heppner Regulated Hunt Area: Year-round, unless posted otherwise. That part of the Heppner Unit as follows: Approximately 63 square miles in Townships 2, 3, 4, and 5 South, Ranges 25, 26, 27, and 28 East; ]~~

The Heppner RHA will still be covered under 635-065-0625 (10). The rule mark-up below is the result of consolidating the two rules which were not identical.

(10) Heppner Regulated Hunt Area: [~~bowhunting;~~] **Closed to all motor vehicle use year-round unless posted otherwise**, open fires and camping prohibited in posted areas. Approximately 63 square miles in Townships 2, 3, 4, and 5 South, Ranges 25, 26, 27 and 28 East;

**Premium Hunts:** In October 2015, the Commission adopted three new controlled hunt series to create Premium Hunts for deer, elk, and pronghorn. In the 2016 Big Game Regulations, it is not completely clear what the hunt area is for each of these hunts. The Department proposes to clarify rules for these hunts specifying the tag is valid in the WMU or WMUs similar to how it is specified in other controlled hunts. The clarifying language will be added to the On-line regulations in the Premium Hunts section. This new information will also will be posted to the FAQ page on the Department's website, and will be included in a letter sent to each successful applicant.

Specific language to be added is a follows:

**Hunt area:** Entire wildlife management unit or units indicated by the hunt name.

For five pronghorn hunts, hunt area descriptions will be added to provide additional information.

**N40 Maupin/W Biggs, and N44 Columbia Basin/E Biggs**, to note the Biggs Unit is split into east and west by the John Day River; the **N70A E Beatys Butte**, and **N70B W Beatys Butte**, to describe the east/west boundary, and that the West Beatys Butte hunt includes the portion of Hart Mt National Antelope Refuge (NWR) within the Beatys Butte unit; and **N71 Juniper**, to clarify the hunt does not include the part of Malheur NWR north of Foster Flat Rd, but does include the portion of Hart Mt NWR within the Juniper unit.

**Chronic Wasting Disease:** Chronic wasting disease has recently been documented in free ranging white-tailed deer and elk in Arkansas. The Department has drafted the amended rules necessary to add Arkansas to the states with a ban on importation of cervid parts containing central nervous system parts (spinal column and skull). The following rule includes a complete list of states and provinces subject to the parts ban.

**635-065-0765 (11):** For the purposes of the parts and carcass import ban in subsection 10, the states or provinces with a documented case of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) are Alberta, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Saskatchewan. The Department shall add by temporary rule any additional states or provinces when any new cases of CWD arise.

**Uniformed Service Buck Deer Tag:** On page six of the 2016 Big Game Regulations the price of a Uniformed Service Buck Deer Tag is listed as \$24.50. By statute, the correct price is \$26.50. Draft rules are included to correct the price, which is the same for resident and nonresident members of the uniformed services.

**Age to Hunt without an Adult Present:** By statute, youth younger than 14 must be accompanied by an adult when not hunting on property of the parent or guardian. The age on page eight of the 2016 Big Game Regulations, will be corrected to 13 from 11, as follows: "Youth [~~11~~] 13 years of age and younger while hunting on property other than land owned by parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older.

### **General Winter Conditions**

Western Oregon: Winter 2015–2016 was generally warmer and wetter than normal. November was drier than normal with average temperatures. December brought warmer than average temperatures and increasing precipitation to the region, with many areas in excess of 200% of normal. January continued the warmer and wetter trend for the region. Most areas received between 100% and 150% of normal precipitation. February was warmer and drier than normal.

Eastern Oregon: The winter of 2015–2016 was characterized by warmer and wetter conditions. Snow pack was variable with little snow accumulation below 3000 feet elevation. The end of November brought temperatures 10 to 20 degrees colder than normal and heavy snowfall, with central Oregon seeing the heaviest snows. December brought warmer than normal temperatures and precipitation 125 to 200+ percent of normal. January started with colder temperatures and dry weather, then returned to a fairly normal January. February was warmer than normal with average precipitation for many areas, northeast Oregon received above average precipitation.

Statewide: The winter of 2015–2016 will be remembered for the unusually wet, and generally warmer, conditions across Oregon limited lower and mid elevation snowfall (below 2500-3000 feet). However, temperatures overall averaged cooler than last winter, and therefore the high elevation snowpack became well established with end of winter snow water equivalent values from 85 to 140 percent of normal. It appears the state will be in better shape, as far as water supply, heading into the summer months. Most animal populations came through in good shape.

### **Proposed Controlled Hunt Tag Numbers**

Total proposed controlled tags for 2016–2017 seasons (144,742) are decreasing slightly (-1%, Table 7) from 145,602 in 2015–2016. Within species, proposed controlled deer and controlled elk tags are down ~1%, and controlled bighorn tags are down ~11%. Pronghorn tags are increasing by 1 tag, spring bear tags are increasing 1% and Rocky Mountain Goat tags are proposed to increase 10%. The slight changes in deer, elk, and pronghorn are due largely to an

increase in sales rate for tags that were drawn by hunters last year, which decreased the level of correction for many of the hunts. For 2017–2018, proposed controlled tags (145,092) are changing very little (-0.2%) from 2016–2017. See controlled hunt tag tables for details.

Table 7. Summary of proposed controlled hunt tag numbers, 2015 – 2017.

<b>Species/Hunt Type</b>	<b>2015 tags</b>	<b>Proposed 2016 tags</b>	<b>% Change 2015-2016</b>	<b>Proposed 2017 tags</b>	<b>% Change 2016-2017</b>
TOTAL DEER	73,030	72,184	-1%	72,132	0%
Buck	58,694	58,022	-1%	57,890	0%
Bow/Muzzleloader	4,472	4,435	-1%	4,435	0%
Antlerless (600 Series)	8,599	8,428	-2%	8,478	1%
Youth	1,265	1,232	-3%	1,262	2%
Premium Hunts		67		67	0%
TOTAL ELK	61,095	60,994	0%	61,268	0%
Bull/Either Sex	37,107	36,276	-3%	36,137	0%
Bow/Muzzleloader	9,026	9,224	2%	9,466	3%
Rifle Antlerless	13,753	14,139	1%	14,289	1%
Youth	1,209	1,291	7%	1,312	2%
Premium Hunts		64		64	0%
BIGHORN	95	85	-11%	85	0%
Rocky Mountain	7	7	0%	7	0%
California	88	78	-11%	78	0%
MT. GOAT	20	22	10%	23	5%
TOTAL PRONGHORN	2,491	2,492	0%	2,509	1%
Rifle Buck/Either Sex	1,510	1,498	-1%	1,515	1%
Bow/Muzzleloader	765	758	-1%	758	0%
Doe	176	165	-6%	165	0%
Youth	40	42	5%	42	0%
Premium Hunts		29		29	0%
TOTAL SPRING BEAR	8,871	8,965	1%	9,075	1%
Controlled Spring Bear	4,275	4,367	2%	4,477	3%
Youth Spring Bear	196	198	1%	198	0%
SW Limited	4,400	4,400	0%	4,400	0%
<b>Grand total tags</b>	<b>145,602</b>	<b>144,742</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>145,092</b>	<b>0.2%</b>

### **Premium Hunts**

Contained within the most recent fee increase discussions were ideas about license restructuring, new license types, and ways to increase revenue and hunter recruitment and retention. One of the ideas that emerged from these discussions was creating “Premium Hunts”. The concept of Premium Hunts is to provide a unique, highly desirable hunting opportunity with a long season and flexible bag limit but is limited in scope such that there are no impacts to populations.

In October 2015, the Commission adopted three new controlled hunt series to create the Premium Hunts: one for deer, one for elk, and one for pronghorn. There are 67 WMUs in Oregon, 20 in western Oregon, and 47 east of the crest of the Cascade Mountain Range. Most of

the Premium Hunts are for a single WMU, a few are for two adjacent WMUs. For 2016, one tag is proposed for each hunt area, proposals are for 67 deer hunts, 64 elk hunts, and 27 pronghorn hunts (Table 8) for a total of 158 tags. Through May 10, 2016, Premium Hunt applications totaled 36,872, including 14,919 for deer hunts, 15,223 for elk, and 6,730 pronghorn hunt applications. The same number of tags and hunts are proposed for 2017.

Table 8. Recommendations for proposed controlled premium hunts for deer, elk, and pronghorn: tags and hunts for 2016 and 2017.

Hunt #	Hunt Name	2016 Tags	2017 Tags	2016 Bag Limit	2017 Bag Limit	2016 Season	2017 Season
<b>Deer Hunts</b>							
L10	Saddle Mtn	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L11	Scappoose	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L12	Wilson	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L14	Trask	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L15	Willamette	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L16	Santiam	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L17	Stott Mtn	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L18	Alsea	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L19	Mckenzie	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L20	Siuslaw	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L21	Indigo	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L22	Dixon	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L23	Melrose	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L24	Tioga	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L25	Sixes	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L26	Powers	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L27	Chetco	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L28	Applegate	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L29	Evans Cr	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L30	Rogue	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L31	Keno	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L32	Klamath Falls	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L33	Sprague	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L34	Upper Deschutes	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L35	Paulina	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L36	Maury	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L37	Ochoco	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L38	Grizzly	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L39	Metolius	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L40	Maupin	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L41	White River	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L42	Hood	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L43	Biggs	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L44	Columbia Basin	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30

Table 8. Continued.

Hunt #	Hunt Name	2016 Tags	2017 Tags	2016 Bag Limit	2017 Bag Limit	2016 Season	2017 Season
L45	Fossil	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L46	Murderers Cr	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L47	Northside	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L48	Heppner	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L49	Ukiah	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L50	Desolation	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L51	Sumpter	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L52	Starkey	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L53	Catherine Cr	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L54	Mt Emily	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L55	Walla Walla	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L56	Wenaha	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L57	Sled Springs	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L58	Chesnimnus	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L59	Snake River	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L60	Minam	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L61	Imnaha	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L62	Pine Creek	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L63	Keating	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L64	Lookout Mtn	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L65	Beulah	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L66	Malheur River	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L67	Owyhee	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L68	Whitehorse	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L69	Steens Mtn	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L70	Beatys Butte	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L71	Juniper	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L72	Silvies	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L73	Wagontire	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L74	Warner	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L75	Interstate	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L76	Silver Lake	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
L77	Fort Rock	1	1	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
<b>Deer Hunt Total</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>				
<b>Elk Hunts</b>							
M10	Saddle Mtn	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M11	Scappoose	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M12	Wilson	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M14	Trask	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M15	Willamette	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30

Table 8. Continued.

Hunt #	Hunt Name	2016	2017	2016 Bag Limit	2017 Bag Limit	2016 Season	2017 Season
		Tags	Tags				
M16	Santiam	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M17	Stott Mtn	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M18	Alsea	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M19	Mckenzie	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M20	Siuslaw	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M21	Indigo	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M22	Dixon	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M23	Melrose	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M24	Tioga	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M25	Sixes	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M26	Powers	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M27	Chetco	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M28	Applegate	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M29	Evans Cr	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M30	Rogue	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M31	Keno	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M32	Klamath Falls	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M33	Sprague	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M34	Upper Deschutes	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M35	Paulina	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M36	Maury	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M37	Ochoco	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M38	Grizzly	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M39	Metolius	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M40	Maupin	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M41	White River	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M42	Hood	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M43	Biggs	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M44	Col. Basin	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M45	Fossil	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M46	Murderers Cr	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M47	Northside	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M48	Heppner	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M49	Ukiah	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M50	Desolation	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M51	Sumpter	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M52	Starkey	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M53	Catherine Cr	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M54	Mt Emily	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30

Table 8. Continued.

Hunt #	Hunt Name	2016	2017	2016 Bag Limit	2017 Bag Limit	2016 Season	2017 Season
		Tags	Tags				
M55	Walla Walla	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M56	Wenaha	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M57	Sled Springs	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M58	Chesnimnus	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M59	Snake River	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M60	Minam	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M61	Imnaha	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M62	Pine Creek	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M63	Keating	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M64	Lookout Mtn	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M65	Beulah	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M66	Malheur R	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M67	Owyhee/ Whitehorse	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M69	Steens Mtn./ Beatys Bt.	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M71	Juniper/ Wagontire	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M72	Silvies	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M74	Warner	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M75	Interstate	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M76	Silver Lake	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
M77	Fort Rock	1	1	One Elk	One Elk	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30
<b>Elk Hunt Total</b>		<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>				
<b>Pronghorn Hunts</b>							
N32	Klamath Falls	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N33	Sprague	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N35	Paulina	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N36	Maury	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N37	Ochoco	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N38	Grizzly	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N40	Maupin/ W Biggs	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N44	Col. Basin/ E Biggs	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N45	Fossil/ Heppner	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N46	Murderers Cr	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N47	Northside	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N51	Sumpter	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N63	Keating	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31

Table 8. Continued.

Hunt #	Hunt Name	2016	2017	2016 Bag Limit	2017 Bag Limit	2016 Season	2017 Season
		Tags	Tags				
N64	Lookout Mtn	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N65	Beulah	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N66	Malheur R	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N67	Owyhee	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N68	Whitehorse	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N69	Steens Mtn	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N70A	E Beatys Butte	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N70B	W Beatys Butte	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N71	Juniper	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N72	Silvies	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N73	Wagontire	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N74	Warner	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N75	Interstate	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
N77	Fort Rock/ Silver Lake	1	1	One Pronghorn	One Pronghorn	Aug. 1 - Sept 30	Aug. 1 - Sept 31
<b>Pronghorn Total</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>				
<b>Grand Total Tags</b>		<b>158</b>	<b>158</b>				

### **Proposed General Season Bag Limits and Dates**

The Department is proposing no changes for the 2017 general bear and cougar seasons (Table 9). The 2017 general bear season is proposed to remain standardized and open August 1 statewide and close November 30 in eastern Oregon and December 31 in western Oregon. The 2016 general cougar season is proposed to open January 1 and close on December 31.

Annually most big game season dates follow a cycle in which they progress one day earlier each year then “jump” a week later, starting the cycle over again. A key date is the opening of buck deer rifle season which is the Saturday nearest October 1. For 2017, most hunts are proposed to be adjusted one day earlier than in 2016. For example, archery season which opens on August 27 in 2016 is proposed to open on August 26 in 2017.

### **Proposed Application and Tag Sale Deadlines**

Controlled hunt application deadlines are set to occur the same date each year (Table 10). Tag sale deadlines (Table 11) are set at 11:59 pm the day before each respective season opens, except general bear and general cougar tags which have the same tag sale deadline as for buck deer. For bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain goats, the tag sale deadline is the last day of the hunt.

Table 9. Proposed general season dates and bag limits for 2017.

Species/Season	Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Dates
<b>DEER</b>		
Coast Buck	Buck, 2 point+	Sept. 30 – Nov. 3
Cascade Buck	Buck, 2 point+	Sept. 30 – Oct. 13 & Oct. 21 – Nov. 3
<b>BEAR (Cubs, sows with cubs protected)</b>		
Western Oregon	1 Bear	Aug. 1 – Dec. 31
SW Additional Bear (Units 20 – 30)	1 Bear	Aug. 1 – Dec. 31
Eastern Oregon	1 Bear	Aug. 1 – Nov. 30
<b>COUGAR (Spotted kittens, females with spotted kittens protected)</b>		
Statewide Tag	1 Cougar	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31
Additional Statewide Tag	1 Cougar	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31
<b>ELK (Note: Antler restrictions apply in certain units)</b>		
Coast First	Any Bull <sup>a</sup>	Nov. 11 – Nov. 14
Coast Second	Any Bull or Spike Only <sup>a</sup>	Nov. 18 – Nov. 24
Cascade	Any Bull <sup>a</sup>	Oct. 14 – Oct. 20
Rocky Mt. First	Any Bull <sup>a</sup>	Oct. 25 – Oct. 29
Rocky Mt. Second	Any Bull or Spike Only <sup>a</sup>	Nov. 4 – Nov. 12
Columbia Basin - E Biggs	One Elk	Oct. 25 – Nov. 30
	Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 – Dec. 31
<b>ARCHERY (Note: Antler restrictions apply in certain units)</b>		
Western Deer	Buck 2 point+ or One Deer (varies by Unit) <sup>b</sup>	Aug. 26 – Sept. 24
NW Deer Late Season	Buck 2 point+ or One Deer (varies by Unit) <sup>b</sup>	Nov. 18 – Dec 10
SW Deer Late Season	Buck 2 point+ or One Deer (varies by Unit) <sup>b</sup>	Nov. 11 – Dec 3
Eastern Deer	Buck with visible antler <sup>b</sup>	Aug. 26 – Sept. 24
Elk	Legal Bull, (varies by unit) <sup>a</sup>	Aug. 26 – Sept. 24
<b>WESTERN GRAY SQUIRREL</b>		
West & S Central Oregon	5/day - 15 in possession	Aug. 26 – Nov. 8
Hood, White R., U. Deschutes, and Metolius Units	3/day - 6 in possession	Sept. 9 – Oct. 15

<sup>a</sup> Bag limit for archery hunters and hunters with disabilities permits may be changed to include antlerless elk. See page 43.

<sup>b</sup> Bag limit for archery hunters and hunters with disabilities permits may be changed to include antlerless deer; no changes are proposed at this time for 2016.

Table 10. Controlled hunt application and tag sale deadlines proposed for 2017

<b>Controlled Hunt Drawing</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>Tag Claim Deadline</b>
Spring Bear Draw	February 10	Day Before Hunt Opens
Big Game Draw <sup>a</sup>	May 15	Day Before Hunt Opens

<sup>a</sup> Excludes Spring Bear.

Table 11. General season tag sale deadlines in place for 2016 and proposed for 2017.

<b>Species or Season</b>	<b>2016 Deadline</b>	<b>2017 Deadline</b>
Bear	Sept. 30	Sept. 29
SW Additional Bear	See Footnote*	See Footnote*
Cougar	Sept. 30	Sept. 29
Additional Cougar	See Footnote*	See Footnote*
Deer & Elk Bow	Aug. 26	Aug. 25
Western Deer Rifle	Sept. 30	Sept. 29
Cascade Elk	Oct. 14	Oct. 13
General Coast 1 <sup>st</sup> Season	Nov. 11	Nov. 10
General Coast 2 <sup>nd</sup> Season	Nov. 18	Nov. 17
Rocky Mt. 1st Elk	Oct. 25	Oct. 24
Rocky Mt. 2nd Elk	Nov. 4	Nov. 3

\*May be purchased after deadline if first general season tag was purchased by the deadline.

## **Bear Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **A Note for Western Oregon Black Bear Hunters**

Black bear damage to conifers, caused by peeling the bark in the spring (April-early July), in the Pacific Northwest is well documented and the magnitude of economic damage is estimated in the millions annually. To gain a better understanding of where and when bears cause damage, researchers from Oregon State University have started a research project with one of the objectives to develop models to predict when, where, and how much bear damage will occur based on a variables such as the sex and age class of a bear, forest stand age class, slope and aspect of the stand, and the time period.

The plan is to collar 32 bears, 16 in western Washington, and 16 in western Oregon. In western Oregon, eight will be in the Cascades, eight in the Coast Range. In Oregon, two adult males and 14 adult or sub-adult female bears will be fitted with GPS collars. Because bears will receive anesthesia for handling, they will receive a plastic ear tag stamped with a “CALL BEFORE CONSUMING THIS BEAR” message that includes contact information. Yearlings, cubs, and sub-adult males will not be fitted with GPS collars due to concerns their neck girth will grow and cause injury during the two-year study.

Each of the collared bears represents a considerable research investment, and will be providing valuable information. There are no hunting restriction related to these collared bears. ODFW encourages black bear hunters to call the number on the ear tag and return the collar so it can be re-used. Also, while it is legal to take one of these collared bears, if a hunter notices the collar before shooting, opting not to harvest the collared bear will help maximize the value of the research project.

## **Population Overview**

Bear populations are stable throughout Oregon. The total number of complaints recorded for black bear decreased from 436 in 2014 to 371 in 2015. Of the total number of complaints, garbage or nuisance-related complaints accounted for ~47%, 26% of the complaints were associated with human or pet safety, conflicts with livestock accounted for about 12%, agricultural damage accounted for 5%, and timber damage accounted for ~2%. The number of bears killed as a result of damage to timber, livestock, or property declined from 320 in 2014 to 247 in 2015. Most conflict-related mortality (93%) continues to occur in western Oregon where human and bear populations are highest, resulting in damage, human safety concerns, and nuisance problems.

## **2015 Bear Seasons**

The number of general season black bear tags issued increased slightly from 52,532 in 2014 to 52,645 (52,144 General Season tags, 501 SW Additional tags) in 2015. Mandatory harvest surveys suggested 36% of General Season tag holders hunted taking 1,028 bears. Of those 1,028, 19 were harvested with an Additional Fall Bear Tag. Most of the general season bear harvest was from western Oregon (55%). In 2015, 70% of the bears taken by hunters (spring + fall) were males.

Continued monitoring of harvested bear ages as directed by the 2012 Bear Management Plan suggests bear populations are not being over-harvested. According to these criteria a bear population is considered over harvested when the median age of all bears is  $\leq 3.0$ , the median age for males is  $\leq 3.0$ , and the median age of females is  $\leq 4.0$ . Age data from bears harvested during 2015 is currently incomplete because not all teeth have been processed by the contracted laboratory. For the last year where age analyses are complete (2014), the median age for all harvested bears was 4.0, the median age for harvested males was 4.0, and the median age for females was 5.0.

In addition to assessing level of harvest based on median ages, the 2012 Bear Management Plan directs the Department to monitor the 3-year average percent of adult males (greater than or equal to 5 years old) in the harvest and percent of all females in the harvest to help ascertain harvest levels (light, moderate, high based on Plan criteria). The 2012-2014 average for adult males in the overall harvest was 32% and is indicative of a moderate harvest (light >35%, moderate 25-35%, heavy <25%). Adult male averages for 2013-2015 cannot yet be calculated due to lack of tooth-age information. For females (all ages), the 2012-2014 average percent of the harvest was 32% and 31% for the 2014-2015 harvest. These values are indicative of moderate harvest in 2014 and 2015 (light <30%, moderate 30-40%, heavy >40%).

Because of previous low black bear tooth return rates the Department implemented a mandatory check-in of bear skulls beginning in 2008 as directed by the Bear Plan. Specifically, successful hunters are required to bring the unfrozen skull of any bear they harvest to a Department office

or a designated check-in site within 10 days of harvesting their bear. Biologists or trained volunteers collect a premolar tooth for aging. This information is important for monitoring population structure, and when combined with statewide tetracycline marking, for estimating black bear populations. A total of 1,365 teeth were submitted by bear hunters in 2015 (Table 11). Tooth return rates are high again for 2015 (85%). Age data for all sampled bears should be available by mid-winter 2016-2017.

Table 11. Trend in bear tooth check-in, 2005–2015.

Year	Spring		Fall		Total	
	Harvest <sup>a</sup>	Teeth <sup>b</sup>	Harvest <sup>a</sup>	Teeth <sup>b</sup>	Harvest <sup>a</sup>	Teeth <sup>b</sup>
2005	371	127	716	185	1,087	312
2006	307	112	989	237	1,296	349
2007	477	138	748	246	1,225	384
2008	363	357	911	826	1,274	1,183
2009	461	386	698	841	1,159	1,227
2010	448	458	1,235	1,154	1,683	1,612
2011	488	441	931	888	1,419	1,329
2012	464	426	1,155	886	1,619	1,312
2013	460	420	1,081	824	1,541	1,244
2014	553	510	1,088	830	1,641	1,340
2015	577	532	1,028	833	1,605	1,365

### 2015 Spring Bear Harvest

A total of 8,228 spring bear tags were sold during 2015 (down <1% from 2013). Of these, 3,820 were for controlled spring hunts and 4,408 were sold first-come, first-served for the Limited SW Oregon hunt. Mandatory harvest surveys indicate 255 bears were taken during the spring controlled hunts and 322 bears were taken during the Limited SW Oregon hunt for a total of 577 spring bear taken by 4,557 hunters during 2015. The average success rate for the Controlled Spring Bear hunters and for the SW Oregon Limited hunt was about 10%. Most of the bears harvested (71%) were males.

### 2017 Spring Bear Season/Tag Recommendations

The Department is proposing 4,675 controlled tags in 19 hunts and 4,400 tags in the SW Oregon Limited hunt for 2017 (Table 12). The 4,400 proposed SW Oregon tags will be sold first-come, first-served beginning the same time 2017 hunting licenses become available (December 1, 2016), and will be available until March 31, 2017 or until the authorized number of tags are sold. Consistent with current practices for general deer and elk seasons, hunters who purchase these tags before the application deadline for controlled spring bear hunts cannot apply for spring bear preference points or tags in the February 2017 controlled hunt drawing. No season date changes are being proposed.

Table 13. Recommendations for Controlled Spring Bear: 2017 Hunts and Tags  
 Bag Limit: One Bear, except cubs less than 1 year and sows with cubs protected.  
 Mandatory bear skull check-in.

2017 Hunt #	2017 Hunt Name	Adjusted Proposed 2016 Tags	Adjusted Proposed 2017 Tags	2016 Dates	Proposed 2017 Dates	2017 Notes & Changes
<b>Western Oregon</b>						
710A	Saddle Mtn. - Scappoose	165	165	Apr. 1 - May 31	Apr. 1 - May 31	
712A	Wilson-Trask	440	440	Apr. 1 - May 31	Apr. 1 - May 31	
716A	N Cascades	385	385	Apr. 1 - May 31	Apr. 1 - May 31	
717A	Alesea-Stott Mt	212	212	Apr. 1 - May 31	Apr. 1 - May 31	
	SW Oregon Limited	4,400	4,400	Apr. 1 - May 31	Apr. 1 - May 31	
	<b>Western OR Total</b>	<b>5,602</b>	<b>5,602</b>			
<b>Eastern Oregon</b>						
731A	South Central	275	275	Apr. 15 - May 31	Apr. 15 - May 31	
741	White River Unit	110	110	Apr. 1 - May 31	Apr. 1 - May 31	
742	Hood Unit	110	110	Apr. 1 - May 31	Apr. 1 - May 31	
746A	S Blue Mts	550	660	Apr. 15 - May 31	Apr. 15 - May 31	
749A	W Blue Mts	210	210	Apr. 1 - May 31	Apr. 1 - May 31	
752A	Starkey Unit	220	220	Apr. 15 - May 31	Apr. 15 - May 31	
756	Wenaha Unit	248	248	Apr. 15 - May 31	Apr. 15 - May 31	
757A	Sled Sprs-Chesnimnus	275	275	Apr. 15 - May 31	Apr. 15 - May 31	
759A	Snake R	440	440	Apr. 15 - May 31	Apr. 15 - May 31	
760A	Minam-Imnaha	248	248	Apr. 15 - May 31	Apr. 15 - May 31	
762A	Pine Cr - Keating - Catherine Cr	436	436	Apr. 15 - May 31	Apr. 15 - May 31	
764	Lookout Mt Unit	43	43	Apr. 15 - May 31	Apr. 15 - May 31	
	<b>Eastern OR Total</b>	<b>3,165</b>	<b>3,275</b>			
<b>Youth Hunts</b>						
756T	Wenaha Unit	55	55	Apr. 15 - May 31	Apr. 15 - May 31	
757T	Sled Sprs-Chesnimnus	88	88	Apr. 15 - May 31	Apr. 15 - May 31	
760T	Minam-Imnaha	55	55	Apr. 15 - May 31	Apr. 15 - May 31	
	<b>Youth Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>198</b>			
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,965</b>	<b>9,075</b>			
* Tag numbers adjusted up by each hunt's 4-yr average unredemption rate to compensate for un-redeemed tags (max adjustment = 10%).						

## 2017 General Bear Season Recommendations

The Department recommends no changes to season dates. Proposed general season dates are August 1–November 30, 2017 in eastern Oregon, and August 1–December 31, 2017 in western Oregon. The Department recommends maintaining the second general bear opportunity with the SW Additional Bear tag valid in 10 SW Oregon Wildlife Management Units. The additional tag may be purchased throughout the season; however, hunters must purchase the general season tag prior to the deadline to be eligible to purchase an additional tag. For 2017, the proposed tag sales deadline is September 30, 2017. The Department will continue mailing letters to all 2017 bear tag holders to inform hunters of changes to bear hunting regulations and remind them of the requirement to check in bears.

The previous year's resident bear hunter distribution information (how many hunted in each area) is needed to calculate the 3% nonresident limit for the general black bear season, therefore the 2017 nonresident tag numbers cannot be calculated at this time. The Department is

proposing to implement temporary rules in July 2017 to set those tag numbers. From the date the 2017 nonresident general bear season tags go on sale (December 1, 2016) until those rules are implemented, a statewide limit of 1,200 nonresident tags will be divided into the four Black Bear Tag Areas (Northwest: 207 tags, Southwest and SW Additional Nonresident: 271 tags, Cascades and Cascade Additional Nonresident Bear Tag: 365 tags, Eastern: 357 tags). There are 1,575 nonresident bear tags available in 2016. Making only 1,200 available in December for 2017 creates a safe buffer that allows nonresidents to purchase general bear season tags well-before July without tag sales exceeding the 3% tag limit defined in statute.

## **Cougar Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **Target Areas**

There were no active Cougar Target Areas, as described in the 2006 Cougar Management Plan (Chapter VI, Adaptive Management Process) during 2014 and 2015, but four Target Areas were initiated January 1, 2016 (Table 14).

Table 14. Current Target Areas (starting January 1, 2016) and results as of April 16, 2016.

Target Area	Purpose	Annual Objective	Administrative Removals
East Umpqua	Reduce livestock depredation	30	25
Interstate	Improve mule deer populations	50	8
Steens	Improve mule deer & BHS populations	10	0
Warner	Improve mule deer populations	5	2

### **Population Monitoring and Overview**

The 2006 Cougar Management Plan established a number of criteria for evaluating the effects of hunting and population management on cougar populations in Oregon. Objective 1 of the plan states that ODFW will manage for a cougar population that is at or above the 1994 level of approximately 3,000 cougars statewide. Within this objective, minimum zone populations are stated (Table 15). Using Oregon's published deterministic, density-dependent population model (Keister and Van Dyke 2002), all zone populations are above the desired minimum established in the plan (Table 15).

Table 15. Trend in modeled cougar population by cougar management zone in Oregon 2006 – 2015. Based on data from the ODFW Corvallis Population Lab.

Cougar Zone	Minimum Level	Year									
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
A Coast/N Casc.	400	750	763	784	799	815	806	822	821	860	883
B SW Cascades	1,200	1,531	1,490	1,486	1,483	1,470	1,457	1,456	1,411	1,452	1,452
C SE Cascades	120	487	529	588	655	747	821	881	938	980	990
D Col. Basin	80	310	305	312	328	349	359	348	350	387	377
E Blue Mtns.	900	1,635	1,603	1,592	1,591	1,568	1,529	1,585	1,606	1,682	1,722
F SE Oregon	300	877	874	891	895	896	908	897	918	938	948
Total	3,000	5,590	5,564	5,653	5,751	5,845	5,880	5,989	6,044	6,299	6,372

Also, as established by the 2006 Cougar Management Plan, when the average proportion of 3+ year old female cougars in the total mortality exceeds 35% in a zone the Department considers a zone cougar population to be overharvested. Since adoption of the plan, no cougar zone has exceeded these criteria (Table 16).

Table 16. Three-year averages of annual proportions of adult ( $\geq 3$  yr old) females of known ages for all sources of mortality by cougar management zone in Oregon, 1987–2014.

Year	Zone					
	A: Coast/N. Cascades	B: SW Cascades	C: SE Cascades	D: Columbia Basin	E: Blue Mountains	F: SE Oregon
2004–2006	11.7	15.4	24.5	12.4	18.4	14.4
2005–2007	12	15.5	24.1	18	19.1	20.6
2006–2008	11.1	16.5	15.6	23.5	20.6	25.9
2007–2009	14.5	18.4	14.1	26.5	22.7	27.8
2008–2010	16.5	18	11	26.2	25.5	24.1
2009–2011	16.8	17.5	13.7	26.9	27.3	21.2
2010–2012	15.3	13.2	15.3	23.4	23.6	20.3
2011–2013	13.7	13.8	20.3	20	21.9	20.1
2012–2014	16.7	17.8	20.4	22.2	26.6	21.9

### 2015 Cougar Harvest

Additionally, with the adoption of the Cougar Management Plan in 2006, all known mortalities count toward zone quotas (Table 17). No Cougar Zone Quotas were met during 2015.

Table 17. Trend in total cougar mortality by cougar management zone in Oregon 2008 – 2015.

Zone	Zone Quota	Total Mortality							
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
A Coast/N Casc.	120	95	99	103	120	121	130	101	117
B SW Cascades	165	106	90	96	109	106	143	100	98
C SE Cascades	65	25	25	20	15	24	21	17	25
D Col. Basin	62	35	38	31	36	38	50	26	41
E Blue Mtns.	245	174	158	163	169	164	135	93	106
F SE Oregon	120	57	63	69	57	77	52	45	42
Total	777	492	473	482	506	530	531	383	427

Table 18 provides information regarding trends in damage complaints and known cougar mortalities from 1987 through 2016. The total number of damage complaints received increased from 317 in 2014 to 529 in 2015 (Table 18). Cougar tag sales continued to increase, up about 2% to 57,307 in 2015. Hunter harvest increased to 233 in 2015 (Table 18). Non-hunting mortalities were 176 in both 2014 and 2015.

Table 18. Trends in cougar complaints, damage, harvest, and other mortality in Oregon during 1992–2016. Complaint data is incomplete and mortality data current through May 6, 2016, based on mandatory check-in of cougars. Numbers may change as late data are added.

Year	Number of Complaints <sup>a</sup>	Number of Tags Sold <sup>b</sup>	Hunter Harvest	Damage <sup>c</sup>	Human Safety <sup>d</sup>	Administrative Removals <sup>e</sup>	Other <sup>f</sup>	Total
1987			129	8	2	0	3	142
1988			136	13	3	0	10	162
1989			116	15	1	0	13	145
1990			201	29	3	0	18	251
1991			124	22	4	0	12	162
1992	184	517	184	17	3	0	22	226
1993	276	560	162	20	7	0	21	210
1994	554	588	199	29	11	0	20	259
1995	742	385	22	41	22	0	12	97
1996	840	779	43	64	34	0	25	166
1997	798	935	61	82	20	0	18	181
1998	954	11,761	111	93	20	0	17	241
1999	1,072	14,564	169	91	39	0	25	324
2000 <sup>g</sup>	942	22,386	188	120	27	0	17	352
2001	829	28,447	221	97	27	0	21	366
2002	765	32,126	229	111	25	0	35	400
2003	697	34,135	248	111	28	0	25	412
2004	545	34,071	265	95	28	0	35	423
2005	622	38,079	224	125	28	0	30	407
2006	451	38,719	289	106	26	0	32	453
2007	453	41,813	309	114	21	52	41	537
2008	518	43,211	272	109	23	34	54	492
2009	437	45,375	274	110	31	21	37	473
2010	469	48,776	240	99	25	79	39	482
2011	501	50,889	241	139	23	71	32	506
2012	420	53,698	253	130	46	56	45	530
2013	360	55,072	292	148	24	36	31	531
2014	356	56,114	209	124	27	0	25	385
2015	524	57,387	233	116	20	0	40	409
2016	51	29,980	52	54	4	38	16	164

<sup>a</sup>Number of complaints received during the calendar year. Sightings not associated with damage or public safety concerns are not included.

<sup>b</sup>Includes general and additional tags (including Sports Pac licenses).

<sup>c</sup>Number of animals killed as a result of damage during a calendar year.

<sup>d</sup>Animals killed as a result of real or perceived threat to humans or pets.

<sup>e</sup>Administrative removals on cougar target areas (2007–present only).

<sup>f</sup>Includes roadkill, accidental, found dead, and illegal kill.

<sup>g</sup>Hunting season changed to calendar year.

## **2017 General Cougar Season Recommendations**

There are no proposed changes to the 2017 cougar season, including dates (January 1-December 31), or cougar zone quotas (Table 17).

### **Cougar Management Plan**

The 2006 Oregon Cougar Management Plan is scheduled to be reviewed in 2016. This review could result in the third revision of the Oregon Cougar Management Plan (first adopted in 1987).

## **Bighorn Sheep Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **Population Overview**

California bighorn are found primarily in the high desert areas of southeastern Oregon and in the John Day and Deschutes River canyon systems. Most bighorn populations continue to remain relatively stable. The statewide California bighorn population is estimated to be 4,000 – 4,200. One herd, Lower Owyhee River, has experienced approximately a 70% decline caused by an outbreak of bacteria (*Mycoplasma ovipneumonia*) induced respiratory disease.

The Rattlesnake/Ten-mile herd, shared with Nevada, also has the same disease present. The Department has initiated work, in cooperation with an OSU Ph.D. student, to evaluate the extent, severity, and potential options for addressing the issue in this herd.

Rocky Mountain bighorn are found primarily in northeastern Oregon, populations are estimated to be 600 – 800. Latent health issues persist in some herds of Rocky Mountain bighorns.

### **2015 Bighorn Harvest**

Oregon bighorn hunters continued to enjoy high success rates. All seven Rocky Mountain bighorn controlled tag holders harvested sheep, and the special auction tag and special raffle tag holder both took Rocky Mountain bighorns. Sixty-eight California bighorn sheep were taken by 77 controlled tag holders. Six of the 85 controlled bighorn tags (7 %) were issued to non-resident hunters.

### **Bighorn Sheep Tag Recommendations**

The Department is proposing 85 Bighorn Sheep tags (78 California, 7 Rocky Mountain) in 36 hunts (31 California, 5 Rocky Mountain) for 2016 (Table 19). This represents a 10 tag decline from 2015. This decline is a result of canceling three hunts in southeast Oregon (Owyhee #1, Owyhee #2, Owyhee #3) due to the respiratory disease discussed earlier. Six tags (one Rocky Mountain, five California) are proposed for non-resident hunters (7% percent). For 2017, most hunts will move one day earlier, and the three Owyhee hunts will be deleted. Tag numbers will remain unchanged from 2016 (Table 19).

Table 19. Proposed controlled Bighorn Sheep: 2016 Tags, 2017 Seasons and Tags.

2016 Hunt #	2016 Hunt Name	Proposed 2016 Tags		Proposed 2017 Tags		Proposed 2016 Dates	Proposed 2017 Dates	2016 Notes & Changes	2017 Notes & Changes
		Res.	Non-Res.	Res.	Non-Res.				
<b>Rocky Mountain Bighorn</b>									
559A1	N Snake Rvr	1		1		Sept. 10 - Sept. 25	Sept. 9 - Sept. 24		
560A	Hurricane Divide	2		2		Sept. 10 - Sept. 25	Sept. 9 - Sept. 24		
560B	Bear Creek	1		1		Sept. 10 - Sept. 25	Sept. 9 - Sept. 24		
564A1	Lookout Mt #1	1		1		Aug. 27 - Sept. 7	Aug. 26 - Sept. 6		
564A2	Lookout Mt #2	1	1	1	1	Sept. 10 - Sept. 25	Sept. 9 - Sept. 24		
<b>Rocky Mt Total</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>				
<b>California Bighorn</b>									
543A1	E John Day R #1	3		3		Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22		
543A2	E John Day R #2	2	1	2	1	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Oct. 30 - Nov. 8		
543A3	E John Day R #3	3		3		Nov. 12 - Nov. 20	Nov. 11 - Nov. 19		
543A4	W John Day R #1	3		3		Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22		
543A5	W John Day R #2	2	1	2	1	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Oct. 30 - Nov. 8		
543A6	W John Day R #3	3		3		Nov. 12 - Nov. 20	Nov. 11 - Nov. 19		
543B1	E Deschutes R #1	3		3		Sept. 10 - Sept. 18	Sept. 9 - Sept. 17		
543B2	E Deschutes R #2	2		2		Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22		
543B3	E Deschutes R #3	3		3		Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Oct. 30 - Nov. 8		
543C1	W Deschutes R #1	3		3		Sept. 10 - Sept. 18	Sept. 9 - Sept. 17		
543C2	W Deschutes R #2	3		3		Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22		
543C3	W Deschutes R #3	3		3		Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Oct. 30 - Nov. 8		
546A1	Aldrich #1	2		2		Aug. 13 - Aug. 24	Aug. 12 - Aug. 23		
546A2	Aldrich #2	1		1		Sept. 3 - Sept. 18	Sept. 2 - Sept. 17		
546B	McClellan	1		1		Aug. 15 - Oct. 31	Aug. 15 - Oct. 31		
548	Potamus	1		1		Aug. 13 - Aug. 24	Aug. 12 - Aug. 23		
551A	Burnt R Canyon	1		1		Sept. 10 - Sept. 25	Sept. 9 - Sept. 24		
567A1	Owyhee #1	0		0		Aug. 20 - Sep. 2		Hunt Cancelled	Delete for '17
567A2	Owyhee #2	0	0	0		Sep 6 - Sep 19		Hunt Cancelled	Delete for '17
567A3	Owyhee #3	0		0		Oct 29 - Nov 6		Hunt Cancelled	Delete for '17
568A1	Sheephead Mtns #1	2		2		Aug. 20 - Sep. 2	Aug. 19 - Sep. 1		
568A2	Sheephead Mtns #2	2		2		Sept. 6 - Sept. 19	Sept. 5 - Sept. 18		
568B1	E Whitehorse #1	3		3		Aug. 20 - Sept. 2	Aug. 19 - Sept. 1		
568B2	E Whitehorse #2	2		2		Sept. 6 - Sept. 19	Sept. 5 - Sept. 18		
569A1	Steens Mt #1	2		2		Aug. 20 - Sept. 2	Aug. 19 - Sept. 1		
569A2	Steens Mt #2	2		2		Sept. 6 - Sept. 19	Sept. 5 - Sept. 18		

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2016 Hunt #	2016 Hunt Name	Proposed 2016 Tags		Proposed 2017 Tags		Proposed 2016 Dates	Proposed 2017 Dates	2016 Notes & Changes	2017 Notes & Changes
		Res.	Non-Res.	Res.	Non-Res.				
569B	N Catlow Rim	2		2		Sept. 6 - Sept. 19	Sept. 5 - Sept. 18		
570A	Hart Mountain	2	1	2	1	Sept. 3 - Sept. 16	Sept. 2 - Sept. 15		
570B1	E Beatys Butte/ Alvord Peaks #1	3		3		Aug. 20 - Sept. 2	Aug. 19 - Sept. 1		
570B2	E Beatys Butte/ Alvord Peaks #2	2	1	2	1	Sept. 6 - Sept. 19	Sept. 5 - Sept. 18		
570C	Coleman - E Guano	2		2		Aug. 20 - Sept. 2	Aug. 19 - Sept. 1		
574	Warner Unit	3		3		Aug. 20 - Sept. 2	Aug. 19 - Sept. 1		
575A1	S Central #1	3	1	3	1	Aug. 20 - Sept. 2	Aug. 19 - Sept. 1		
575A2	S Central #2	4		4		Sept. 3 - Sept. 16	Sept. 2 - Sept. 15		
<b>California Total</b>		<b>73</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>5</b>				
<b>Grand Total*</b>		<b>79</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>6</b>				
		Nonres % = 7%		Nonres % = 7%					

## **Rocky Mountain Goat Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **Population Overview**

Similar to bighorn sheep, most Rocky Mountain goat populations have remained relatively stable in recent years. Populations are estimated to be 800 – 925 animals with the largest established populations found in northeastern Oregon and the Strawberry Mountains. One population is found in the Cascades, primarily on Mount Jefferson, this herd continues to increase slightly and biologists are seeing good kid production when surveys are conducted.

### **2015 Rocky Mountain Goat Seasons**

Rocky Mountain goat hunters continue to have high success rates and the required field orientation provided by biologists continues to be useful to help hunters minimize harvest of female goats. In 2015, the Commission authorized 20 Rocky Mountain goat tags in 13 controlled hunts and one special raffle tag. Nineteen tag holders were successful for an 87% success rate.

### **Rocky Mountain Goat Tag Recommendations**

The Department is proposing 22 Rocky Mountain goat tags in 13 hunts for 2016, a 2 tag (+10%) increase from 2015 (Table 20). Two tags (9%) will be issued to non-resident hunters. Season dates will be adjusted one day earlier and one new hunt with one tag is proposed for 2017. Two of the 2017 tags (9%) will be issued to non-resident hunters again in 2017 (Table 20).

Table 20. Recommendations for Rocky Mountain Goat: 2016 Tags and 2017 Hunts and Tags.  
 Bag Limit: One Rocky Mountain Goat, Orientation Class With District Biologist Required for successful applicants.

2016 Hunt #	2017 Hunt #	2016 Hunt Name	Proposed 2016 Tags		Proposed 2017 Tags		2016 Dates	2017 Dates	2017 Notes & Changes
			Res.	Non-Res.	Res.	Non-Res.			
946A	946A	Strawberry Mtn.	1		1		Sept. 1 - Oct. 31	Sept. 1 - Oct. 31	
951A1	951A1	Elkhorn #1	3		3		Sept. 10 - Sept. 18	Sept. 9 - Sept. 17	
951A2	951A2	Elkhorn #2	1	1	1	1	Sept. 19 - Sept. 27	Sept. 18 - Sept. 26	
951A3	951A3	Elkhorn #3	3		3		Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
956A	956A	North Wenaaha	1		1		Sept. 10 - Sept. 25	Sept. 9 - Sept. 24	
959A1	959A1	Hat Point #1	1	1	1	1	Sept. 10 - Sept. 25	Sept. 9 - Sept. 24	
959A2	959A2	Hat Point #2	2		2		Oct. 15 - Oct. 25	Oct. 14 - Oct. 24	
959B1	959B1	S Snake River #1	2		2		Sept. 10 - Sept. 25	Sept. 9 - Sept. 24	
959B2	959B2	S Snake River #2	1		1		Oct. 15 - Oct. 25	Oct. 14 - Oct. 24	
960A1	960A1	E Hurricane Creek	1		1		Sept. 10 - Sept. 25	Sept. 9 - Sept. 24	
960A2	960A2	W Hurricane Creek	1		1		Sept. 10 - Sept. 25	Sept. 9 - Sept. 24	
960B1	960B1	Goat Mountain #1	2		2		Sept. 10 - Sept. 25	Sept. 9 - Sept. 24	
960B2	960B2	Goat Mountain #2	1		1		Oct. 15 - Oct. 25	Oct. 14 - Oct. 24	
961A		Cusick Mountain			1			Sept. 9 - Sept. 24	New '17 Hunt
<b>Total</b>			<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>			
			Non res. % = 9.1%		Non res. % = 8.7%				

## **Pronghorn Antelope Season Summaries and Recommendations**

### **Pronghorn Population Overview**

Pronghorn populations continue to do well in some parts of southeast Oregon reflecting the variable summer and winter conditions across the landscape during the last year. Much of southeast Oregon also experienced less than normal winter precipitation. Winter temperatures and snowfall were mild to moderate. Generally spring green-up conditions are good, but expectations are that without significant spring moisture forage will dry early and drought conditions could prevail. Currently pronghorn populations are estimated to be 16,000 – 19,000.

### **2015 Pronghorn Harvest**

Mandatory harvest survey data indicate that in general, pronghorn hunters continue to enjoy good success. Rifle hunters (1,581) harvested 1,107 bucks and 139 does (79% success), muzzleloader hunters (143) took 55 bucks and 3 does (41% success), and archery hunters (372) took 120 bucks and 9 does (35% success). In total, 1,282 bucks and 151 does were harvested.

### **Pronghorn Antelope Tag Recommendations**

The Department is proposing 2,463 tags in 57 hunts for 2016, representing a drop of one percent from 2015 tag numbers. For 2017, 2,480 tags are proposed for a 1% increase over 2016 (Table 21). No changes to hunts are proposed for 2017 except for the calendar shift of one day earlier.

Table 21. Recommendations for controlled Pronghorn: 2016 tags and 2017 hunts and tags.

16 - 17 Hunt #	16 - 17 Hunt Name	Adjusted Proposed 2015 Tags**	Adjusted Proposed 2016 Tags**	Adjusted Proposed 2017 Tags**	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016 Dates	Proposed 2017 Dates	2016 Notes & Changes
<b>Rifle Hunts</b>									
435	Paulina Unit	16	15	15	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
436	Maury Unit	27	27	27	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
437	Ochoco Unit	94	94	94	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
438	Grizzly Unit	11	11	11	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
443A2	Columbia Plateau # 2	16	16	16	One Buck	One Buck	Oct 15. - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
445	Murderers Cr Unit	54	54	54	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
447	Northside - Ritter	6	6	6	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
451A	N Sumpter	11	5	5	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
451B	S Sumpter	27	27	27	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
463	Keating Unit	16	11	11	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
464	Lookout Mt Unit	21	16	16	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
469A	Steens Mt	125	126	126	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
470A	E Beatys Butte	95	95	95	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
470B	W Beatys Butte	53	53	53	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
470C	Hart Mt	41	41	41	One Buck	One Buck	Sept. 10 - Sept. 16	Sept. 9 - Sept. 15	
471A	Juniper	83	84	84	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
473A	N Wagonfire	31	31	31	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
473B	S Wagonfire	5	10	10	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
474A	Warner Unit #1	62	62	62	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
474B	Warner Unit #2	61	61	61	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 24 - Sept. 1	Aug. 23 - Aug. 31	
	<b>Total Buck</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>845</b>					
440	Maupin-W Biggs	5	5	5	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
465	Beulah Unit	90	90	90	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
466A1	Malheur R # 1	96	96	96	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
466A2	Malheur R # 2	95	92	92	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 24 - Sept. 1	Aug. 23 - Aug. 31	
467	Owyhee Unit	80	80	85	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
468A1	Whitehorse Unit #1	68	68	74	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
468A2	Whitehorse Unit #2	68	70	76	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 24 - Sept. 1	Aug. 23 - Aug. 31	

Table 21. Recommendations for controlled Pronghorn: 2016 tags and 2017 hunts and tags.

16 - 17 Hunt #	16 - 17 Hunt Name	Adjusted Proposed 2015 Tags**	Adjusted Proposed 2016 Tags**	Adjusted Proposed 2017 Tags**	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016 Dates	Proposed 2017 Dates	2016 Notes & Changes
472A1	Silvies # 1	42	42	42	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
472A2	Silvies # 2	41	41	41	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 24 - Sept. 1	Aug. 23 - Aug. 31	
475A	E Interstate	26	26	26	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
476A	E Ft Rock-Silver Lake	44	43	43	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
<b>Total Either Sex</b>		<b>655</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>670</b>					
443A1	Columbia Plateau # 1	55	55	55	Doe/Fawn	Doe/Fawn	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
445A	S Fossil-Winlock	22	22	22	Doe/Fawn	Doe/Fawn	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
466B	Harney Basin	66	55	55	Doe/Fawn	Doe/Fawn	Sept. 3 - Sept. 18	Sept. 2 - Sept. 17	
472B	Riley	33	33	33	Doe/Fawn	Doe/Fawn	Sept. 3 - Sept. 18	Sept. 2 - Sept. 17	
<b>Total Doe/Fawn</b>		<b>176</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>165</b>					
<b>Rifle Hunt Total</b>		<b>1,686</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>1,680</b>					
<b>Bow Hunts</b>									
435R	Paulina Unit	6	6	6	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 27 - Sept. 4	Aug. 26 - Sept. 3	
436R	Maury Unit	44	33	33	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 27 - Sept. 4	Aug. 26 - Sept. 3	
464R	Lookout Mt Unit	22	22	22	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sept. 3 - Sept. 11	Sept. 2 - Sept. 10	
466R	Malheur R Unit	61	61	61	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sept. 3 - Sept. 11	Sept. 2 - Sept. 10	
467R	Owyhee Unit	72	72	72	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 27 - Sept. 4	Aug. 26 - Sept. 3	
470R1	Hart Mt	26	27	27	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 4 - Aug. 12	Aug. 3 - Aug. 11	
470R2	W Beatys Butte	39	38	38	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 24 - Sept. 1	Aug. 23 - Aug. 31	
473R	N Wagonfire	6	5	5	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 27 - Sept. 4	Aug. 26 - Sept. 3	
474R	Warner Unit	48	48	48	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 4 - Aug. 12	Aug. 3 - Aug. 11	
475R1	E Interstate	55	55	55	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sept. 3 - Sept. 11	Sept. 2 - Sept. 10	
475R2	Gerber Res	165	165	165	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 6 - Aug. 14	Aug. 5 - Aug. 13	
477R	E Slope	55	55	55	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
<b>Bow Hunt Total</b>		<b>599</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>587</b>					
<b>Muzzleloader Hunts</b>									
435M	Paulina Unit	6	6	6	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 27 - Sept. 4	Aug. 26 - Sept. 3	
470M	E Beatys Butte	50	50	50	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 24 - Sept. 1	Aug. 23 - Aug. 31	
473M1	S. Wagonfire	6	11	11	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 24 - Sept. 1	Aug. 23 - Aug. 31	
473M2	N Wagonfire	5	5	5	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 27 - Sept. 4	Aug. 26 - Sept. 3	
475M	Gerber Res	55	55	55	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sept. 3 - Sept. 11	Sept. 2 - Sept. 10	
476M	E Ft Rock-Silver Lake	44	44	44	Either Sex	Either Sex	Sept. 3 - Sept. 11	Sept. 2 - Sept. 10	
<b>Muzzleloader Hunt Total</b>		<b>166</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>171</b>					

Table 21. Recommendations for controlled Pronghorn: 2016 tags and 2017 hunts and tags.

16 - 17 Hunt #	16 - 17 Hunt Name	Adjusted Proposed 2015 Tags**	Adjusted Proposed 2016 Tags**	Adjusted Proposed 2017 Tags**	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016 Dates	Proposed 2017 Dates	2016 Notes & Changes
<b>Youth Hunts</b>									
432T	Swan Lake	3	5	5	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
453T	Thief Valley	3	3	3	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31	
470T	Hart Mtn.	3	3	3	One Buck	One Buck	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
475T	Gerber Res	31	31	31	Either Sex	Either Sex	Aug. 20 - Aug. 28	Aug. 19 - Aug. 27	
<b>Youth Hunt Total</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>					
<b>Grand Total*</b>		<b>2,491</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>2,480</b>					

\*\* Tag numbers adjusted up by each hunt's 4-yr average un-redemption rate to compensate for un-redeemed tags (max adjustment = 10%).

## Deer Season Summaries and Recommendations

### Population Overview

Mule deer populations remained relatively stable in 2015 at an estimated 230,000 animals. Most WMUs remain well below population management objectives established in the Mule Deer Management Plan. Three management units, West Biggs, Metolius, and Wagontire, are at or above management objective. No reliable population estimate is available for black-tailed deer and subsequently there are no established management objectives. Department research staff and District Wildlife Biologists continue to develop genetic sampling methods that are expected to produce reasonable deer population estimates for western Oregon in the future. Following is a summary of the ongoing deer research.

### Black-tailed Deer Study Information

**Fecal Sampling:** The Department has been evaluating a black-tailed deer population estimation technique for 3 years. In that time, 20,255 fecal samples have been collected from 176 sampling areas in the Alsea, Trask, Indigo, and Dixon WMUs. Fecal samples are organized by habitat strata as dictated by landownership pattern. Those samples are submitted to a genetics lab at Oregon State where DNA is used to determine the number of individual deer in the sample area.

Genetic analyses have been completed for 2013 and 2014 samples. Results for samples collected in 2015 should be available by mid-summer. Preliminary results indicate that black-tailed deer population densities are highly variable across habitat types based on landownership patterns (Table 22). Average deer density across the WMUs ranges from a low of 9.8 deer per mi<sup>2</sup> on Federal lands to a high of 26.3 deer per mi<sup>2</sup> on large privately owned properties.

**Deer Capture:** To document additional biological information for black-tailed deer in the same areas that fecal sampling is occurring, the Department has been marking deer with radio collars (GPS on does, VHF on bucks). As of April 2016, 308 black-tailed deer were captured in 4 WMUs (Trask, Alsea, Indigo, and Dixon, Table 23). Radio-marked deer have been marked throughout each WMU on all land-ownership types. GPS collars are placed on does for 17 months, the collars then break off, during the monitoring period more than 3,000 locations are typically obtained for each doe.

Table 22. Average black-tailed deer density by land ownership strata in Oregon.

Land Ownership	Average Density (mi <sup>2</sup> )
Federal	9.8
Large Mixed	13.1
Large Private	26.3
Small-Med Private	22.1
State	18.1

Table 23. Number of black-tailed deer captured through April 2016.

WMU	Gender		Total Captures
	Male	Female	
Dixon	11	45	56
Indigo	24	64	88
Alsea	22	51	73
Trask	23	68	91
Total	80	228	308

**Example of deer data from radio collars:** Biological data is still being collected for most radio-marked deer. However, analysis of movement data from collars recovered early in the study shows black-tailed deer use relatively small home ranges. Average annual home ranges of lower elevation resident animals varies from about ¼ – ½ mi<sup>2</sup>. For animals exhibiting seasonal migrations using higher elevations of the Cascades, annual home range averaged about 3 ½ mi<sup>2</sup>. Most marked deer exclusively used land within the ownership category in which they were captured. Evergreen Forest and Shrub/Scrub cover types dominated the available habitat in deer home ranges; however, radio-collared does used early seral Grassland/Herbaceous cover type significantly more than its proportion on the landscape.

Radio-collars also provide valuable survival and mortality information. Since inception of the study, 81 radio-collared animals have died. Annual survival of adult females has ranged from 75% to 100% for the three years analyzed (Table 24). The most prominent causes of death include predation (46%) and legal harvest (36%).

Table 24. Estimated annual adult female black-tailed deer survival in four Oregon WMUs.

WMU	2012	2013	2014	Average
Trask	86%	100%	75%	87%
Alea	75%	86%	79%	80%
Indigo	75%	82%	80%	79%
Dixon	89%	89%	76%	85%
Average	81%	89%	78%	83%

### Mule Deer Movements & Survival Monitoring

During winter 2014–2015, the Department began a major mule deer collaring effort designed to improve population monitoring and data collection, and ultimately help improve management. Specific objectives of this effort are to delineate Data Analysis Units (DAUs) based on seasonal animal distributions, and to annually measure herd specific survival. Counting ground and aerial captures, 507 mule deer does were radio-collared in the Blue Mountains from Prineville to Interstate 84 by March 2015. An additional 151 radio-collars were deployed in January 2016.

All collars that were deployed are GPS Life-Cycle units that attempt to collect 2 locations per day per animal. Location data is transmitted via satellite to a central server where it can be downloaded via web access. Using this process over 250,000 locations have been obtained through mid-April 2016. Initial analyses for DAU development will begin at the change of the biological year in early June.

These radio-collars also provide a notification of mortality via email and text. With the location information included with the notification, Department staff is able to quickly retrieve radio-collars and often are able to determine cause of death for animals. To date 129 animals have died, the cause of death could be determined for 92 animals. The leading cause of death, when cause could be determined, has been predation which caused 57 (62%) of mortalities. Of the total mortalities with cause identified (92), mortalities caused by each predator species were, cougar 36 (39%), coyote 10 (11%), bear 6 (7%), other predators such as bobcat or wolf 5 (5%). Additional mortality factors included disease (11=12%), vehicle strikes (7=8%), legal harvest (4=4%), and illegal harvest (2=2%).

## **2015 General and Controlled Deer Season Harvest**

Based on mandatory harvest survey results, Western General black-tailed deer hunter participation continued to decline in 2015, dropping 2.5% to 67,172 in 2015. Similarly, harvest declined to 15,557 deer for an overall success rate of 23%. Western general bow hunters (17,065) harvested 2,295 deer (13% success). Two-thirds of the general archery deer harvest in western Oregon occurred during the late seasons. Controlled deer hunters in western Oregon (11,079) harvested 3,943 animals (36% success).

For eastern Oregon, 16,334 general deer bow hunters took 3,555 deer (22% success). For controlled eastern Oregon deer hunts, 49,363 controlled buck hunters took 18,988, deer (38% success), 2,386 controlled doe hunters took 1,682 deer (70% success).

## **Deer Season Summaries and Recommendations**

Proposed general deer seasons are unchanged for 2017 except for a one-day calendar shift. The general archery bag limit is a legal buck except in units identified by the Commission each year. At this time, the Department is not proposing any changes to the list of units that would have an expanded bag limit during the general bow season. No deer populations have changed their status in a WMU relative to criteria for inclusion in the expanded bag limit (deer population is 110% of MO, rising, and recruitment is  $\geq 45$  fawns/100 adults in end of winter surveys for the previous 3 years) or exclusion of the expanded bag limit (deer population is  $\leq 100\%$  of Population MO, declining, and recruitment is  $\leq 30:100$  adults in end of winter surveys for previous three years). Similarly, no changes are proposed to the list of WMUs where hunters with disabilities would have an expanded bag limit.

There have been a few changes to mule deer buck hunts that have LOP tags limited to 5 tags or 10% of the number authorized by the Commission; see pages 6-9 for details.

Overall, the Department is proposing a net 1% decrease in controlled deer tag numbers for 2016 (Table 25, Table 26). As noted earlier, this decline is largely due to a reduced correction factor resulting from increased tag sales rates in 2015. For 2017, the Department is proposing one new late season white-tailed deer hunt (157A Lower Wallowa Valley), two new doe hunts (641B Wamic Bench, 660B South Wallowa Valley), and one new youth doe hunt (614T Upper Tualatin-Trask). These new hunts will result in a slight (0.3%) increase in tags for 2017.

Table 25. Recommendations for controlled buck deer: 2016 Tags and 2017 Tags and Hunts.

16-17 Hunt #	17-18 Hunt #	16 - 17 Hunt Name	Adj. 2015 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2016 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2017 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016 Dates	Proposed 2017 Dates	2016 Notes & Changes
<b>Southwest Area</b>										
123A	123A	Umpqua	22	22	22	1 Col. WTD buck 2 pt+ or 1 BTD buck 2 pt+	1 Col. WTD buck 2 pt+ or BTD buck 2 pt+	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
123B	123B	N. Bank Habitat	3	3	3	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	Dec. 24 - Dec. 30	Dec. 23 - Dec. 29	
<b>Southwest Area Total</b>			<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>					
<b>South Central Area</b>										
131	131	Keno Unit	1,045	1,100	1,100	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
132	132	Klamath Falls Unit	927	927	927	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
133	133	Sprague Unit	660	660	660	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
175	175	Interstate Unit	1,760	1,744	1,744	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
176	176	Silver Lake Unit	2,200	2,200	2,200	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
177	177	Fort Rock Unit	2,750	2,750	2,750	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
<b>South Cent. Area Total</b>			<b>9,342</b>	<b>9,381</b>	<b>9,381</b>					
<b>Central Area</b>										
134	134	Up Deschutes Unit	2,750	2,860	2,860	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	+100
135	135	Paulina Unit	1,925	1,760	1,760	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	-150
136	136	Maury Unit	385	378	378	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
137	137	Ochoco Unit	3,080	2,915	2,750	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	-150
138	138	Grizzly Unit	1,320	1,308	1,308	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
139	139	Metolius Unit	400	400	400	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
<b>Central Area Total</b>			<b>9,860</b>	<b>9,621</b>	<b>9,456</b>					
<b>Columbia Area</b>										
140	140	Maupin Unit	495	495	495	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
141B	141B	White R Unit	2,090	2,090	2,090	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
141C	141C	White R Unit	10	10	10	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Nov. 12 - Nov. 23	Nov. 11 - Nov. 22	
142A	142A	Hood Unit	770	770	770	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
142B	142B	Hood Unit	10	10	10	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Nov. 12 - Nov. 23	Nov. 11 - Nov. 22	
143A	143A	E Biggs	715	715	715	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
143B	143B	W Biggs	935	935	935	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
<b>Columbia Area Total</b>			<b>5,025</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>5,025</b>					
<b>Northeast Area</b>										
144	144	Columbia Basin Unit	1,980	1,980	1,980	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
145	145	Fossil Unit	2,200	2,200	2,200	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	

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146	146	Murderers Cr Unit	990	990	990	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
147	147	Northside Unit	1,320	1,320	1,320	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
148	148	Heppner Unit	3,520	3,520	3,520	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
149	149	Ukiah Unit	1,898	1,898	1,898	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
150	150	Desolation Unit	1,320	1,210	1,210	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
151	151	Sumpter Unit	1,650	1,650	1,650	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
152A	152A	Starkey	825	825	825	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
152B	152B	Starkey Exp For	25	25	25	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1-Oct. 5 In Oct. 6-Oct. 12 Out	Sept. 30-Oct. 4 In Oct. 5-Oct. 11 Out	Part of Research
153	153	Catherine Cr Unit	432	420	420	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
154A	154A	E Mt Emily	218	210	210	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
154B	154B	W Mt Emily	523	523	523	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
154C	154C	Mt Emily	10	10	10	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Nov. 12 - Nov. 23	Nov. 11 - Nov. 22	
155A	155A	Walla Walla Unit	248	245	245	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
156	156	Wenaha Unit	495	495	495	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
157	157	Sled Springs Unit	1,925	1,925	1,925	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
157A		Lower Wallowa Valley (No CF Rifles)			33		One White-tailed Deer		Nov. 13 - Nov. 22	New Hunt in '17
158	158	Chesnimnus Unit	550	550	550	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
159	159	Snake R Unit	330	330	330	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
160	160	Minam Unit	660	660	660	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
161	161	Imnaha Unit	825	825	825	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
162	162	Pine Cr Unit	413	385	385	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
163	163	Keating Unit	550	540	540	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
164	164	Lookout Mt Unit	327	318	318	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
165	165	Beulah Unit	2,090	1,980	1,980	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
165A	165A	SE Beulah	545	495	495	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
		<b>Northeast Area Total</b>	<b>25,872</b>	<b>25,529</b>	<b>25,562</b>					
<b>Southeast Area</b>										
166	166	Malheur R Unit	1,870	1,870	1,870	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
167	167	Owyhee Unit	495	491	491	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
167A	167A	NE Owyhee	138	138	138	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
168A	168A	Trout Cr Mts	75	74	74	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
168B	168B	E Whitehorse	275	275	275	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	

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169A	169A Steens Mt	275	263	263	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
170A	170A Beatus Butte	220	220	220	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
171A	171A N Juniper	110	110	110	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
171B	171B S Juniper	110	110	110	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
172	172 Silvies Unit	990	856	856	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
173	173 Wagonfire Unit	193	216	216	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
174A	174A N Warner	51	50	50	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
174B	174B S Warner	303	303	303	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
<b>Southeast Area Total</b>		<b>5,105</b>	<b>4,976</b>	<b>4,976</b>					
<b>High Cascade</b>									
119A	119A W High Cascade	3,300	3,300	3,300	Buck 2 pt+	Buck 2 pt+	Sept. 10 - Sept. 18	Sept. 9 - Sept. 17	
141A	141A Hood-White Rvr	165	165	165	Buck 2 pt+	Buck 2 pt+	Sept. 10 - Sept. 18	Sept. 9 - Sept. 17	
<b>High Cascade Rifle Total</b>		<b>3,465</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>3,465</b>					
<b>Rifle Hunt Total</b>		<b>58,694</b>	<b>58,022</b>	<b>57,890</b>					
<b>Archery Hunts</b>									
123R1	123R1 Umpqua Bow	55	55	55	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	Aug. 27 - Sep. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
123R2	123R2 N Bank Habitat Bow	10	10	10	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	Sept. 10 - Sept. 25	Sept. 9 - Sept. 24	
131R	131R Keno Unit Bow (Only bow deer opp.)	138	136	136	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 22 - Nov. 19	Oct. 21 - Nov. 19	
135R	135R Paulina Unit Bow (Only bow deer opp.)	11	11	11	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov. 14 - Nov. 30	Nov. 13 - Nov. 30	
136R	136R Maury Unit Bow	127	122	122	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
139R1	139R1 Metolius Bow #1 (Only bow deer opp.)	21	20	20	One Deer	One Deer	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30	
139R2	139R2 Metolius Bow #2 (Only bow deer opp.)	28	28	28	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30	
154R	154R Mt. Emily Unit Bow	440	440	440	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
155R	155R Walla Walla Unit Bow	165	165	165	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
156R1	156R1 Wenhaha Unit Bow	275	275	275	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	

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156R2	156R2	30	30	30	One White-tailed Deer	Nov 14. - Nov. 27	One White-tailed Deer	Nov. 13 - Nov. 26	
165R	165R	20	20	20	Buck, Visible Antler	Nov. 19 - Nov. 30	Buck, Visible Antler	Nov. 18 - Nov. 30	
168R1	168R1	Un- limited	Un- limited	Un- limited	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
168R2	168R2	20	20	20	Buck, Visible Antler	Nov. 19 - Nov. 30	Buck, Visible Antler	Nov. 18 - Nov. 30	
170R1	170R1	17	17	17	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 4 - Aug. 12	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 3 - Aug. 11	
170R2	170R2	17	17	17	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 13 - Aug. 21	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 12 - Aug. 20	
170R3	170R3	6	5	5	Buck, Visible Antler	Nov. 1 - Nov. 7	Buck, Visible Antler	Nov. 1 - Nov. 7	
174R1	174R1	65	64	64	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
174R2	174R2	94	94	94	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Buck, Visible Antler	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
<b>Archery Hunt Total</b>		<b>1,539</b>	<b>1,529</b>	<b>1,529</b>					
<b>Muzzleloader Hunts</b>									
100M	100M	880	872	872	One Deer		One Deer		
	Willamette Unit					Oct. 1 - Nov. 30		Sept. 30 - Nov. 30	
	Trask Unit					Nov. 5 - Nov. 18		Nov. 4 - Nov. 17	
	Mckenzie Unit & N Indigo					Nov. 12 - Nov. 23		Nov. 11 - Nov. 22	
121M	121M	55	54	54	One Deer		One Deer		
123M1	123M1	165	165	165	One Deer		One Deer		
123M2	123M2	3	3	3	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	Nov. 25 - Dec. 6	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	Nov. 25- Dec. 6	
127M	127M	39	36	36	Buck 2 pt+	Nov. 12 - Dec. 4	Buck 2 pt+	Nov. 11- Dec. 3	
128M	128M	330	315	315	One Deer	Nov. 12 - Dec. 4	One Deer	Nov. 11- Dec. 3	
132M	132M	27	27	27	One Deer	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	One Deer	Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	
135M	135M	11	11	11	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 21	Antlerless	Oct. 14 - Oct. 20	
139M1	139M1	43	40	40	One Deer	Oct. 22 - Oct. 28	One Deer	Oct. 21- Oct. 27	
139M2	139M2	22	21	21	Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Oct. 28	Antlerless	Oct. 21- Oct. 27	
141M	141M	44	43	43	One Deer	Oct. 15 - Oct. 25	One Deer	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
145M	145M	55	61	61	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	

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16-17 Hunt #	17-18 Hunt #	Adj. 2015 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2016 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2017 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016 Dates	Proposed 2017 Dates	2016 Notes & Changes
148M	148M	193	193	193	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
151M	151M	80	80	80	One White-tailed Deer	One White-tailed Deer	Nov. 14 - Nov. 27	Nov. 13 - Nov. 26	
153M	153M	440	440	440	One White-tailed Deer	One White-tailed Deer	Nov. 14 - Nov. 27	Nov. 13 - Nov. 26	
156M	156M	303	303	303	One White-tailed Deer	One White-tailed Deer	Dec. 3 - Dec. 11	Dec. 2 - Dec. 10	
166M	166M	55	55	55	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
168M	168M	27	26	26	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Nov. 19 - Nov. 30	Nov. 18 - Nov. 30	
170M	170M	15	15	15	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 1 - Oct. 12	Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	
171M	171M	10	10	10	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Nov. 26 - Dec. 4	Nov. 25 - Dec. 3	
172M	172M	54	54	54	Buck, Visible Antler	Buck, Visible Antler	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
175M	175M	28	28	28	One Deer	One Deer	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
176M	176M	54	54	54	One Deer	One Deer	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
<b>Muzzleloader Hunt Total</b>		<b>2,933</b>	<b>2,906</b>	<b>2,906</b>					
<b>Grand Total<sup>b</sup></b>		<b>63,166</b>		<b>62,457</b>	<b>62,325</b>				

<sup>a</sup> Most proposed tag numbers adjusted up by each hunt's 4-yr average redemption rate to compensate for tags drawn but not sold (max adjustment = 10%).

<sup>b</sup> 2015 total includes 3 Tags from one hunt that was deleted for 2016.

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2016 Hunt #	2017 Hunt #	2016 Hunt Name	Adj. 2016		Adj. 2017		2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016 Dates	Proposed 2017 Dates	2016 Notes & Changes
			Tags <sup>a</sup>	Tags <sup>a</sup>	Tags <sup>a</sup>	Tags <sup>a</sup>					
<b>Northwest Area</b>											
610	610	Saddle Mt Unit	21	21	21	21	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
611	611	Scappoose Unit	20	20	20	20	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
612	612	Wilson Unit	22	21	21	21	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
614	614	Trask Unit	50	50	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
615	615	Willamette Unit	3,240	3,180	3,180	3,180	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 1 '16 - Feb. 28 '17	Sept. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '18	
616A1	616A1	NW Santiam	50	50	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
616A2	616A2	SW Santiam	55	55	55	55	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
617	617	Stott Mt Unit	50	50	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
618	618	Alesa Unit	50	50	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
619	619	West McKenzie Unit	660	636	636	636	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
619A	619A	Mill Cr	440	424	424	424	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26	
620A	620A	N Siuslaw	55	55	55	55	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
620B	620B	S Siuslaw	32	32	32	32	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
620C	620C	Camas Swale	330	321	321	321	One Deer	One Deer	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
<b>Northwest Area Total</b>			<b>5,075</b>	<b>4,965</b>	<b>4,965</b>	<b>4,965</b>					
<b>Southwest Area</b>											
621A	621A	Dorena	143	143	143	143	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
621B	621B	Calapooya	32	31	31	31	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
622A	622A	W Dixon	33	32	32	32	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
623	623	Melrose Unit	275	268	268	268	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
623A	623A	Central Melrose	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
623B1	623B1	North Bank Habitat # 1	22	22	22	22	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 21	Oct. 14 - Oct. 20	
623B2	623B2	North Bank Habitat # 2	22	22	22	22	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Nov. 12 - Nov. 18	Nov. 11 - Nov. 17	
623B3	623B3	North Bank Habitat # 3	22	22	22	22	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Dec. 10 - Dec. 16	Dec. 9 - Dec. 15	
624A	624A	Tioga	55	55	55	55	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
624B	624B	E Tioga	77	73	73	73	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
625	625	Sixes Unit	110	110	110	110	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	

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2016 Hunt #	2017 Hunt #	16 - 17 Hunt Name	Adj. 2015 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2016 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2017 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016 Dates	Proposed 2017 Dates	2016 Notes & Changes
626	626	Powers Unit	70	70	70	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
627	627	Chetco Unit	35	35	35	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
628A	628A	W Applegate	35	35	35	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
629	629	Evans Cr Unit	26	26	26	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Nov. 4	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	
<b>Southwest Area Total</b>			<b>2,057</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>2,044</b>					
<b>Central Central Area</b>										
638A	638A	Lower Willow Cr Agric	11	11	11	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30	Oct. 14 - Nov. 30	
<b>Central Area Total</b>			<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>					
<b>Columb Columbia Area</b>										
640	640	Maupin Unit	5	5	5	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
641A	641A	The Dalles Orchard (SG / ML Only)	22	33	33	Antlerless	Antlerless	Sept. 3 - Sept. 11	Sept. 2 - Sept. 10	
641B	641B	Wamic Bench			6	Antlerless	Antlerless		Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	New '17 Hunt
642A	642A	Hood Unit & Hood River Valley	11	11	11	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
643A	643A	E Biggs	22	22	22	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
643B	643B	W Biggs	43	44	44	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
<b>Columbia Area Total</b>			<b>103</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>121</b>					
<b>Northe: Northeast Area</b>										
644A1	644A1	Umatilla NWR #1 (SG / ML Only)	15	15	15	Antlerless	Antlerless	Aug. 27 - Aug. 31	Aug. 26 - Aug. 30	
644A2	644A2	Umatilla NWR #2 (SG / ML Only)	15	15	15	Antlerless	Antlerless	Sept. 10 - Sept. 14	Sept. 9 - Sept. 13	
644A3	644A3	Umatilla NWR #3 (SG / ML Only)	3	3	3	One Deer	One Deer	Oct. 1 - Oct. 5	Sept. 30 - Oct. 4	
644B1	644B1	N Columbia Basin # 1	55	55	55	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Oct. 30	Oct. 21 - Oct. 29	
644B2	644B2	N Columbia Basin # 2	55	55	55	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
644C	644C	S Columbia Basin	100	50	50	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
645A	645A	N Fossil	22	21	21	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
647A	647A	John Day Val	10	10	10	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
647B	647B	Middle Fork John Day	27	26	26	Antlerless WTD	Antlerless WTD	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
648A	648A	Heppner Private	22	22	22	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	

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649A1	649A1	N Ukiah # 1	55	54	54	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Oct. 30	Oct. 21 - Oct. 29	
649A2	649A2	N Ukiah # 2	55	54	54	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
649B	649B	W Blue Mts or ML Only	132	121	121	One White-tailed Deer	One White-tailed Deer	Nov. 19 - Dec. 11	Nov. 18 - Dec. 10	
651A	651A	Sumpter/Unity Agri	11	11	11	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
654A	654A	Rawhide	44	44	44	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Oct. 30	Oct. 21 - Nov. 12	
655A	655A	Orchards	22	22	22	One White-tailed Deer	One White-tailed Deer	Dec. 1 - Dec. 10	Dec. 1 - Dec. 10	
655B1	655B1	Walla Walla No. 1	44	44	44	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Oct. 28 - Nov. 5	
655B2	655B2	Walla Walla No. 2	44	44	44	Antlerless WTD	Antlerless WTD	Jan. 1 '17 -	Jan. '18 -	
657A1	657A1	Flora No 1	44	44	44	Antlerless WTD	Antlerless WTD	Jan. 22 '17	Jan. 21 '18	
657A2	657A2	Flora No 2	22	22	22	Antlerless Mule Deer	Antlerless Mule Deer	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
657B1	657B1	N Wallowa Val No. 1	27	16	16	Antlerless Mule Deer	Antlerless Mule Deer	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
657B2	657B2	N Wallowa Val No. 2	55	82	82	Antlerless WTD	Antlerless WTD	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	Inc. Tags
657C	657C	Upper Swamp Cr	44	44	44	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
657D	657D	Prairie Creek (CF Rifles Prohibited)	44	44	44	Antlerless WTD	Antlerless WTD	Dec. 19 - Dec. 25	Dec. 18 - Dec. 24	
660A1	660A1	Up Wallowa Val No. 1 (CF Rifles Prohibited)	28	17	17	Antlerless Mule Deer	Antlerless Mule Deer	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
660A2	660A2	Up Wallowa Val No. 2 (CF Rifles Prohibited)	165	165	165	Antlerless WTD	Antlerless WTD	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
660A3	660A3	Up Wallowa Val No. 3 (CF Rifles Prohibited)	66	66	66	Antlerless WTD	Antlerless WTD	Dec. 10 - Dec. 18	Dec. 9 - Dec. 17	
660B	660B	South Wallowa Valley	0	44	44	Antlerless WTD	Antlerless WTD		Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	New Hunt in '17
663A	663A	Keating Agri	11	11	11	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
665A	665A	Vale Bench (CF Rifles Prohibited)	21	21	21	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	

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665B	665B	Vale-Ontario Agric Rifles Prohibited) (CF	11	11	11	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
665C	665C	Moore's Hollow - Porter Flat ( No CF Rifles)	20	20	20	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
665D	665D	Willow Creek Ag Rifles Prohibited) (CF	11	11	11	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
<b>Northeast Area Total</b>			<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>1,284</b>				
<b>Southeast Area</b>									
667A	667A	Mitchell Butte Rifles Prohibited) (CF	20	20	20	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
667B	667B	NE Owyhee (CF Rifles Prohibited)	22	22	22	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
679A	679A	Harney Basin Agri	11	11	11	Antlerless	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
<b>Southeast Area Total</b>			<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>				
<b>Youth H Youth Hunts</b>									
141T	141T	The Dalles Watershed Youth 100 series	5	7	7	One Buck with visible antler	Nov. 12 - Nov. 23	Nov. 11 - Nov. 22	
174T	174T	Warner Unit Youth 100 series	20	20	20	One Deer	Sept. 17 - Sept. 25	Sept. 16 - Sept. 24	
175T	175T	Interstate Unit Youth 100 series	30	30	30	One Deer	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
610T	610T	Saddle Mountain Unit	50	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 1 - Nov. 6	Sept. 30 - Nov. 5	
611T	611T	Scappoose Unit	50	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 1 - Nov. 6	Sept. 30 - Nov. 5	
612T	612T	Wilson Unit	50	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 1 - Nov. 6	Sept. 30 - Nov. 5	
614T	614T	Trask Unit	50	50	50	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 1 - Nov. 6	Sept. 30 - Nov. 5	
614T2	614T2	Upper Tualatin - Trask	0	0	30	Spike or Antlerless		Dec. 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31 '17	New in '17
616T	616T	SW Santiam	50	50	50	One Deer	Nov. 12 - Nov. 23	Nov. 11 - Nov. 22	
617T	617T	Stott Mt. Unit	31	31	31	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 1 - Nov. 6	Sept. 30 - Nov. 5	
618T	618T	Aalsea Unit	20	20	20	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 1 - Nov. 6	Sept. 30 - Nov. 5	

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619T	619T	McKenzie Unit	100	100	100	100	One Deer	One Deer	Nov. 12 - Nov. 23	Nov. 11 - Nov. 22	
620T1	620T1	N. Siuslaw	43	41	41	41	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Oct. 1 - Nov. 6	Sept. 30 - Nov. 5	
620T2	620T2	Territorial	10	10	10	10	One Deer	One Deer	Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27	Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26	
621T	621T	N. Indigo	75	75	75	75	One Deer	One Deer	Nov. 12 - Nov. 23	Nov. 11 - Nov. 22	
623T1	623T1	N Bank Hbt. Mgt. #1	30	30	30	30	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	1 Col. WTD Buck 2 pt+, or 1 BTD	Oct. 1 - Oct. 9	Sept. 30 - Oct. 8	
623T2	623T2	N Bank Hbt. Mgt. #2	39	30	30	30	One Black-tailed Deer	One Black-tailed Deer	Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Oct. 28 - Nov. 5	
623T3	623T3	Melrose	44	44	44	44	One Deer	One Deer	Dec. 15 '16 - Jan. 5 '17	Dec. 15 '17 - Jan. 5 '18	
625T	625T	N Sixes	77	77	77	77	Spike or Antlerless	Spike or Antlerless	Dec. 15 '16 - Jan. 5 '17	Dec. 15 '17 - Jan. 5 '18	
627T	627T	Chetco Unit	25	25	25	25	One Deer	One Deer	Dec. 15 '16 - Jan. 5 '17	Dec. 15 '17 - Jan. 5 '18	
628T	628T	Applegate Unit	28	26	26	26	One Deer	One Deer	Dec. 15 '16 - Jan. 5 '17	Dec. 15 '17 - Jan. 5 '18	
629T	629T	Evans Cr Unit	55	55	55	55	One Deer	One Deer	Dec. 15 '16 - Jan. 5 '17	Dec. 15 '17 - Jan. 5 '18	
630T	630T	Rogue Unit	55	55	55	55	One Deer	One Deer	Dec. 15 '16 - Jan. 5 '17	Dec. 15 '17 - Jan. 5 '18	
632T2	632T2	S Bryant Youth	5	5	5	5	One Deer	One Deer	Oct. 22 - Oct. 30	Oct. 21 - Oct. 29	
640T	640T	Mid-Columbia Private	44	50	50	50	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov. 19 - Dec. 31	Nov. 18 - Dec. 31	
644T1	644T1	Umatilla NWR (SG or ML Only)	8	8	8	8	Antlerless	Antlerless	Aug. 20 - Aug. 24	Aug. 19 - Aug. 23	
644T2	644T2	Umatilla County Private	44	44	44	44	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov. 5 - Nov. 27	Nov. 11 - Dec. 3	
648T	648T	Morrow Co	72	44	44	44	Antlerless	Antlerless	Nov. 12 - Nov. 20	Nov. 11 - Nov. 19	
651T1	651T1	Baker #1	33	33	33	33	Antlerless	Antlerless	Oct. 22 - Oct. 30	Oct. 21 - Oct. 29	
651T2	651T2	Baker #2	33	33	33	33	Antlerless WTD	Antlerless WTD	Oct. 22 - Oct. 30	Oct. 21 - Oct. 29	
652T1	652T1	Ladd Marsh Bow (Archery Only)	3	3	3	3	One Deer	One Deer	Aug. 27 - Sept. 11	Aug. 26 - Sept. 10	

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			2015 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2016 Tags <sup>a</sup>					2016	2017	2016	2017	
652T2	652T2	Ladd Marsh (SG or ML Only)	3	3	3	3	One Deer	One Deer	Sept. 21 - Sept. 30	Sept. 20 - Sept. 29			
665T	665T	Malheur Co Youth	50	50	50	50	Antlerless	Antlerless	Aug. 1 - Sept. 25, Oct. 15 - Oct. 31	Aug. 1 - Sept. 24 Oct. 14 - Oct. 31			
675T	675T	Paisley Youth	5	5	5	5	Antlerless	Antlerless	Sept. 1 - Sept. 9	Sept. 1 - Sept. 9			
679T	679T	Harney Basin	28	28	28	28	Antlerless	Antlerless	Sept. 10 - Sept. 18	Sept. 9 - Sept. 17			
<b>Youth Total</b>			<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,262</b>								
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>9,864</b>	<b>9,660</b>	<b>9,740</b>								

<sup>a</sup> Most proposed tag numbers adjusted up by each hunt's 4-yr average redemption rate to compensate for tags drawn but not sold (max adjustment = 10%).

## Elk Season Summaries and Recommendations

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

Controlled seasons are used for many eastern Oregon bull and either sex hunts and some western Oregon bull hunts. Controlled bull hunting is practiced for several reasons, including achieving the bull ratio Management Objective (MO) in areas where vulnerability of bulls or high hunter numbers have led to over-harvest under general seasons in the past; or where hunter numbers are limited to improve hunting quality. All firearms antlerless elk hunting opportunity is by controlled hunts. Antlerless hunts are used primarily to address damage and reduce populations which are over MO.

### Population Overview

Rocky Mountain elk populations continue to do well in eastern Oregon. Twenty-one of 33 units or areas (64%) where population management objectives are established have populations over the objective. The eastern Oregon wide population estimate of approximately 74,000 elk is 106% of the Rocky Mountain elk population MO of 69,600 animals. Roosevelt elk populations, however, continue to struggle. Western Oregon wide, the total estimated elk population of about 60,000 is 83% of the established MO of 72,450. Only two units, Sixes and Scappoose, have an elk population at or above the unit MO. The population in most units is estimated at about 2/3 of population MO.

### 2015 Elk Harvest

Based on mandatory harvest survey results, 107,313 elk hunters harvested 18,801 elk for an overall average success rate of 18% (Table 27). General season hunters were generally not as successful as controlled season hunters. Success for archers was down slightly from last year, likely due to the dry conditions.

### Elk Season Summaries and Recommendations

Most general elk seasons are unchanged for 2017, except for the one-day calendar shift. The Department is proposing a

Table 27. Number of hunters, harvest and success rates for elk during the 2015 Oregon elk seasons.

<b>Hunt/Weapon Type</b>	<b>2015 Hunters</b>	<b>2015 Harvest</b>	<b>2015 Success Rate</b>
<b>General Seasons</b>			
Rocky Mountain 1 <sup>st</sup>	1,005	216	22%
Rocky Mountain 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8,184	972	12%
Coast 1 <sup>st</sup>	8,366	976	12%
Coast 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6,390	626	10%
Cascade	10,409	571	5%
Eastern Bow	16,833	2,078	12%
Cascade Bow	3,905	214	5%
Coast Bow	7,336	949	13%
<b>Controlled Seasons</b>			
Rocky Mountain	31,483	8,758	28%
Cascade	568	181	32%
Coast	8,134	2,557	30%
Controlled Bow	3,036	435	14%
Controlled Muzzleloader	1,664	268	16%
<b>All Surveyed Elk Hunts</b>	<b>107,313</b>	<b>18,801</b>	<b>18%</b>

change for the Columbia Basin Extended Season (Table 9). Currently the season requires a general Rocky Mountain 1<sup>st</sup> season elk tag and within the Columbia Basin hunt area there is a one elk bag limit and a season from Oct. 26 through Dec. 2. The Department is proposing to change the season dates and bag limits for 2017; the season would run from October 25 – December 31. For the period of Oct. 25 – Nov. 30 the bag limit would be any elk. From Dec. 1 – 31, the bag limit for this tag would be one antlerless elk. The hunt would stay as a general 1<sup>st</sup> season tag.

The general archery season bag limit is a legal bull except in units identified by the Commission each year. At this time, the Department is not proposing any changes to the list of units that would have an expanded bag limit during the general bow season. No elk populations have changed their status in a WMU relative to criteria for inclusion in the expanded bag limit (elk population is 105% of MO, rising, and recruitment is  $\geq 31$  calves/100 cows in end of winter surveys for the previous 3 years) or exclusion of the expanded bag limit (elk population is  $\leq 100\%$  of Population MO, declining, and recruitment is  $\leq 25:100$  cows in end of winter surveys for previous three years). Similarly, no changes are proposed to the list of WMUs where hunters with disabilities would have an expanded bag limit.

Overall, the Department is proposing a net 1% decrease in controlled elk tag numbers for 2016 (Table 28). As noted earlier this decline is largely due to a reduced correction resulting from high tag sales rates in 2015. Four hunts are proposed for deletion in 2017 (Table 28); the three South Scappoose hunts (211A1 – 211A3) and the Connley Hills hunt (277A). For 2017, the Department is proposing 9 new rifle hunts to help address conflict areas, and 3 new controlled archery hunts to take advantage of rising elk populations in several WMUs. These new hunts will result in a slight (0.3%) increase in tags for 2017. Specifically the proposed new hunts for 2017 include:

- Two Central Saddle Mountain Hunts (210G1, 210G2)
- 4 North Plains Hunts to replace deleted South Scappoose hunts (211A1 – 211A4)
- North Lake hunt replacing deleted Connley Hills hunt (273A)
- Peach (252E3) and N Wagontire (273A) any elk hunts
- Upper Deschutes, Metolius, and Shaw Mountain any elk bow hunts

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2016 Hunt #	2017 Hunt #	2016 Hunt Name	Adj. 2015 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2016 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2017 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016-17 Dates	Proposed 2017-18 Dates	2017 Notes & Changes
<b>Northwest Area</b>										
210	210	Saddle Mtn. Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Mar. 15 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Mar. 15 '18	
210A1	210A1	Onion Peak No. 1	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25	Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31	
210A2	210A2	Onion Peak No. 2	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 '17	Jan. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 '18	
210B1	210B1	Lewis & Clark No. 1	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25	Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31	
210B2	210B2	Lewis & Clark No. 2	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 '17	Jan. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 '18	
210C	210C	Up Nehalem	22	41	41	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Mar. 15 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Mar. 15 '18	
210D	210D	Lower Columbia (Master Hunter Only)	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25	Dec. 1 '17 - Mar. 15 '18	
210E	210E	Young's River	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Mar. 15 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Mar. 15 '18	
210F1	210F1	Camp McGregor No. 1	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25	Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31	
210F2	210F2	Camp McGregor 2	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 '17	Jan. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 '18	
210G1	210G1	Central Saddle Mtn. No. 1			17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk		Dec. 1 '17 - Jan. 15 '18	New in '17
210G2	210G2	Central Saddle Mtn. No. 2			17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk		Jan. 16 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	New in '17
210X	210X	Saddle Mt Unit No. 1	1,320	1,320	1,320	One 3 pt. +	One 3 pt. +	Nov. 12 - Nov. 15	Nov. 11 - Nov. 14	
210Y	210Y	Saddle Mt Unit No. 2	1,320	1,320	1,320	One 3 pt. +	One 3 pt. +	Nov. 19 - Nov. 25	Nov. 18 - Nov. 24	
211	211	Scappoose Unit	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Mar. 31 '18	
211A1	211A1	S Scappoose No. 1	17	28		Delete 2017	Delete 2017	Jan. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	DELETE '17	
211A2	211A2	S Scappoose No. 2	11	28		Delete 2017	Delete 2017	Jan. 1 '17 - Jan. 31 '17	DELETE '17	
211A3	211A3	S Scappoose No. 3	28	39		Delete 2017	Delete 2017	Feb. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	DELETE '17	
211A4	211A4	North Plains No. 1			39	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk		Dec. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	New
211A2	211A2	North Plains No. 2			39	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk		Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	New
211A3	211A3	North Plains No. 3			33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk		Jan. 1 '18 - Jan. 31 '18	New
211A4	211A4	North Plains No. 4			33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk		Feb. 1 '18 - Mar. 31 '18	New

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2016 Hunt #	2017 Hunt #	2016 Hunt Name	Adj. 2015 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2016 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2017 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016-17 Dates	Proposed 2017-18 Dates	2017 Notes & Changes
211B	211B	N Central Scappoose	11	25	25	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Mar. 31 '18	
212	212	Wilson Unit	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Mar. 15 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Mar. 15 '18	
212A1	212A1	Miami-Nehalem No. 1	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Mar. 15 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Mar. 15 '18	
212A2	212A2	Miami-Nehalem No. 2	22	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 15 '16 - Jan. 31 '17	Dec. 15 '17 - Jan. 31 '18	
212A3	212A3	Miami-Nehalem No. 3 (Master Hunter)	22	22	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb. 1 '17 - Mar. 15 '17	Feb. 1, '18 - Mar. 15 '18	
212B	212B	Buick Canyon	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 15 '16 - Mar. 15 '17	Dec. 15 '17 - Mar. 15 '18	
214	214	Trask Unit	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Mar. 15 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Mar. 15 '18	
214A	214A	W Trask	22	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Mar. 15 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Mar. 15 '18	
214B1	214B1	Central Trask No. 1	17	15	15	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Feb. 14 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Feb. 14 '18	
214B2	214B2	Central Trask No. 2	17	17	17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb. 15 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	Feb. 15 '18 - Mar. 31 '18	
214C	214C	Wind River	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
214D	214D	Beaver Cr	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
214E	214E	Pike	17	17	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
214F1	214F1	NE Trask No. 1	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Mar. 31 '18	
214F2	214F2	NE Trask No. 2	11	17	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	Feb. 1, '18 - Mar. 31 '18	
214G	214G	Panther Cr	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Jan. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Jan. 31 '18	
215A1	215A1	Willamette Plus No 1	78	79	79	One Elk	One Elk	Aug. 1 '16 - Mar. 31 '17 (Antlerless Aug. 1 - Oct. 1 '16 in Monroe SubUnit)	Aug. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18 (Antlerless Aug. 26 - Oct. 31 '18 in Monroe SubUnit)	
215A2	215A2	Willamette Plus No 2	220	220	220	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	Aug. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
216B	216B	SW Santiam	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Jan. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Jan. 31 '18	
216C1	216C1	Molalla No. 1	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Mar. 31 '18	
216C2	216C2	Molalla No. 2	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Jan. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Jan. 31 '18	
216C3	216C3	Molalla No. 3	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	Feb. 1, 18 - Mar. 31 '18	
216D	216D	Sandy	11	15	15	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Mar. 31 '18	
216E	216E	Green Mountain	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Mar. 31 '18	

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216F	216F	NW Santiam	21	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Mar. 31 '18	
217A	217A	Lower Siletz Rvr.	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Jan. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Jan. 31 '18	
217B	217B	Upper Siletz Rvr.	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
217C	217C	Dallas	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
218A	218A	NE Aisea	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Jan. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Jan. 31 '18	
218B	218B	SW Aisea	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 17 - Dec. 31	Dec. 16 - Dec. 31	
218C	218C	SE Aisea	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Jan. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Jan. 31 '18	
218D	218D	SW Aisea Private Lands	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
218E	218E	Central Aisea Pvt	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
218F	218F	NW Aisea	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
219A	219A	S Central McKenzie	22	22	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Jan. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Jan. 31 '18	
219B	219B	NW McKenzie	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
219C	219C	Horse Rock	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
219D	219D	Scott Mountain	17	17	17	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Mar. 31 '18	
219E	219E	Pengra	12	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	Aug. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
219F	219F	Oakridge Private Lands (SG, ML only)	22	21	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
220A	220A	Noti-Saginaw	22	21	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
220B	220B	W Siuslaw	50	50	50	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	
220C	220C	E Siuslaw	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	
<b>Northwest Total</b>			<b>3,714</b>	<b>3,770</b>	<b>3,852</b>					
<b>Southwest Area</b>										
220D	220D	Elkton	40	40	40	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	Aug. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
221A	221A	NW Indigo	22	22	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 17 - Dec. 25	Dec. 16 - Dec. 24	
221B	221B	Cougar Mt-Taylor Bt	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
221C	221C	Harness Mtn	22	22	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '17	Feb. 1 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
221D	221D	S Indigo Private	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Feb. 28 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '18	
221E	221E	Mosby	15	15	15	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Feb. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26 '17	Feb. 1 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
222A	222A	Dixon Private	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 15 '16 - Mar. 31 - '17	Nov. 15 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	

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223A1	223A1	Melrose Unit No. 1	210	202	202	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	Aug. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
223A2	223A2	Melrose Unit No. 2	10	10	10	One Elk	One Elk	Aug. 1 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	Aug. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
224A	224A	Callahan	33	33	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 28-29, Feb. 4-5, 11-12 '17	Jan. 27-28, Feb. 3-4, 10-11 '18	
224B	224B	Old Blue	33	33	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 28-29, Feb. 4-5, 11-12 '17	Jan. 27-28, Feb. 3-4, 10-11 '18	
224C	224C	Tioga Private	110	220	220	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Feb. 28 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '18	
224X	224X	Tioga Unit No. 1	1,900	1,400	1,400	One 3 pt. +	One 3 pt. +	Nov. 12 - Nov. 16	Nov. 11 - Nov. 15	
224Y	224Y	Tioga Unit No. 2	1,900	1,800	1,800	One 3 pt. +	One 3 pt. +	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
225A	225A	N Sixes	150	200	200	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Feb. 28 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '18	
225B	225B	Curry Private	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Feb. 28 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '18	
225X	225X	Sixes Unit No. 1	120	140	140	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 12 - Nov. 16	Nov. 11 - Nov. 15	
225Y	225Y	Sixes Unit No. 2	120	140	140	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
226A	226A	Powers Private	22	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Feb. 28 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '18	
226X	226X	Powers Unit No. 1	400	400	400	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Nov. 12 - Nov. 16	Nov. 11 - Nov. 15	
226Y	226Y	Powers Unit No. 2	110	105	105	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
227X	227X	Chetco Unit No. 1	77	77	77	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 12 - Nov. 16	Nov. 11 - Nov. 15	
227Y	227Y	Chetco Unit No. 2	77	76	76	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
228A	228A	Applegate-Evans Cr	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 15 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	Nov. 15 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
230A	230A	W Rogue	25	25	25	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 15 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	Nov. 15 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
<b>Southwest Area Total</b>			<b>5,469</b>	<b>5,052</b>	<b>5,052</b>					
<b>Southcentral Area</b>										
232X	232X	Klamath Falls Unit No. 1	77	77	77	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
232Y	232Y	Klamath Falls Unit No. 2	55	55	55	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
233X	233X	Sprague Unit No. 1	220	220	220	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	

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233Y	233Y	Sprague Unit No. 2	110	110	110	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
235X	235X	Paulina-E Fort Rock No. 1	770	605	605	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	-150
235Y	235Y	Paulina-E Fort Rock No. 2	550	385	385	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	-150
275X	275X	Interstate Unit No. 1	330	330	330	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
275Y	275Y	Interstate Unit No. 2	165	165	165	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
276X	276X	Silver Lake Unit No. 1	350	350	350	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
276Y	276Y	Silver Lake Unit No. 2	200	200	200	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
277A		Connley Hills	55	55		One Antlerless Elk	Delete 2017	Sept. 1 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	DELETE 2017	
277B		North Lake		165		One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk		Aug. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	New in '17
<b>Southcentral Total</b>			<b>2,882</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>2,497</b>					
<b>Central Area</b>										
234A	234A	Little River	11	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 6 - 19, Nov. 14 - 30	Aug. 5 - 18, Nov. 18 - 30	"-5 days"
234B	234B	Tumalo	44	50	50	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	
235A	235A	Badlands	42	42	42	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 15 - Oct. 15	Aug. 15 - Oct. 15	
236A	236A	Maury-Hampton Bt	55	55	55	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 15 - Nov. 15	Aug. 15 - Nov. 15	
236X	236X	Maury Unit No. 1	66	55	55	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
236Y	236Y	Maury Unit No. 2	66	55	55	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
237A	237A	N Ochoco	110	110	110	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 15 - Nov. 30	Aug. 15 - Dec. 31	+1 mo
237B	237B	Crooked River	220	220	220	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 15 - Nov. 30	Aug. 15 - Dec. 31	+1 mo
237C1	237C1	Ochoco Private No. 1	50	50	50	One Elk	One Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
237C2	237C2	Ochoco Private No. 2	50	50	50	One Elk	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
237X	237X	Ochoco Unit No. 1	220	218	218	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
237Y	237Y	Ochoco Unit No. 2	220	212	212	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
238A	238A	SW Grizzly	375	424	424	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 15 - Dec. 31	Aug. 15 - Dec. 31	
238B	238B	N Grizzly Private	110	110	110	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 15 - Nov. 30	Aug. 15 - Nov. 30	

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238C1	238C1	Grizzly Private No. 1	138	138	138	One Elk	One Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
238C2	238C2	Grizzly Private No. 2	165	165	165	One Elk	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
238X	238X	Grizzly Unit No. 1	72	72	72	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
238Y	238Y	Grizzly Unit No. 2	72	69	69	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
<b>Central Area Total</b>			<b>2,086</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>2,105</b>					
<b>Columbia Area</b>										
240A	240A	Maupin-W Biggs	660	660	440	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30	Oct. 14 - Nov. 30	
240B	240B	Maupin-W Biggs Private	330	330	330	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 '16 - Feb. 28 '17	Aug. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '18	
241A	241A	The Dalles Watershed	33	33	33	One Elk	One Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
241B	241B	White R-Hood	55	55	55	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
241C1	241C1	N White R-Hood No. 1	39	42	42	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Jan. 15 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Jan. 15 '18	
241C2	241C2	N White R-Hood No. 2	39	44	44	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 16 '17 - Feb. 28 '17	Jan. 16 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
241D	241D	Larch Cr	44	42	42	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Feb. 28 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '18	
<b>Columbia Area Total</b>			<b>870</b>	<b>1,206</b>	<b>936</b>					
<b>Northeast Area</b>										
244A	244A	Columbia Basin	66	94	94	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
245A1	245A1	N Fossil Private No. 1	330	330	330	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
245A2	245A2	N Fossil Private No. 2	330	330	330	One Elk	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
245B1	245B1	S. Fossil Private No. 1	770	770	770	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
245B2	245B2	S. Fossil Private No. 2	770	770	770	One Elk	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
245C	245C	N Fossil	22	22	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
245D1	245D1	S Fossil No. 1	165	165	165	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
245D2	245D2	S Fossil No. 2	121	121	121	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 3 - Dec. 11	Dec. 2 - Dec. 10	
245D3	245D3	S Fossil No. 3	66	66	66	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 17 - Dec. 25	Dec. 16 - Dec. 24	
245E	245E	Fossil - E Biggs Agric.	660	660	660	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	Aug. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
245X	245X	Fossil Unit No. 1	330	330	330	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
245Y	245Y	Fossil Unit No. 2	330	330	330	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
246	246	Murderers Creek	550	550	550	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	

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2016	2017	Hunt #	2016 Hunt Name	Adj. 2015	Adj. 2016	Adj. 2017	2016 Bag Limit	2016-17 Dates	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016-17 Dates	Proposed 2017-18 Dates	2017 Notes & Changes
				Tags <sup>a</sup>	Tags <sup>a</sup>	Tags <sup>a</sup>			Limit			
246A	246A	W Murderers Cr	495	495	495	495	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
246B	246B	E Murderers Cr	330	275	275	275	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
246D	246D	Up John Day R	110	101	101	101	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	
246E	246E1	Murderers Cr. Private Lands Plus	138	138	138	138	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 '16 - Jan. 31 '17	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 '16 - Jan. 31 '17	Aug. 1 '17 - Jan. 31 '18	
246X	246X	Murderers Cr Unit	468	468	468	468	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
247	247	Northside Unit	550	440	440	440	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
247A1	247A1	Northside Pvt No. 1	165	165	165	165	One Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	One Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
247A2	247A2	Northside Pvt No. 2	165	165	165	165	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
247B	247B	W Northside	275	275	275	275	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
247C	247C	E Northside	413	409	409	409	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
247D1	247D1	Northside - Ritter Private No.1	200	600	600	600	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
247D2	247D2	Northside - Ritter Private No.2	150	150	150	150	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Mar. 31 '18	
247X	247X	Northside Unit	413	413	413	413	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
248A1	248A1	Hepner No. 1	743	709	709	709	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
248A2	248A2	Hepner No. 2 (Conc. w/ No.1)	880	825	825	825	One Spike Only Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	One Spike Only Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
248B1	248B1	Ritter No. 1	138	138	138	138	One Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	One Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
248B2	248B2	Ritter No. 2	220	220	220	220	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
248C	248C	Monument	66	66	66	66	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
248D	248D	Hepner	55	46	46	46	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
248E	248E	Willow Creek	50	60	60	60	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
249A1	249A1	Ukiah Unit No. 1	440	440	440	440	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
249A2	249A2	Ukiah Unit No. 2 (Conc. w/ No.1)	990	990	990	990	One Spike Only Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	One Spike Only Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
249B	249B	McKay Cr	83	79	79	79	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 3 - Dec. 11	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 3 - Dec. 11	Dec. 2 - Dec. 10	
249C	249C	Central Ukiah	55	64	64	64	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
249D	249D	South Ukiah	55	66	66	66	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
250A	250A	Desolation Unit	11	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
250X	250X	Desolation Unit	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	

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251A	251A	N Sumpter	770	770	770	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
251B1	251B1	S Sumpter No. 1	138	138	138	One Elk	One Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
251B2	251B2	S Sumpter No. 2	138	138	138	One Elk	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
251C	251C	N Sumpter	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
251D	251D	S Sumpter	189	191	191	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 15 - Dec. 31	Oct. 14 - Dec. 31	
251E1	251E1	Elkhorn Mt No. 1	22	21	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
251E2	251E2	Elkhorn Mt No. 2	22	21	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
252A1	252A1	Starkey Unit No. 1	413	409	409	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
252A2	252A2	Starkey Unit No. 2 (Conc. w/ No. 1)	2,530	2,530	2,530	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
252B	252B	S Starkey	11	11	11	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
252C	252C	S Starkey Pvt	110	110	110	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
252D	252D	Starkey Exp Forest	25	25	25	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
252E1	252E1	Shaw Mt No. 1	83	109	109	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 8 - Oct. 30	Oct. 7 - Oct. 29	
252E2	252E2	Shaw Mt No. 2	79	107	107	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 27	Nov. 4 - Nov. 26	
252E3	252E3	Peach			11	One Elk	One Elk		Nov. 4, Nov. 12	New
252F	252F	N Starkey	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 3 - Dec. 11	Dec. 2 - Dec. 10	
253A1	253A1	S Catherine Cr Pvt No. 1	324	321	321	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Sept. 1 - Oct. 31	Sept. 1 - Oct. 31	
253A2	253A2	S Catherine Cr Pvt No. 2	216	210	210	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	
253B	253B	S Catherine Cr	28	28	28	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
253C1	253C1	Mt Harris No. 1	165	165	165	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
253C2	253C2	Mt Harris No. 2	165	165	165	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 19 - Dec. 31	Nov. 18 - Dec. 31	
253X	253X	Catherine Cr Unit	275	275	275	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
254A	254A	Pumpkin Ridge	125	125	125	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 15 - Sept. 25, Nov. 19 - Dec. 31	Aug. 15 - Sept. 24, Nov. 18 - Dec. 31	
254X	254X	Mt Emily Unit No. 1	660	660	660	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
254Y1	254Y1	Mt Emily Unit No. 2	59	57	57	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Oct. 25 - Nov. 12	
254Y2	254Y2	Mt Emily Unit No. 3 (Conc. w/ No. 2)	330	330	330	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	

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255A	255A	Mill Cr Watershed	20	20	20	Antlerless, 3pt+ Bull	Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Antlerless, 3pt+ Bull	Oct. 28 - Nov. 5	
255B	255B	Walla Walla Pvt	10	15	15	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
255X	255X	Walla Walla No. 1	330	330	330	One Spike Only Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	One Spike Only Elk	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
255Y1	255Y1	Walla Walla No. 2	27	27	27	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Nov. 13	One Bull Elk	Oct. 25 - Nov. 12	
255Y2	255Y2	Walla Walla No. 3 (Conc. w/ No. 2)	193	193	193	One Spike Only Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	One Spike Only Elk	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
256A	256A	Bartlett Bench	22	22	22	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - 21, Oct. 15 - 23	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - 21, Oct. 14 - 22	
256X	256X	Wenaha Unit No. 1	385	385	385	One Spike Only Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	One Spike Only Elk	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
256Y1	256Y1	Wenaha Unit No. 2	40	40	40	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Nov. 13	One Bull Elk	Oct. 25 - Nov. 12	
256Y2	256Y2	Wenaha Unit No. 3 (Conc. W/ No. 2)	220	220	220	One Spike Only Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	One Spike Only Elk	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
257A	257A	Elk Cr	16	16	16	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - 21, Nov. 19 - 27	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Aug. 21, Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
257B1	257B1	Flora No. 1	31	31	31	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - 21, Oct. 26 - 30, Nov. 5 - 13	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Aug. 21, Oct. 25 - Oct. 29, Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
257B2	257B2	Flora No. 2	33	33	33	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 26 - 30, Nov. 5 - 13	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29, Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
257C	257C	Whisky Cr	47	48	48	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - 21, Nov. 26 - Dec. 11	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Aug. 21, Nov. 25 - Dec. 10	
257D	257D	E Sled Springs	50	50	50	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 25	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 18 - Nov. 24	
257E	257E	W Sled Springs	83	79	79	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 25	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 18 - Nov. 24	
257F	257F	Crickit Flat	55	55	55	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 27	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 4 - Nov. 26	
257X	257X	Sled Springs Unit No. 1	550	550	550	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	One Bull Elk	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
257Y	257Y	Sled Springs Unit No. 2	440	440	440	One Spike Only Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	One Spike Only Elk	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
258A1	258A1	Zumwalt No. 1	106	106	106	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 7	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 26 - Sept. 6	
258A2	258A2	Zumwalt No. 2	237	109	109	One Antlerless Elk	Sept. 10 - Sept. 25	One Antlerless Elk	Sept. 9 - Sept. 24	
258A3	258A3	Zumwalt No. 3	237	110	110	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
258A4	258A4	Zumwalt No. 4	237	110	110	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 16 - Nov. 30	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 15 - Nov. 29	
258A5	258A5	Zumwalt No. 5	110	110	110	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 3 - Dec. 14	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 2 - Dec. 13	
258A6	258A6	Zumwalt No. 6	110	110	110	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 17 - Dec. 28	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 16 - Dec. 27	
258A7	258A7	Zumwalt No. 7	110	110	110	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 31 '16 - Jan. 11 '17	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 30 '17 - Jan. 10 '18	

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2016 Hunt #	2017 Hunt #	2016 Hunt Name	Adj. 2015 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2016 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2017 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016-17 Dates	Proposed 2017-18 Dates	2017 Notes & Changes
258X	258Y	Chesnimnus Unit No. 1	770	385	385	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
258Y	258Y	Chesnimnus Unit No. 2	385	385	385	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
259	259	Snake River Unit	162	165	165	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	
259X	259X	Snake R Unit No. 1	330	330	330	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
259Y	259Y	Snake R Unit No. 2	275	275	275	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
260A	260A	Alder Slope, No CF Weapons in parts	81	80	80	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23, Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22, Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	
260X	260X	Minam Unit No. 1	550	550	550	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
260Y	260Y	Minam Unit No. 2	550	550	550	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
261	261	Imnaha Unit	385	385	385	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
261A1	261A1	Clear Lake - Deadhorse No. 1	33	33	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 14 - Nov. 18	Nov. 13 - Nov. 17	
261A2	261A2	Clear Lake - Deadhorse No. 2	83	83	83	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	
261X	261X	Imnaha Unit	330	330	330	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
262	262	Pine Cr Unit	165	165	165	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
262X	262X	Pine Cr Unit	330	330	330	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
263	263	Keating Unit	66	64	64	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
263X	263X	Keating Unit	248	248	248	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
264A1	264A1	Lookout Mt Unit No. 1	165	165	165	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 15 - Nov. 30	Oct. 14 - Nov. 30	
264A2	264A2	Lookout Mt Unit No. 2	165	165	165	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 '16 - Jan. 31 '17	Dec. 1 '17 - Jan. 31 '18	
264X	264X	Lookout Mt Unit No. 1	165	165	165	One Elk	One Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
264Y	264Y	Lookout Mt Unit No. 2	165	165	165	One Elk	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
265A1	265A1	W Beulah No. 1	385	385	385	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
265A2	265A2	W Beulah No. 2	220	218	218	One Elk	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
265A3	265A3	W Beulah	110	110	110	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	

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2016 Hunt #	2017 Hunt #	2016 Hunt Name	Adj. 2015 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2016 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2017 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016-17 Dates	Proposed 2017-18 Dates	2017 Notes & Changes
265B1	265B1	E Beulah No. 1	440	440	440	One Elk	One Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
265B2	265B2	E Beulah No. 2	440	440	440	One Elk	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
265B3	265B3	E Beulah No. 3	385	382	382	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Dec. 31	Nov. 18 - Dec. 31	
265C	265C	Bully Creek	131	131	131	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 '16 - Feb. 28 '17	Aug. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '18	
<b>Northeast Area Total</b>			<b>31,400</b>	<b>30,826</b>	<b>30,837</b>					
<b>Southeast Area</b>										
266A1	266A1	Drewsey Valley No. 1	77	77	77	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 15 - Sept. 30	Aug. 15 - Sept. 30	
266A2	266A2	Drewsey Valley No. 2	33	33	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30	
266B	266B	N Malheur R	413	413	413	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
266C	266C	S Malheur R	110	110	110	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 15 - Sep. 30	Aug. 15 - Sept. 30	
266X	266X	N Malheur R No. 1	440	440	440	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
266Y	266Y	N Malheur R No. 2	440	440	440	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
267	267	Owyhee Unit	55	52	52	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 15 '16 - Jan. 31 '17	Oct. 14 '17 - Jan. 31 '18	
268A	268A	E Whitehorse	28	28	28	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 15 '16 - Jan. 31 '17	Oct. 14 '17 - Jan. 31 '18	
271A1	271A1	Silvies - N Juniper No. 1	165	165	165	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 15 - Sept. 30	Aug. 15 - Sept. 30	
271A2	271A2	Silvies - N Juniper No. 2	138	130	130	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30	
271B1	271B1	North Juniper No. 1	33	39	39	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	
271B2	271B2	North Juniper No. 2	33	39	39	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 -17 - Jan. 31 '17	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31 '18	
272A	272A	Silvies Unit	715	715	715	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 19 - Nov. 27	Nov. 18 - Nov. 26	
272B	272B	West Silvies	110	138	138	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 3 - Dec. 11	Dec. 2 - Dec. 10	
272X	272X	Silvies Unit No. 1	550	550	550	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
272Y	272Y	Silvies Unit No. 2	550	545	545	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
273A	273A	North Wagonfire			28	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk		Aug. 15 - Sept. 30	
274X	274X	Warner No. 1	55	55	55	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Oct. 26 - Oct. 30	Oct. 25 - Oct. 29	
274Y	274Y	Warner No. 2	55	55	55	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	
278A1	278A1	High Desert No. 1	385	440	440	One Elk	One Elk	Oct. 26 - Nov. 1	Oct. 25 - Oct. 31	plus 50
278A2	278A2	High Desert No. 2	385	440	440	One Elk	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	plus 50
<b>Southeast Area Total</b>			<b>4,770</b>	<b>4,904</b>	<b>4,932</b>					
<b>Controlled Rifle Total</b>			<b>51,191</b>	<b>50,415</b>	<b>50,261</b>					

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2016 Hunt #	2017 Hunt #	2016 Hunt Name	Adj. 2015 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2016 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2017 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016-17 Dates	Proposed 2017-18 Dates	2017 Notes & Changes
<b>Archery Hunts</b>										
216R	216R	Santiarn Late Bow	968	880	880	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 26 - Dec. 11	Nov. 25 - Dec. 10	
217R	217R	Stott Mountain Unit	275	275	275	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 26 - Dec. 11	Nov. 25 - Dec. 10	
218R	218R	Alea Unit	550	550	550	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 26 - Dec. 11	Nov. 25 - Dec. 10	
219R	219R	McKenzie Bow	880	880	880	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 26 - Dec. 11	Nov. 25 - Dec. 10	
221R	221R	N Indigo Bow	660	660	660	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 26 - Dec. 11	Nov. 25 - Dec. 10	
224R	224R	Tioga Bow	330	330	330	One 3 pt. +	One 3 pt. +	Jan. 7 '17 - Jan. 22 '17	Jan. 6 '18 - Jan. 21 '18	
226R	226R	Powers Unit	62	63	63	One Elk	One Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
230R	230R	W Rogue	55	55	55	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Feb. 28 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Feb. 28 '18	
234R	234R	Upper Deschutes Bow			77	One Elk	One Elk		Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	New
236R	236R	Maury Unit Bow	107	110	110	One Elk	One Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
237R1	237R1	Ochoco Unit Bow No. 1	162	161	161	One Elk	One Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
237R2	237R2	Ochoco Unit Bow No. 2	594	600	600	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
239R	239R	Metolius Bow			55	One Elk	One Elk		Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	New
248R	248R	Heppner Bow	108	208	208	One Elk	One Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
249R	249R	Ukiah Bow	212	318	318	One Elk	One Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
252R	252R1	Starkey Exp. Forest	25	25	25	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Aug. 27 - Aug. 31	Sept. 9 - Sept. 17	
252R2	252R2	Shaw Mountain Bow			110	One Elk	One Elk		Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	New
254R1	254R1	Mt Emily Unit Bow No. 1	56	55	55	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
254R2	254R2	Mt Emily Unit Bow No.2	165	176	176	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
255R1	255R1	Walla Walla Bow No.1	25	25	25	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
255R2	255R2	Walla Walla Bow No.2	55	55	55	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
256R1	256R1	Wenaha Unit Bow No. 1	40	40	40	One Bull Elk	One Bull Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
256R2	256R2	Wenaha Unit Bow No.2	165	165	165	One Spike Only Elk	One Spike Only Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
257R1	257R1	Sled Springs Unit No. 1	214	212	212	One Elk	One Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
257R2	257R2	Sled Springs Unit No. 2	165	165	165	One Antlerless or Spike Elk	One Antlerless or Spike Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	

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2016 Hunt #	2017 Hunt #	2016 Hunt Name	2016 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2015 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2016 Bag Limit	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016-17 Dates	Proposed 2017-18 Dates	2017 Notes & Changes
258R1	258R1	Chesnimnus Unit No. 1	330	330	330	330	One Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
258R2	258R2	Chesnimnus Unit No. 2	83	83	83	83	One Antlerless or Spike Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
259R	259R	Snake River Unit	107	110	110	110	One Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
274R	274R	Warner Unit Bow	55	55	55	55	One Bull Elk	Aug. 27 - Sept. 25	Aug. 26 - Sept. 24	
<b>Archery Total</b>			<b>6,448</b>	<b>6,586</b>	<b>6,828</b>					
<b>Muzzleloader Hunts</b>										
200M1	200M1	NW Cascades	500	500	500	500	One Elk Outside NF, One bull on NF	Nov. 12 - Nov. 18	Nov. 11 - Nov. 17	
200M2	200M2	SW Cascade	400	400	400	400	One Elk Outside NF, One bull on NF	Nov. 12 - Nov. 18	Nov. 11 - Nov. 17	
214M	214M	NE Trask	44	42	42	42	One Elk	Dec. 18 - Dec. 31	Dec. 18 - Dec. 31	
224M	224M	Tioga Muzzleloader	385	385	385	385	One 3 pt+	Dec. 10 - Dec. 25	Dec. 9 - Dec. 24	
234M	234M	E Cascade	165	194	194	194	One Elk	Nov. 5 - Nov. 13	Nov. 4 - Nov. 12	plus 32.
235M	235M	Paulina - E Fort Rock	55	77	77	77	One Bull Elk	Oct. 15 - Oct. 21	Oct. 14 - Oct. 20	Bag Change
248M	248M	Pole Creek	27	27	27	27	One Bull Elk	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 20	
251M1	251M1	Elkhorn No. 1	55	55	55	55	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Oct. 15	Aug. 1 - Oct. 15	
251M2	251M2	Elkhorn No. 2	55	55	55	55	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 16 - Dec. 31	Oct. 16 - Dec. 31	
253M	253M	Mt Harris	83	83	83	83	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 3 - Dec. 18	Dec. 2 - Dec. 17	
254M1	254M1	Union Agri No. 1	161	159	159	159	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Oct. 31	Aug. 1 - Oct. 31	
254M2	254M2	Union Agri No. 2	273	275	275	275	One Antlerless Elk	Nov. 1 '16 - Jan. 31 '17	Nov. 1 '17 - Jan. 31 '18	
260M	260M	Eagle Cap	44	55	55	55	One Bull Elk	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
265M	265M	E Grant	193	193	193	193	One Elk	Oct. 15 - Oct. 21	Oct. 14 - Oct. 20	
278M	278M	High Desert	138	138	138	138	One Elk	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
<b>Muzzleloader Total</b>			<b>2,578</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>2,638</b>				

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2016 Hunt #	2017 Hunt #	2016 Hunt Name	Adj. 2015 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2016 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2017 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016-17 Dates	Proposed 2017-18 Dates	2017 Notes & Changes
<b>Youth Hunts</b>										
210T	210T	Saddle Mtn. Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
211T	211T	Scappoose Unit	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
212T1	212T1	Wilson Unit No. 1	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
212T2	212T2	Wilson Unit No. 2	11	21	31	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 17 - Dec. 25	Dec. 16 - Dec. 24	
212T3	212T3	Wilson Unit No. 3	11	22	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Dec. 24 '16 - Jan. 1 '17	Dec. 23 - Dec. 31	
214T	214T	Trask Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
216T	216T	Santiam Unit	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
217T	217T	Storr Mt Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
218T	218T	Aisea Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
219T	219T	McKenzie Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
220T	220T	Siuslaw Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
221T1	221T1	Indigo Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
221T2	221T2	Sutherlin	22	22	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Jan. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Jan. 31 '18	
222T	222T	Dixon Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
223T	223T	Melrose Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	Aug. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
224T1	224T1	Tioga Unit	25	25	25	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
224T2	224T2	Callahan	33	32	32	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 '17	Jan. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 '18	
224T3	224T3	Old Blue	33	33	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 '17	Jan. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 '18	
225T1	225T1	Sixes Unit No. 1	26	26	26	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
225T2	225T2	Sixes Unit No. 2	28	51	51	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Jan. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '17	Jan. 1 '18 - Mar. 31 '18	
226T1	226T1	Powers Unit	25	25	25	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
227T	227T	Chetco Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
228T	228T	Applegate-Evans Cr	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
230T1	230T1	Rogue Unit	45	35	35	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
230T2	230T2	W Rogue	25	35	35	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 '16 - Mar. 31 '17	Aug. 1 '17 - Mar. 31 '18	
231T	231T	Keno Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	

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2016 Hunt #	2017 Hunt #	2016 Hunt Name	Adj. 2015 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2016 Tags <sup>a</sup>	Adj. 2017 Tags <sup>a</sup>	2016 Bag Limit	Proposed 2017 Bag Limit	2016-17 Dates	Proposed 2017-18 Dates	2017 Notes & Changes
233T	233T	Sprague Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
234T	234T	E Cascade	25	50	50	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	plus 25
235T	235T	Paulina-E. Ft. Rock	10	50	50	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	plus 40
236T	236T	Maury Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
237T1	237T1	Ochoco Unit No. 1	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
237T2	237T2	Ochoco Unit No. 2	100	100	100	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Oct. 15 - Oct. 23	Oct. 14 - Oct. 22	
238T	238T	Grizzly Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
240T	240T	Maupin-W Biggs	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
241T	241T	White R-Hood	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
244T	244T	Umatilla	40	50	50	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
245T	245T	Fossil Unit	50	50	50	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
246T1	246T1	Murderers Cr. - Northside	50	50	50	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
246T2	246T2	Flat Cr.	33	33	33	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Aug. 26	Aug. 1 - Aug. 25	
248T	248T	Hepner Unit	75	50	50	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
250T	250T	Desolation Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
251T	251T	Sumpter Unit	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
252T1	252T1	Starkey Unit	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
252T2	252T2	Glass Hill	3	3	3	One Elk	One Elk	Nov. 19 - Dec. 31	Nov. 18 - Dec. 31	
253T	253T	Catherine Ck Unit	20	20	20	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
257T	257T	Sled Springs Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
258T	258T	Chesnimus Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
259T	259T	Snake River Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
260T	260T	Minam Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
261T	261T	Imnaha Unit	55	55	55	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
262T	262T	Pine Creek	22	21	21	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
263T	263T	Keating	22	22	22	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
264T	264T	Lookout Mt Unit	40	40	40	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	

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265T	265T	Beulah Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
266T	266T	N Malheur Rvr	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
272T	272T	Silvies Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
276T	276T	Silver Lake Unit	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
278T	278T	High Desert	10	10	10	One Antlerless Elk	One Antlerless Elk	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
<b>Youth Hunt Total</b>			<b>1,209</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>1,312</b>					
<b>Elk Grand Total<sup>b</sup></b>			<b>61,426</b>	<b>60,930</b>	<b>61,039</b>					

<sup>a</sup> Most proposed tag numbers adjusted up by each hunt's 4-yr average redemption rate to compensate for tags drawn but not sold (max adjustment = 10%).

<sup>b</sup> 2015 total includes 1,428 tags from 12 hunts that were deleted or replaced for 2016.

## Western Gray Squirrel Season Recommendations

No changes to season dates are proposed other than a two day calendar shift to dates for western gray squirrel seasons for 2017 (Table 29).

Table 29. Proposed western gray squirrel season structure and bag limits for 2017.

Hunt	Bag Limit	2016 Dates	Proposed 2017 Dates
Western & S. Central OR	5/day - 15 in possession	Aug 27 – Nov 9	Aug 26 – Nov 8
Hood & White River Units	3/day - 6 in possession	Sep 10 – Oct 16	Sep 9 – Oct 15

That portion of Rogue Unit south of Rogue River and South Fork of Rogue River and north of Highway 140 is open year-round with no bag limit.